



Enhancing the BILATeral S&T Partnership with UKRAINE * Advanced INnovative Approach



NEWSLETTER

ISSUE I
SEPTEMBER 2012
FEBRUARY 2013

PROJECT ACTIVITIES

ICT CALL FOR BEST IDEAS

In December 2012, the project BILAT-UKR*AINA launched the “**Best project idea profile competition**” within the FP7 ICT/2013 calls (deadline of the project ideas submission: 15 January, 2013).

It was received 21 project idea proposals from different Ukrainian entities including public research institutes of the NASU and Academy of Pedagogical Sciences, universities, private institutions. After evaluation of the submitted project ideas, 8 of them has been selected for further work under its implementation into the concrete FP7 proposals. With support of the project partners they were delivered to the relevant EU NCPs to search the potential coordinators and project partners for the Ukrainian teams. During March - April 2013 it is planning to organize the small thematic workshops between the EU and Ukrainian potential partners to turn project idea to project proposal under the FP 7 ICT Calls. The travel grants for participants of these brainstorming meetings will be provided within the BILAT-UKRAINA budget.

Project meetings

The Centre for Social Innovation organised the BILAT-UKR*AINA Preparatory meeting to the JSTCC in Vienna on February 28, 2012 with attendance of the project partners, members of the advisory board and the EC. The main goal to discuss the next steps to enhance the RTDI cooperation between the EU and Ukraine, JSTCC dialogue structure and agenda, possible contributions from the project.

NEWS

ERC funds 60 innovative projects to bring 'blue sky' research towards market

The European Research Council (ERC) has today announced the outcome of the latest round of its top-up funding scheme 'Proof of Concept'. Worth up to €150,000 each, these grants provide funding for researchers, who are already ERC grantees, to bridge the gap between their research and marketable innovation. In this call, a total of 60 grants have now been awarded, of which the final 27 were made public today. The first 33 grants were announced in September 2012.

More detailed:

http://erc.europa.eu/sites/default/files/press_release/files/erc_pr_poc_2011_%20second_results.pdf



Call for expression of interest for the selection of experts for Horizon 2020 (H2020) advisory groups has been launched. This is in the context of the Commission's plan to set up a certain number of Advisory Groups covering the Societal Challenges and other specific objectives of Horizon 2020. The aim is to create lists of high level experts that will participate in each of these groups to provide high quality and timely advice for the preparation of the H2020 calls for project proposals.

Experts can register their interest through the dedicated webpage on the Horizon 2020 website at the following link: http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/index_en.cfm?pg=h2020-experts. There is also detailed information provided, e.g. full call text, guidance on how to register, etc. The call for expressions of interest will stay open for the lifetime of the H2020 programme. Experts can register at any time; however only those having expressed their interest no later than 6 March 2013 at 17.00 (CET) will be taken into account for the setting up of the first H2020 Advisory Groups. Expressions of interest received after this date will be taken into account for the renewal of groups at the end of each mandate.

Broad Support for the New International Cooperation Strategy at Inter-institutional Debate, and in European Commission DGs

Following its adoption by the Commission on 14 September 2012, the Communication on a new international cooperation strategy for research and innovation (COM (2012) 497) has been well received by other Institutions. European Commissioner Maire Geoghegan-Quinn gave a presentation to the European Parliament's ITRE committee on 9 October 2012, where the strategy was met with broad support. The Competitiveness Council held an orientation debate on 11 December. As a follow up, the Irish Presidency is now preparing the draft Council conclusions. Both the Committee of the Regions and the European Economic and Social Committee have also prepared opinions which support the main thrust of this strategy. A further discussion on the role of Member States in implementing this strategy was held on 25 January with the European Research Area Committee.

At the European Commission, the implementation of the strategy has already started. Thematic services responsible for the different challenges and industrial technologies in Horizon 2020 are currently reflecting on how to translate the new policy into concrete actions in multi-annual plans for international cooperation as well as in the first Work Programmes of Horizon 2020. The Strategic International Research and Innovation Cooperation (SIRIC) group is responsible for horizontally harmonising the work. The debate on what is expected and on related information needs took place at the last two meetings of SIRIC (3 December and 22 January). The next meeting will take place in mid-March and focus on the instruments available for implementation within the Work Programmes.

News of the FP7 projects financial management

No more signed paper financial statements (Forms C) in FP7 projects.

For grants to be signed from 1.1.2013, the obligation to submit the financial statements (Form C) on paper is removed.

The consortium shall transmit the reports and other deliverables through the coordinator to the Commission using the electronic exchange system set up by the Commission. In particular:

- Form C must be transmitted and electronically signed through the electronic exchange system by the authorised person(s) within the beneficiary's organisation.

