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Networking is a prerequisite for international cooperation. In order to submit a proposal for an international STI cooperation project under Horizon 2020 you need partners. One way to find them is to take part in a brokerage event. And once you have found them, you might want to meet and discuss project ideas or collaborate on your proposal.

Several EU-Projects currently offer travel- and twinning grants to facilitate international STI cooperation between Europe and its neighbours in the Eastern Partnership Countries, Central Asia, and Russia.

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EU Sustainable Energy Week | 23-27 June, Brussels

Launched eight years ago as an initiative of the European Commission, the EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW) has become a reference point for public authorities, energy agencies, private companies, NGOs and industry associations engaged in helping to meet the EU's energy and climate goals. The 2014 event also features a High Level Policy Conference and a number of side events, including a Brokerage Event targetting Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova, for which travel grants are available from IncoNet EaP.

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Travel grants for EaP & CA participants in H2020 Health Brokerage Event(s)

The IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA grant scheme financially supports the participation of researchers from Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries in large-scale brokerage events in the EU, especially if they tackle 'Energy', 'Climate Change', or 'Health' issues. One upcoming opportunity is the H2020 European Brokerage Event for the 2015 calls on 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing', which will take place in Lyon, France on 4 July 2014.

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Second Central Asia Climate Knowledge Forum | 13-15 May, Almaty

Kazakhstan recently hosted the Second Central Asia Climate Knowledge Forum themed 'Moving Towards Regional Climate Resilience'. Saroj Kumar Jha, World Bank Regional Director for Central Asia, reminded the over 150 policy makers and government practitioners from the region that Central Asia is already experiencing the impacts of a changing climate: In the recent past, there has been a marked increase in drought conditions, resulting in serious implications for food security and rural livelihoods.

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EU Sustainable Energy Week Brussels | 23-27 June



Launched in 2006 as an initiative of the European Commission, the **EU Sustainable Energy Week (EUSEW)** has become a reference point for public authorities, energy agencies, private companies, NGOs and industry associations engaged in helping to meet the EU's energy and climate goals.

Imbedded in this week is the '**EUSEW High Level Policy Conference**'. The HLPC will take place from 24 to 26 June in Brussels, and includes some 30 sessions on renewable energy, energy efficiency and clean transport. Sessions are organised both by Commission services, and by external stakeholders (industry associations, networks, NGOs, media). Participation is free of charge. **Registration** for the HLPC is open **until 8 June 2014**.

The '**ener2i EU Brokerage Event**' is also taking place back to back with the European Sustainable Energy Week. It features a series of networking and capacity building sessions in Brussels to support EU-ENP cooperation and knowledge transfer. The event will target representatives from companies, higher education and research institutions and politics from the EU and ENP countries of **Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova**. The aim is to create partnerships for Horizon2020 calls and other funding opportunities on the following three innovation challenges:

1. Bioresource Utilisation
2. Smart Cities and Regions
3. Capacity Building

Participants will have the opportunity to present their own project concepts and to meet representatives from all sectors in order to exchange ideas with the aim of paving the way for future joint initiatives.

Apply until 6 June for an **IncoNet EaP Grant**, which supports participants from the Eastern Partnership Countries **to take part in the ener2i Brokerage event**. [Learn more...](#)

Source and further information:
[EUSEW 2014, ener2i EU Brokerage Event](#)

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The National Contact Points for Health, Lyonbiopole, the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Lyon, member of Enterprise Europe Network, with the support of the Rhône-Alpes Region, organise a European Brokerage Event for the H2020 'Health, demographic change and wellbeing' 2015 calls in Lyon – France on July, 4th 2014.

The purpose of the event is to have the opportunity to meet companies and laboratories to discuss about project ideas. This will take place during pre-arranged bilateral meetings aiming at paving the way for future cooperation and H2020 project proposals. The event is also meant to help you understand what is behind and what is expected from Health calls 2015 to be launched in July 2014 (pre-announced deadline for project submission in October 2014).

