

# Experiences and future support for strengthening the EU – EaP R&I cooperation

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## IncoNet EaP & EaP PLUS

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# IncoNet EaP / EaP PLUS: multi-level support actions

- 3 year long **Coordination & Support Actions** dedicated to the EU – EaP STI cooperation
- **Predecessor**: IncoNet EaP (2013-2016)
- **Successor**: EaP PLUS (2016-2019)
- Build on previous FP7 and other projects addressing the region (Bilat, BS-Eranet, BSH, etc.)
- Both consortia include partners from **all** the 6 EaP countries and from several EU MS

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## Three 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

## I. Support to EU-EaP Policy Dialogue

- ✓ **Tailor-made support to the EaP Panel on R&I since 2013** (next meeting: 14 Dec. 2016)
- ✓ **Maximizing the Impact of Association to H2020** (e.g. Association Conferences in each EaP A/C; Workshop for EaP Programme Committee Members, etc.)
- ✓ **Supporting dialogue through Policy Stakeholders Conferences** (Yerevan/May 2014 on CC; Minsk/May 2015 on EN; Budapest/Apr. 2016 on HE, etc.)
- ✓ **STI Policy Mix Peer Reviews** as a tool for R&I reforms (Georgia 2015; Armenia 2015)

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

- ✓ **Support EaP funding agencies to participate in ERANETs/JPIs** (consultation process, Workshop Baku Oct. 2016)
- ✓ **Grants for Twinning among Research Institutes/Teams** (to facilitate contacts in view of proposals to H2020)
- ✓ **Small Grants for EaP researchers to attend Brokerage Events in EU**
- ✓ **Info Days and Support to H2020 NCP Networks in all EaP Countries** (training, awareness campaigns for NCPs)

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

- ✓ Identification of EaP researchers through **Mapping Exercises** and **Co-publication Analyses** (focus on Energy, Climate Change and Health)
- ✓ Support targeted cooperation with **EaP Scientific Diaspora** (organization of conferences/workshops)
- ✓ Establishment of a **regional STI Evaluation Network** leading to a **MoU** (with the participation of all the EaP countries)

### III. Enhance the EU-EaP research-innovation partnership

- ✓ Promoting **ETPs/JTIs/EIT & EEN** in EaP (linking European platforms with similar EaP structures)
- ✓ Implementation of a Grant Scheme to boost **EU-EaP Cluster collaboration**
- ✓ **Trainings** for technology managers & policymakers
- ✓ **Co-patenting analysis** focusing on international patents
- ✓ Presenting benefits of the **Innovation Union Scoreboard**

## In Conclusion...

The European Commission through the two consecutive projects (IncoNet EaP & EaP PLUS) is providing **expertise** and **funding** to support the Association Process.

A *consortium* of valuable institutions is available to provide such support in a optimum way, **adapted to the country needs.**

↪ *Georgia should fully profit from that!*





***Thank you for your attention!***

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