For grants signed before 1.1.2013, the traditional parallel electronic submission and paper signature is still available as an option. However, the Commission **strongly encourages all beneficiaries in all FP7 grants to use the new electronic-only transmission.**

To this end, co-ordinators of on-going grants have to initiate a simple amendment, with the agreement of all beneficiaries of the project. The templates and instructions for this amendment will be sent to coordinators by Commission Project officers.. The amendment becomes applicable to all beneficiaries under a given grant, i.e. there will be no "mixed" reporting in a consortium (either all electronic-only or all with paper signature).

Detailed information : <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/page/faq> in the category *Paperless submission of financial statements (Form C)*.

Joint call for Ukrainian and Turkish scientists for 2014-2015

State Agency on Science, Innovations and Information of Ukraine and Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAK) published a joint call for Ukrainian-Turkish projects for 2014-2015. The duration of the call is: 15 April - 14 June 2013.

The call is targeted for scientific laboratories, research teams and scientific establishments in both countries.

Priority areas are as follows:

- ✚ Marine and geophysics research;
- ✚ Machines and equipment;
- ✚ Auto technologies;
- ✚ Food;
- ✚ ICT;
- ✚ New materials and Nanotechnology;
- ✚ Biomedicine and Biotechnology;
- ✚ Energy and energy efficiency;
- ✚ Environment.

Call details are http://www.dknii.gov.ua/images/stories/12.3.13_info.doc.

Joint call for Ukrainian and Slovak scientists for 2014-2015

State Agency on Science, Innovations and Information of Ukraine and Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of Slovak Republic published a joint call for Ukrainian-Slovak projects for 2014-2015. The duration of the call is: 3 May - 3 July 2013.

The call is targeted for scientific laboratories, research teams and scientific establishments in both countries.

Priority areas are as follows:

- ICT;
- New materials and Nanotechnology;
- Biomedicine and Biotechnologies;
- Energy and energy efficiency;
- Environment.

Call details are http://www.dknii.gov.ua/images/stories/7.03.2013_info.doc

Science and Technology

In the EU's 2013 research work programme, Ukrainian entities are targeted, as part of the Eastern Partnership, for funding of up to €3 million for societal challenges, supporting policy dialogue and developing cooperation on innovation. In addition, they are encouraged to participate in the research topic: 'reinforcing cooperation with European Neighbourhood Policy countries: bridging the gap between research and innovation' which aims to support the development of a common knowledge and innovation space between the EU and its eastern and southern neighbours. This activity (budget €9.5 million) will focus on bridging the gap between research and innovation by better aligning research objectives to socio-economic needs and improving performance in using knowledge resulting from research.

Source of information: EC, Memo, Brussels, 21 February 2013

EU-Ukraine SUMMIT Brussels, 25 February 2013

EVENTS

EVAL-INNO
training course
on RTDI
evaluation**EVAL-INNO training course on RTDI evaluation**

Invitation to Ukrainian researchers and managing authorities (programme owners) who are active in the evaluation of research, technology development and innovation!

From March 2013 to November 2013, training opportunities about procedures, approaches and methods on how to evaluate RTDI programmes, instruments and institutions will be offered under the EVAL-INNO project (www.eval-inno.eu), which is co-funded under the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme for two target groups:

1. Potential or current evaluation experts. Profile: evaluators, e.g. researchers and employees of scientific organisations (or similar) are invited to apply.
2. Programme owners. Profile: experts from managing authorities and government agencies, RTDI programme owners (or similar) are invited to join this group.

Four identical training weeks will be carried out in Bulgaria, Hungary, Montenegro and Serbia.

The training seminar in Hungary will be done in cooperation with Austria with an outreach to Ukraine. The training in Budapest/Hungary is scheduled for 15-19 April 2013 and will gather trainees from Hungary, Austria, Slovakia and Ukraine (only those counties which are covered by the SEE programme: Odeska oblast, Zakarpatska Oblast, Ivano-Frankivsk Oblast, Cvhernivetska Oblast).

The organisers cover the foreign participants' travel expenses, accommodation in a hotel in Budapest, lunches and provide the relevant training materials complementing the lectures and practical parts of the training. The participation only during the whole training week is possible. Training will be carried out by experienced RTDI evaluation trainers. The language of the courses is English.

Deadline for applications for the training week in Budapest is **20 March 2013**.

Please consult the EVAL-INNO-Homepage, where you can find detailed information and the application form:

<http://www.eval-inno.eu/index.php/events/training-events-and-seminars/53-eval-inno-rt-di-evaluation-training-course,-15-19-april-2013,-budapest,-hungary>

17-19 April, 2013, Poland, **7th International Forum Science and Technology Days Poland-East** aims at expanding the international co-operation focusing on areas of: ICT, Eco-Energy, Environment, Health, New Materials and Processes (NMP) and Transregional Co-operation between EU countries and Eastern Countries, especially Belarus and Ukraine, particularly within Eastern Partnership.