Focus:

- Understanding Health, disease and ageing
- Prevention, diagnostic and treatment
- ICT and Health (E-Health-mHealth)
- Sustainable Care practices and Health policies

Why participate?

- Meet potential partners for research, innovation and business
- Present, discuss and develop new project ideas for 2015 Health calls
- Select your B2B meetings in advance
- Meet your NCP's and get the latest information from the European Commission about Health 2015 calls

Important Dates:

11 April -26 June	Registration and Submission of profile
20 May	Submission of presentation for the round table sessions
2 June - 26 June	You select your face to face meetings
4 July	Round table sessions and bilateral meetings

Source and further info: [*H2020 Health European Brokerage Event*](#)

Please note that **IncoNet EaP** and **IncoNet CA** offer **travel grants for participants from Eastern Partnership and Central Asian Countries** to take part in large scale European Brokerage Events. [Learn more...](#)

New EU Report on 'European Added Value' of international STI cooperation



A study titled 'European Added Value of EU Science, Technology and Innovation actions and EU-Member State Partnership in international cooperation' has recently been published by the European Commission.

It offers an overview of under which circumstances international Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation objectives and actions carried out at EU level will be more effective than if carried out at national or local level, and a definition of the means of actions and types of measures that might be taken at EU level that are most effective in order to achieve the desired international STI cooperation objectives.

Source: [European Commission: International Cooperation | Research & Innovation](#)

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DESCA 2020 - Development of a Simplified Consortium Agreement

The signature of a Consortium Agreement between the partners of a research project is mandatory for almost every Horizon 2020 project. The European Commission offers general guidance for the drafting of consortium agreements but does not endorse a specific model consortium agreement. DESCA (Development of a Simplified Consortium Agreement) is a comprehensive Model Consortium Agreement which offers a reliable frame of reference for project consortia.

Initiated by key FP7 stakeholder groups, and updated for Horizon 2020 in consultation with the FP community, the DESCA initiative seeks to balance the interests of all participant categories: large and small firms, universities, public research institutes and RTOs, in the spirit of the Responsible Partnering Initiative.

DESCA is a simple and comprehensive model Consortium Agreement, stripped of all unnecessary complexity in both content and language. The modular structure of DESCA, with various options and alternative modules and clauses, provides maximum flexibility. The DESCA Model Consortium Agreement was specifically designed for Horizon 2020 'Research and Innovation' and 'Innovation' Actions.

The DESCA Core Group is represented by ANRT, EARTO, Eurochambres, KoWi, LERU, VTT, ZENIT and coordinated by Fraunhofer and the Helmholtz Association. The DESCA Consultation Group consists of more than 160 experts from Academia, Research and Technology Organisations and Industry from all over Europe, as well as from other countries involved in the framework programmes.

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EU-Eastern Partnership STI Policy Stakeholders' Conference addressing Climate Change | Yerevan | 15-16 May

The first IncoNet EaP Policy Stakeholders' Conference successfully organised by IncoNet EaP took place in Yerevan on 15-16 May 2014. It was hosted by the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia (NAS RA). The focus of the Conference was on the EU-EaP STI cooperation in addressing the Societal Challenge of Climate Change.



Participants at the PSC in Yerevan | source: National Academy of Sciences of Armenia

This PSC was the first in a line of 3 PSCs, with the next two scheduled to take place in Minsk and Budapest. The main goal of the Conference was to formulate recommendations on the enhancement of the EU-EaP STI cooperation in addressing climate issues which could be integrated in the current and forthcoming agendas and funding instruments by the relevant STI actors involved in cooperation.

To meet this goal, the Conference provided an overview of international policies, initiatives and programmes targeting the region, starting from the multilateral UN driven initiatives and large EU-funded projects and coming to bi-lateral EU-EaP projects and latest national EaP programmes. In addition, the Conference provided an opportunity to bring together a good number of best practice examples of projects from the region with the aim to create synergies among them and exploit the potential for future cooperation in H2020.

