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Abstract

Within the IncoNet EECA project, it is foreseen to organize 4 international Brokerage Events in Kazakhstan, Poland, Armenia (primary foreseen to be organized in Georgia) and Ukraine.

This document provides an overview of the implementation of the first group of two IncoNet EECA Brokerage Events (BE), which took place:

- in Astana, Kazakhstan on 2-3 of December 2008 (“Path to Europe”: Partnership between Kazakhstan and Europe to participate in the EU Seventh Framework Program FP7 FAFB, Astana-2008) and,
- in Warsaw, Poland on 17-18 of September 2009 (FP7 NMP/INCO Brokerage Event on Materials).

The selection of the thematic priorities for the above mentioned BE was possible to be done from six targeted thematic priorities as Health, Environment, Energy, Nano, Food-Agriculture – Biotechnology and ICT. For the BE in Kazakhstan, the Food, Agriculture, Biotechnology (KBBE) priority was selected. In the case of BE in Poland, the selected priority was the Nano (NMP). As indicated in the evaluation forms delivered by event participants, level of satisfaction was very high.

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The implementation of the task devoted for organizing the large scale, international brokerage events, is to be continued in 2010. The second event of this kind planned primarily for the year 2008 in Georgia (Tbilisi), had to be delayed from the Project Work Plan due to budgetary problems of Georgian partner. Finally, it was decided to organize it in Armenia.

In 2010, it was decided to organize the last two Brokerage Events foreseen within the project: in Armenia (Yerevan) and Ukraine (Kiev).



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INTRODUCTION

The IncoNet EECA project aims at strengthening the scientific and technological cooperation between the EU Member States, Associated Countries and Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries. Activities within the project are implemented both at political and operational level. The organisation of 4 international brokerage events is foreseen within Workpackage 3, Task 3.2. and is coordinated by the WP3 Leader: IPPT PAN (Polish partner) in cooperation with particular local organizer of each planned BE. Following the Project workporgramme, Brokerage Events were primary foreseen to be organized in Ukraine, Poland, Kazakhstan and Georgia – first two events between 8-14 months and next two between 20-26 months of project running.

Each Brokerage Event is to be an international one, aiming at increasing participation of EECA partnering countries in the “Core activities” of FP7. Knowing the nature of these event, each Brokerage Event should be call dependent one, while thematic priorities are to be decided among six decided priorities of FP7 Cooperation Programme, namely: Health, Environment, Energy, Nano, Food-Agriculture – Biotechnology, ICT.

In 2008, it was planned to organize two large scale brokerage events: in Georgia and Kazakhstan. Due to budgetary problems of Georgian partner, Brokerage Event in Georgia had to be delayed from the Project Work Plan and as a result only **the event in Kazakhstan (Astana) took place on 2-3 of December 2008**.

In 2009, it was planned to organize two large scale brokerage events: in Georgia and Poland. However, due to internal financial constraints/political situation, GNSF decided to withdraw from the organization of this event. Consequently, CIT took over the responsibility to hold the event in Yerevan, Armenia, in October 2009, in the field of Environment. The formal approval of the decision was taken during the IncoNet EECA PMB Meeting in Vienna, 12-13 of February 2009. The necessary re-allocation of funds from GNSF to CIT was made. Finally, due to budgetary

problems of Armenian partner, Brokerage Event in Armenia was postponed from 2009 to 2010 and, as a result, only **the FP7 NMP/INCO Brokerage Event on materials in Poland (Warsaw) took place on 17-18 of September 2009.**

BROKERAGE EVENT IN KAZAKHSTAN, ASTANA, 2-3 DECEMBER 2008

Brokerage event: “**Path to Europe**”: **Partnership between Kazakhstan and Europe to participate in the EU Seventh Framework Program FP7 FAFB, Astana-2008**, in the field of Food, Agriculture, Fishery and Biotechnology took place on **2-3 December 2008 in Astana, Kazakhstan**. Main aim of the event was to bring together scientific communities of the European Union, Eastern Europe and Central Asia to participate at FP7 calls, especially at recently launched call FP7-KBBE-2009-3.

The event was organized by Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan (InExCB-Kz) and Kazakh National Center of Biotechnology but also supported by the Delegation of the European Commission to the Republic of Kazakhstan, the Kyrgyz Republic and the Republic of Tajikistan.