Forum is one of the elements of cooperation towards regional development, but also cooperation with the abovementioned Countries. We hope that scope of our Forum will attract participants from other countries looking for possibility of collaboration with regional partners in business and innovation oriented research.

More detailed: <http://www.bestofeast.mwci.eu/pl/start.aspx>

Central e-mail address for this event: ipw@ipw.org.pl

Eastern
Partnership for
Growth

24 May, 2013, Vienna, Austria, **Conference "Eastern Partnership for Growth"**. The Conference will cover three main topics: regional economic prospects and priorities, local private sector development and infrastructure for economic development. In the sessions, the panellists will look at the key factors for an enhanced and successful cooperation between the Eastern Partnership countries and closer cooperation with the European Union. They will discuss the role of the banks to provide funding to corporates and SMEs in order to foster local private sector development. Finally, the speakers will identify the specific infrastructure needs for the region as a facilitating factor for economic growth and how

to step up project development and implementation.

Background

The Eastern partnership aims to create the necessary conditions to accelerate political association and further economic integration between the European Union and Eastern Partner countries, namely Ukraine, Moldova, Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan subject to Framework Agreement signature.

The EIB's current lending mandates and facilities add up to EUR 5.3bn in Russia and the Eastern Partner countries.

More detailed: <http://www.eib.org/infocentre/events/all/eastern-partnership-for-growth-vienna.htm>

"People" programme Information Day



"People" programme Information Day, 12 April 2013, Kyiv

Information day will be conducted in frame of the EU funded project PeopleNetwork+ (<http://www.peoplenetworkplus.eu/>) with aim to widely promote the People Programme, the career and mobility potential for researchers, and thus, to enhance participation of researchers and organisations from Ukraine and other Eastern European and Central Asian countries (EECA) in the programme. Representatives of the Agency on Science, Innovation and Informatization of Ukraine, Ministry of Education and Science, Youth and Sport of Ukraine, the European Commission, EECA research organisations, universities and industrial entities are invited to take part in the Information Day.

The event venue is: State Agency on Science, Innovation and Informatization of Ukraine, Boulevard Shevchenko, 16, Kyiv, Ukraine.

For more detailed information, registration and any other organisational issues, please, contact the NIP/Ukraine (e-mail: nip@fp7-ncp.kiev.ua, tel/fax: +38 044 529-03-32) for registration and any other organisational issues.

III International practical conference "Problems, methods and means of World Ocean research"

National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and Scientific and technical center of panoramic acoustic systems of NASU organize III International practical conference "Problems, methods and means of World Ocean research" on 13-14 May 2013 in Zaporizhzhya, Ukraine.

The main scientific areas of the Conference are as follows:

- ✚ Marine research. Theory, methods and means: hydroacoustic equipment, navigation and hydrographic support, marine geophysics and geology;
- ✚ Environmental management, monitoring and areas environmental protection;
- ✚ Information technologies in marine and ecological research.

Registration is open at the following E-mail: cpas@zp.ukrtel.net.

Scientific conference "Information technologies in complex systems management - 2013"

National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and National Space Agency of Ukraine organize scientific conference "Information technologies in complex systems management - 2013" on 5-7 June 2013 at the Institute of Technical Mechanics, Dnipropetrovsk, Ukraine.

Following topics will be discussed:

- ✚ Process modeling and management tools;
- ✚ System analysis and management, lifecycle management of complex systems;
- ✚ Artificial intelligence and decision-making, organization of expert systems and

knowledge bases;

-  Information technology in space industry;
-  Modeling of complex transport systems;
-  Management of complex technical systems;
-  Educational programmes.

Registration is open at: conference.itm@gmail.com.

Best projects

Investing in success

Building on the success of previous research framework programmes, this brochure presents a selection of results from EU funded projects that have shown great strides in innovation and will make a positive change to our daily lives.

NITROEUROPE-project with the Ukrainian team!
Shedding light on an overlooked threat to our planet.



Detailed: http://ec.europa.eu/research/horizon2020/pdf/success-stories-h2020_2012.pdf#view=fit&pagemode=none

Best practices of the S&T cooperation promotion

India: A guide for European Players on Indian Research and Innovation Funding, Indiagate

This interesting publication, produced by the **Indiagate Project**, intends to offer a picture of the Science & Innovation frame in India, its opportunities for European researchers and its industrial system. Obstacles for European participation in Indian S&I programmes and a reconnaissance of the cultural differences to take into account when Europeans and Indians do business together complete the portrait.

Read more: http://www.ncp-incontact.eu/nkswiki/index.php?title=A_guide_for_European_Players_on_Indian_Research_and_Innovation_Funding,_Indiagate

NEWSLETTER FOCAL POINT:
NIP/UKRAINE, E-MAIL: NIP@FP7-NCP.KIEV.UA