More than 100 participants were present at the event. Around 60 policy makers and representatives of the academic and scientific communities from EU member states and EaP countries and around 50 stakeholders from Armenia, among them were representatives of various international organisations, like Austrian Red Cross, UNDP, Regional Environmental Centre for the Caucasus, as well as representatives of Clima East Project and many other projects focusing on Climate Change, which would serve a good platform for establishing future cooperation in the field.

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IncoNets EaP and CA support twinning activities - call now open

IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA, the 'STI International Cooperation Networks for Eastern Europe and Central Asia' will implement 'Twinning Grants' as a funding instrument – one of the core activities of these projects. Twinning itself has a long tradition in Europe as a an efficient instrument in capacity building processes.

The IncoNet EaP and CA consortia plan to use this instrument to enhance STI cooperation and increase capacities on both sides. The grant scheme is envisaged to become a tool to develop sustainable cooperation among experienced EU and regional partners in the realm of Science, Technology and Innovation.

With regard to IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA the specific objectives of the twinning instrument are

- to increase the participation of CA countries in EU calls,
- to reveal and select tandems of European and regional partners with the strongest collaboration potential and huge experience in the preparation and carrying out of EU projects,
- to support the information exchange among partner (travel costs, staff exchange, preparation of workshops), and
- to support the concrete preparation of thematic proposals.

Links to futher information:

- [Call for IncoNet Eastern Partnership Twinning Grants: 'Clustering of Scientific Projects and Institutions'](#)
- [Call for IncoNet Central Asia Twinning Grants: 'Twinning between Research Institutions'](#)

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Grant Scheme to facilitate Participation of EaP and CA Countries in EU Brokerage Events

The FP7-funded IncoNet EaP and IncoNet CA projects have developed a grant scheme to financially support the participation of researchers from Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries in large-scale brokerage events and similar activities related to Horizon 2020 in EU Member States or Associated Countries.

Such events provide an excellent arena for researchers to liaise therefore the participation of researchers from EaP and CA countries will increase their opportunities to get involved and be taken onboard in consortia set up in EU MS/AC countries.

The thematic priorities of the call are the three Societal Challenges, targeted by the project, namely Health, Energy and Climate Change. There will be approximately 6-9 grants (2,000-3,000 EUR per grant) per country.

The events that can be chosen from will be: Networking events, Brokerage events organised by the European Commission, large international events organised by other European networks (e.g Enterprise Europe Network). An indicative (but not exclusive) list of events is available. Nevertheless Local Partners and candidate researchers are free to identify events of high importance, which will be also considered eligible if duly justified.

A simple form for applications is available on the web portal [incrEAST](#). The selection criteria include scientific excellence, good knowledge of English and possibly, the participation in national or international networks. The selection will be made by the Local Partners, supported and approved by the task leader and the coordinator.

Further information and link to application: [incrEAST](#)

IncoNet EaP Grant to facilitate Eastern Partnership Participation in the ener2i EU Brokerage Event | Brussels | 23 June

IncoNet EaP supports participants from Eastern Partnership Countries to take part in the [ener2i EU Brokerage Event](#), which will be organised back to back with the European Sustainable Energy Week in Brussels to support EU-European Neighbourhood cooperation and knowledge transfer.

The Brokerage Event will target representatives from companies, higher education and research institutions and politics from the EU and Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova. The aim is to create partnerships for Horizon2020 calls and other funding opportunities on the following three innovation challenges: 1. Bioresource Utilisation, 2. Smart Cities and Regions, and 3. Capacity Building.

IncoNet EaP provides travel grants (flight, accommodation, and other benefits) to eligible participants from Eastern Partnership Countries. Deadline for applications: 6 June 2014.

Further information and link to application: [IncoNet EaP](#)

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Regional Training for Eastern Partnership NCPs held in Minsk

On 14-15 April 2014, a Regional Training for Horizon 2020 National Contact Points (NCPs) organised by the consortium of the IncoNet EaP project was held in Minsk, Belarus. The recently nominated NCPs from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Georgia, Ukraine, Moldova and almost the whole Belarusian NCP network, as well as experienced NCPs from the EU, altogether 44 people took part in the event.



