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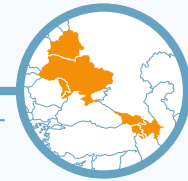
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STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries-PLUS

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The project “STI International Cooperation Network for EaP Countries Plus (EaP PLUS)” aims to stimulate cooperation between researchers from the EaP countries and EU MS and enhance the active participation of the Eastern Partnership countries in Horizon 2020 Framework Programme.

Ukraine

Moldova

Georgia

Belarus

Azerbaijan

Armenia

Through this coherent set of activities the output of EaP PLUS project will **impact at both the policy and the operational levels**, i.e. policy makers, researchers and innovation actors. In parallel, the project will be in close interaction with the civil society in a two-way exchange in order to detect trends and to promote the importance of the EU-EaP STI cooperation.

Building on the results of the predecessor FP7 project “IncoNet EaP”, the project will eliminate remaining obstacles to EU-EaP Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation.

Strategic priority setting through supporting EU-EaP policy dialogue and through maximizing the impact of the Association to Horizon 2020, i.e. Conference on “Sharing Experiences from the Association” and Workshop dedicated to Programme Committee members from EaP countries

Innovative and targeted actions

Stronger interaction between researchers & participation in H2020, i.e. Info days, cooperation with scientific diaspora, and targeted grants for networking

Promotion of the research-innovation interface supporting communities of excellence, i.e. copatenting analyses, clustering schemes, promotion of the technology platforms concept to EaP countries

Enhancing optimal framework conditions and increasing coordination in policies and programmes through training seminars for STI policymakers, increased coordination and synergies between policies and programmes of EU/MS and EaP, i.e. JPIs, COST, national programmes

Communication and outreach through innovative actions, including social media