The event program included two mutually complementary activities: partnering between the individuals and research groups to discuss the projects prepared to be submitted to the forthcoming FP7 KBBE calls, and a creation of international consortia involved NIS and the EC countries to implement innovation and technology transfer projects.

The event gathered **161 participants** representing both research organizations and industry/SME's representatives, but also guests for NIPs/NCPs from the UE and Eastern Europe and Central Asia region. As indicated in the evaluation forms delivered by event participants, level of satisfaction was very high.

The Brokerage Event in Astana was the first, out of four events of this type, foreseen within WP3 of the IncoNet EECA project. The event was very well prepared and organized.

The Brokerage Event in Astana can serve as a good example for next such events within IncoNet EECA project

The detailed assessment **Report on the Brokerage Event** in Astana is attached to this Deliverable.

BROKERAGE EVENT IN POLAND, WARSAW, 17-18 SEPTEMBER 2009

FP7 NMP/INCO Brokerage Event on Materials took place **on 17-18 of September 2009 in Warsaw, Poland**. The Event focused on the NMP priority, aiming to bring together scientific communities of the European Union, Eastern Europe and Central Asia to participate at FP7 calls, especially at calls FP7-NMP-2010. The following specific research areas have been identified:

- Hybrid materials for electronic and photonic applications
- Bio- and chemosensing materials in health, safety and security applications
- materials for energy applications, including energy thermo conversion and energy storage
- Nanocrystalline materials with novel functionalities and tools for their development
- Nanomaterials characterization

These above mentioned areas, reflect also new challenges defined by the Green Car and Energy Efficient Building initiatives, belonging to the Recovery Package for the European Economy recently decided by the European Council.

The event was organized by Instytut Podstawowych Problemów Techniki PAN (IPPT PAN, WP3 Leader), in close cooperation with the European Technology Platform on Advanced Engineering Materials and Technologies (ETP EuMaT). It was organized within two FP7 projects: IncoNet EECA and NMP Team. Event was associated to The European Materials Research Society (E-MRS)

Fall Meeting 2009. The event has been honoured by **Mr. Herbert von Bose, Director Directorate G Industrial Technologies** from DG Research of the European Commission.

The international dimension of the event was significant: **121 participants**, representing universities, research organisations, foundations, enterprises, SMEs, NCPs/NIPs and other EU-related institutions, from 34 countries, including **40 participants representing 10 EECA countries** and 27 participants from Poland. We received great support from EECA partners and very little support from EU project partners, in attracting their experts to take part in the event. The cooperation with ETP EuMaT, as well as association with EMRS Fall Meeting resulted in high quality participants from EU15 countries, as well as from overseas countries (USA, China).

All together there were 50 presentations during plenary (7) and thematic sessions (43). Thematic sessions have been divided in two parts: **presentations of project ideas/areas** of future cooperation provided by potential future coordinators, and partnering part aimed at open discussions, group and **individual partnering meetings**. Each session has been chaired by session moderator who provided their reports during plenary closing session. For 116 individual meetings scheduled on-line a special facility (additional rooms with tables) have been arranged. The majority of requests for meetings have been formulated by the participants from EECA region and they have been addressed to participants from EU, so from partners looking for new opportunities of collaboration to partners experienced in FP projects. As indicated in the evaluation forms delivered by event participants, level of satisfaction was very high.

The detailed assessment **Report on the Brokerage Event** in Warsaw, is attached to this Deliverable.

General conclusions on the basis of reporter's remarks presented during the Brokerage Events in Astana and Warsaw:

The thematic sessions and meetings during the first two Brokerage Events have been considered as valuable and a positive effect could be expected for future participation in FP7 calls. Most of presentations were focused on presenter's institutional facilities, capacities and expression of interest for the ongoing calls. As it was stated by moderators during reporting sessions in Astana and Warsaw, in total, there were about 40 defined project ideas, including 15 propositions of projects with adequate potential to be finalized and submitted for the 2009, 2010 or later FP7 calls for proposals. As indicated in the evaluation forms delivered by event participants, level of satisfaction was very high.

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In 2010, it is planned to organize the Brokerage Event in Armenia (Yerevan) and Ukraine (Kiev) and to finalize the implementation of this activity within the project.

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