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The EaP NCPs received general information about Horizon 2020 and connected EU-funded programmes and learned the rules for participation, legal and financial administration, tips for proposal developing, partner search, etc. Also, the training included a big component on NCP practices in different EU countries that gave some food for thoughts for the newcomers.

Further information: [IncoNet EaP](#)

Regional Training for Central Asian NCPs held in Istanbul

A training activity for National Contact Points (NCPs) in Central Asian countries was organised by TÜBİTAK in Istanbul on 12-13 March 2014 under Task 4.3 'Promotion of Horizon2020' of the IncoNet CA Project.



Participants of the training for CA NCPs | © TÜBİTAK, kindly provided by T.Şahin

14 NCPs from 5 Central Asian countries (Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Turkmenistan and Kyrgyzstan) and 4 trainers attended the event. Representatives of experienced EU MS/AC NCPs gave presentations about the role of National Contact Points within 'Horizon2020', the EU's current framework programme for research and innovation. Active participation of the trainees were promoted by organising group activities.

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Second Central Asia Climate Knowledge Forum: Moving Towards Regional Climate Resilience

The Second Central Asia Climate Knowledge Forum with the theme of Moving Towards Regional Climate Resilience was held from May 13-15, 2014.

The inaugural Central Asia Climate Knowledge Forum took place in June 2013, and participants recommended that the forum be organised as an annual event to support learning and action towards developing climate resilience at national and regional levels across multiple sectors of the economy. This annual event has become a platform for collaboration among Central Asian countries.

The second forum brought together policy-makers and practitioners from Central Asian governments (Ministries of Environment, Economy, and Finance), external experts, national and regional learning institutions, universities, civil society organizations, development partners, organisations as well as other stakeholders interested in climate resilient development. About 100 participants attended the Forum.

The event included a high-level roundtable – National and Regional Climate Resilience Program Design for Central Asia – among policy makers from Central Asian countries and development partners.

Source and links to further information: [World Bank News & Opinion](#)

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EAST-HORIZON and EECA-2-HORIZON – expanding ICT cooperation between the EU and its Eastern Neighbours

The joint Kick-off Meeting of two new ICT projects took place in Thessaloniki, Greece:

'EAST-HORIZON – Fostering Dialogue and Cooperation between the EU and EECA in the HORIZON 2020 perspective' and 'EECA-2-HORIZON – Bringing the EU-EECA Cooperation and Policy Dialogue in ICT in the HORIZON 2020 Era' make a logical follow-up of the previous FP7 ICT projects which have been implemented since 2009 (currently one project is at the final phase), namely: EXTEND, SCUBE-ICT, ISTOK-SOYUZ and PICTURE. The projects are support actions in international cooperation targeting EaP and CA countries.

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Source: ✉ [Vadym Yashenkov](#),
[Centre for Scientific & Technical Information and Innovation Promotion of Ukraine](#)

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Since 2009, the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has held the prestigious 'Green Talents – International Forum for High Potentials in Sustainable Development' to promote the international exchange of ideas regarding green solutions. The award, whose patron is Minister Professor Johanna Wanka, honours 25 young researchers from around the world each year.

The winners come from various scientific disciplines and are recognised for their outstanding achievements in making our societies more sustainable. The Green Talents 2014 will be selected by a high-ranking jury of German experts and are granted unique access to the elite of the country's sustainability research field.

This includes:

- An invitation to Germany in 2014 to participate in the fully funded two-week science forum. While touring Germany, top locations will open their doors to the Green Talents and offer them an exclusive insight into their facilities and projects.
- A chance to present themselves and their work in personal discussions held as part of individual appointments with experts of their choice (during the two-week science forum).
- A second invitation to Germany in 2015 for a fully funded research stay of up to three months. At an inspiring location of their choice, the Green Talents will gain new experiences and advance their professional careers while establishing long-lasting partnerships.
- Exclusive access to the "Green Talents Network" of over 100 high potentials in sustainable development from over 35 countries.

Deadline for submission: **16 June 2014**, 12 pm CET.

