

EaP PLUS

Eastern Partnership +



EaP PLUS Project: Overview

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The EaP PLUS project

- 3 year long **Coordination & Support Action** dedicated to the EU – EaP STI cooperation; funded in H2020
- Builds on previous projects addressing the region (IncoNet EaP, Bilat, BS-Eranet, BSH, etc.)
- Includes partners from **all** the 6 EaP countries and from several EU MS

EaP PLUS: a multi-level support action

Four main objectives:

- I. Support to EU-EaP *Policy Dialogue*
- II. Foster interaction between EU-EaP researchers
& *promotion of H2020*
- III. Enhance the EU-EaP *research-innovation* partnership
- IV. Foster optimal framework conditions

I. Support to EU-EaP Policy Dialogue

- **Tailor-made support to the *EaP Panel on R&I* since 2013** (last meeting Dec. 2016, next-Dec.2017);
- **Follow-up activities of the EaP Panel** (e.g. support of the **SPIRE-EaP Countries** meeting in Brussels/7 April 2017, support of the **EaP Annual Event** in Minsk/Sept. 2017)
- **Maximizing the Impact of *Association to H2020*** (e.g. Conference on Sharing Experiences from Association (Chisinau, May 2017); Workshop for EaP Programme Committee Members (2018), etc.);
- **Fact-finding activities in the EaP Countries** (desk research and missions) → **STI policy recommendations “EU-EaP Beyond 2020”**

II. Interaction between EU-EaP researchers & promotion of H2020

- **Grants for EaP researchers** to attend Brokerage Events in EU or preparatory meetings for H2020 (<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/50> ; 2nd round – in November 2017- May 2018);
- **Info Days and Support to H2020 NCP Networks** in all EaP Countries (training, awareness campaigns for NCPs): Info Day in UA - April 2017, support to the MSCA Info Day in AM – March 2017);
- **Targeted Cooperation with *Scientific Diaspora*** using input from IncoNet EaP (policies & national databases); **organization of 6 Diaspora workshops**
- **Development of Webinars** (11 for H2020; 6 for specific innovation related topics)

III. Enhance the EU-EaP research - innovation partnership

- **Co-patenting analysis** focusing on EaP international patents
 - ✓ Monitoring the innovation cooperation and identification of relevant actors in the region, to be completed in March 2018
- **Trainings for EaP technology managers**
 - ✓ 3 day training activity in Minsk // cooper. EEN&EUREKA, Autumn 2018, Minsk
- **Review of the state of affairs of (emerging) clusters in EaP**, report online on the EaP PLUS website <https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/document/53>
- **Implementation of a Grant Scheme to boost EU-EaP Cluster collaboration + Workshop for recommendations**
 - ✓ Grant scheme deadline: September 30, 2017
 - ✓ 6 EaP Cluster initiatives to network with with similar clusters in EU MS; projects to be implemented starting from December 2017
 - ✓ Workshop planned for autumn 2018, at the end of cluster grant scheme
- **Promoting ETPs concept in EaP**



III. Optimal framework conditions and increasing coordination in policies & programmes

- **Training seminars** for policymakers in R&I policies (Vienna in October 2017; Athens in 2018);
- **EU-EaP STI cooperation barometer** (online in 2 rounds, April 2017 & 2018 <https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/news/76>);
- **Exploring cooperation and synergies** with Joint Programming Initiatives (JPIs), COST Actions and EU/MS

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