Source and further information: [Green Talents](#)

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Belarus: ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition in Belarus - Call for Applications

The EU funded project ener2i invites Belarusian Small and Medium sized Enterprises (SMEs) with energy related innovation targets in Renewable Energy Sources (RES) or with the aim to improve their energy efficiency (EE) performance to participate in the ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition – Belarus.

The aim of the competition is to initiate innovation projects in the field of EE and RES by providing direct financial support in an early stage of project development. SMEs, including start-ups and spin-offs, will get the possibility to purchase research and development services from knowledge providers to realize their projects and to establish or intensify their relationship with research institutions.

To participate in the ener2i Innovation Voucher Competition project teams who would like to submit an application have to fulfil the following criteria:

- Project applicants have to meet the EU's definition of small and medium sized enterprises stated in declaration (2003/361/EC).
- SMEs have to be officially registered in Belarus at the submission deadline of Innovation Vouchers.
- No tasks that have already been funded by another EU funding initiative will be funded.
- Beneficiaries have to be Small or Medium Sized Enterprises (SMEs), which are cooperating with a research partner, including in the EU
- Project implementation (usage of voucher funds) has to be accomplished within 6 months after signature of the contract.

The applicants of the six best project ideas, with the highest evaluation score will be awarded with the Innovation Vouchers of € 4,000 each. The Voucher money should be spent on R&D related manpower needed for project implementation or travel arrangements facilitating knowledge transfer on an international level.

The call was launched on 19 May 2014. On 20 May it was presented at the large international fair 'BelPromEnergO' in Minsk: [Read the related article](#).

Deadline for applications is: **20 August 2014, 17:00 (FET, Minsk time)**.

Full call information are available on the [ener2i website](#) and on the website of the [Belarusian Innovation Fund](#) – manager of the call.

Source: ✉ [Olga Meerovskaya](#), ener2i partner,
[Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of S&T Sphere](#)

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Moldova: Regional workshop 'Evaluation & Expertise for Scientific Excellence in the Eastern Partnership region'

The regional workshop on 'Evaluation & Expertise for Scientific Excellence in the Eastern Partnership region' was held in Chisinau in on 7-8 May 2014. The event was organised by the Center of International Projects of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (CIP) and the Austrian Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) and brought together more than 35 experts working at R&D funding agencies from the Eastern Partnership countries, and relevant experts from Austria and Germany.



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Rationale of the initiative:

The competition based allocation of public funding in research and innovation has become the most important funding principle, competitive measures require sophisticated and at the same time practical procedures for the selection of the best fitting applications for funding. The quality and transparency of evaluation has a direct impact i.e. on the promotion of scientific excellence and efficiency of research funding. Beside the ex-ante evaluation for project selection by peer reviews, evaluation has received in the last decades more attention from a systemic point of view, namely for the justification of public spending, for learning about the functionality of the existing funding system, the funding portfolio.

The goals of the workshop were:

- Identifying the mechanisms for establishing a regional platform on S&T evaluation;
- Preparing a Memorandum of Understandings on creating a regional data base of evaluators;
- Updates on existing regional capacities on S&T evaluation & expertise and sharing national and regional best practices of S&T evaluation;
- Advancing the cooperation between EU member states and EaP countries in the field of RTDI evaluation.

Source: ✉ [Dr. Vitalie Varzari, Center of International Projects](#)

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Moldova: 5th edition of Danube Academies Conference held at the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

On 7 April the Academy of Sciences of Moldova (ASM) hosted the 5th Danube Academies Conference (DAC). The event was organised by ASM in cooperation with the European Academy of Sciences and Arts from Austria. The conference was chaired by the Acting President of the ASM, Acad.

Ion Tighineanu and by the President of the European Academy of Arts and Sciences in Austria, Prof. Felix Unger. It was attended by representatives of the Academies of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Austria, Romania, Slovenia, Ukraine, and of the Joint Research Centre (Belgium), Danube Commission (Hungary) and the European Commission.



Participants at DAC 2014 | © Eugenia Tofan, ASM press officer

On behalf of the Republic of Moldova participated officials and representatives of the Government, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration; Ministry of Environment; Ministry of Regional Development and Construction; Ministry of Economy; Ministry of Education; Ministry of Culture; Ministry of Youth and Sports; Ministry of Finance; Ministry of Transport and Road Infrastructure; Ministry of Agriculture and Food Industry, representatives of diplomatic missions of countries accredited in Moldova and Danube region, higher education institutions, research institutions, NGOs focused on environmental issues etc.

Discussions and presentations at the event focused on the issues related to environmental, sustainable energy / sustainable; quality of water resources; biodiversity and biosafety; types of landscape; flood prevention; knowledge society, research, education and IT sector; competitiveness; people and skills / abilities.

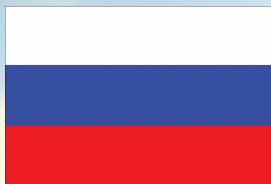
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Russia: ERA.Net RUS Plus: Call for 'Innovation projects' closing - Call for 'S&T projects' to open soon

One of the priorities in the 'Partnership for Modernisation' between the European Union and Russia is to enhance cooperation in innovation, research and development.

In this context ERA.Net RUS Plus is implementing two Joint Calls for transnational and scientifically excellent research projects:

The first call to open was the one on '**Innovation**' (expired on 28 May 2014).

A call for **S&T projects** will follow soon. Topics:

1 Nanotechnologies

- 1.1 Advanced nano-sensors for environment and health
- 1.2 Novel functional nanomaterials based on design and modelling
- 1.3 Nanomaterials for efficient lighting

2 Environment/climate change

- 2.1 Increasing the reliability of regional climate projections: models and measurement
- 2.2 Environmental impact and risk of raw materials extraction and transportation
- 2.3 Extreme climate events and their impact on the environment

3 Health

- 3.1 Molecular mechanisms of brain function and pathology
- 3.2 Regenerative medicine and biomaterials
- 3.3 Drug discovery for cancer, cardiovascular and infectious diseases

4 Social sciences and the humanities

- 4.1 Understanding conflict, identity, and memory: past and present
- 4.2 Demographic change, migration and migrants
- 4.3 Opportunities for and challenges to regional development and social cohesion

Further information and application: [ERA.Net RUS Plus](#)

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Russia: Higher School of Economics offers new Master's programme 'Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation'

The new English-language Master's Programme 'Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation' was recently launched at the National Research University 'Higher School of Economics' (HSE), Moscow, Russia.

Highly talented students of any nationality interested in studying science, technology, and innovation from a broad perspective are invited to apply for admission to the two-year English-language MSc programme—Governance of Science, Technology, and Innovation—at the Higher School of Economics (HSE), one of Russia's leading research universities. Successful applicants will receive instruction at the HSE Moscow, take courses at the HSE's international partner universities, do internships in Russia or abroad, and undertake a Master's thesis during their final semester of study.

This programme combines theoretical education and practical experience, and includes international expertise and experience. The personal qualities and intellectual potential of the students enrolled in the programme will be enriched and developed so that they will be able to apply policy and management skills in science, technology, and innovation to work undertaken during their subsequent careers with companies, organisations, and/or government bodies.

Source and further information: [HSE](#)



Ukraine: BILAT-UKR*AINA Summer School

The aim of the summer school is to provide a comprehensive training on project development, management and exploitation of research results in the frame of Horizon 2020.

The summer school provides an intensive training backed by a half-year mentoring programme (by the trainers from the consortium) for ca. 30 young Ukrainian research and project managers. Apart from a strong focus on the development of the participants' institutional profile, the event shall also provide an opportunity for networking and identifying potential fields of common interests among the participants.

The target group are young research project managers and project experts under the age of 40 from Ukraine, who actively involved in the following topics: Biotechnologies, ICT, Nanomaterials, and Transport.

The Summer School will be held in English.

Deadline for application is **10 July 2014**.

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Ukraine: Travel grants for Ukrainian researchers to participate in H2020 projects' preparatory meetings in the EU

The BILAT-UKR*AINA project announces a call for awarding travel grants to Ukrainian researchers who intend to participate in the EU Framework Programme 'HORIZON 2020' in the following priority areas:

- New materials and processing technologies
- Information and communication technologies
- Biotechnologies
- Aeronautics

The awarded grants will cover travel and accommodation costs, up to EUR 650.

Travel grants may be awarded to researchers intending to participate in Horizon 2020 on topics other than the above mentioned ones, however applications relating to the above mentioned topics will be considered in priority.

A total of 10 grants will be awarded to cover travel expenses (travel and accommodation costs) of Ukrainian scientists to the EU in order to participate in preparatory meetings and consultations with consortia leaders, of project proposals to be submitted under the EU Framework Programme 'HORIZON 2020' Calls that are open to the date of submission.

Ukrainian researchers applying for a travel grant must imperatively provide an official invitation letter addressed to them by the consortium leader of the project proposal in which they wish to take part. Each applicant is also requested to provide a letter of support signed by the director of his/her institution.

Application forms for travel grants will be accepted **until 10 June 2014**. All forms will be considered upon reception.

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Ukraine: Horizon 2020 Handbook for Ukrainian Researchers published

The BILAT-UKR*AINA project has published a 'Horizon 2020 Handbook for Ukrainian Researchers', which is thought as a useful tool for Ukrainian researchers in order to enhance their participation in European research projects (especially Horizon 2020) and to foster the overall research cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union.

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Новости на русском языке

Второй Центрально-азиатский форум знаний по вопросам изменения климата: «На пути повышения устойчивости региона к изменению климата»

Второй Центрально-азиатский форум знаний по вопросам изменения климата «На пути повышения устойчивости региона к изменению климата» состоится, 13-15 мая 2014 года в г. Алматы, Казахстан. Первый Центрально-азиатский форум знаний по вопросам изменения климата состоялся в июне 2013 года. По итогам Первого форума, участники приняли рекомендацию организовывать данный Форум на ежегодной основе, с целью поддержки обучения и практических действий, направленных на развитие устойчивости к изменению климата на национальном и региональном уровнях во всех секторах экономики.

На Втором климатическом форуме соберутся политики и практики высокого уровня, представляющие правительства государств Центральной Азии, внешние эксперты, представители национальных и региональных учебных заведений, университетов, организаций гражданского общества, партнеров и организаций по развитию, а также другие заинтересованные стороны, работающие в направлении устойчивого к изменению климата развития региона. Всего ожидается около 100 участников.

В ходе Второго климатического форума, в четверг, 15 мая 2014 г., пройдет Круглый стол высокого уровня «Разработка национальных и региональных программ для Центральной Азии по повышению устойчивости к изменению климата».

Первые два дня будут посвящены техническим обсуждениям вопросов изменения климата, интегрированного управления водными ресурсами и управления рисками стихийных бедствий, сочетая региональный и национальный опыт в этих сферах. В последний день Форума будет организовано обсуждение среди высокопоставленных лиц возможной Программы мер по повышению устойчивости к изменению климата, направленной на использование согласованного, систематического и интегрированного ландшафтного подхода в национальных и региональном масштабах. Техническая рабочая группа, сформированная из специалистов, представляющих различные ведомства и назначенных правительствами всех стран региона, готовит концепцию такой Программы. Эта концепция будет обсуждаться представителями Технической рабочей группы и национальными заинтересованными сторонами из стран Центральной Азии в пре-форумный день. Пост-форумный день будет учебным, и принимать участие в тренингах будут заинтересованные специалисты.

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Россия: Магистерская программа «Управление в сфере науки, технологий и инноваций», Высшая школа экономики

Национальный исследовательский университет «Высшая школа экономики» (Москва, Россия) объявляет набор студентов любой национальности для обучения по новой магистерской программе «Управление в сфере науки, технологий и инноваций». Программа предназначена для российских и иностранных выпускников бакалавриата (или специалитета) в следующих областях: естественные и технические науки, менеджмент, государственное и муниципальное управление, экономика, мировая экономика и международные отношения, социология, политология, право.

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