

The IncoNet EaP project

- A 3 year long Coordination and Support Action running since Sept.2013, dedicated to the EU – EaP RDI cooperation
- Implemented by a consortium of 19 renowned institutions from EU MSs/ACs and <u>all</u> the Eastern Partnership countries
- In close coordination with the IncoNet targeting the Central Asian Countries

The IncoNet EaP: Main activities

- I. Coordinating activities on major Societal Challenges: Energy, Climate Change and Health (EN, CC and HE)
- II. Providing analytical evidence
- III. Supporting RDI Policy Dialogue
- IV. Promoting participation in H2020
- **V.** Promoting Innovation

I. Coordinating activities on major Societal Challenges

- Identifying actions mapping (i.e. projects and programmes) and stakeholders, especially in the fields of EN, CC and HE (FP7, national and bilateral, UN, WB and other international donors in the region)
 → first stage of mapping completed.
- Initiate twinning of research teams from EaP→ launch of the call (spring 2014)
- Mentoring activities for key research institutes in EaP countries on selected topics (e.g. on HR Development)

II. Providing analytical evidence

- **STI cooperation barometer** ('attitude', challenges, bottlenecks, etc.)
- Bibliometric analysis on the 3 Societal Challenges
- Implementation of a Policy Mix Peer review in two EaP countries

III. Supporting RDI Policy Dialogue

- Organization of 3 Policy Stakeholders Conferences in the 3 Societal Challenges (1st in May 2014, Yerevan, CC)
- Capacity Building in R&I Policy (one week training of STI stakeholders, 2014, Vienna)
- Providing ad-hoc support to bi-regional Policy Dialogue (e.g. Workshop for the EaP Panel on R&I, April 2014, Brussels, or any other pilot actions)

IV. Promoting H2020

- **Strengthening NCPs** (reviewing and promoting their activities; training them; etc., Minsk, April 2014)
- Organizing InfoDays in the countries (already held in Minsk, Feb. 2014, to be held in Chisinau, May, 2014 and Yerevan, June, 2014)
- Providing grants for the participation in Brokerage Events in EU (a call in each EaP country is under implementation)
- **But also: 'Reciprocity'** (How could EU researchers participate in national Programmes in the EaP countries? and how to promote that?)

V. Promoting Innovation

- Cooperation with EU Innovation Platforms (ETPs, KICs, etc.): a <u>two-way</u> awareness campaign
- Promote cooperation with Enterprise Europe Network

 EEN (workshop with EaP stakeholders, Kharkov, UA in
 May 2014)
- Exploring the extension of the European Innovation TrendChart to the EaP countries (workshop with EaP stakeholders, AM, 2nd year of project)
- Training on Innovation management and entrepreneurship (seminar + e-learning, 2nd year of project)

VI. Dissemination http://www.increast.eu



Thank you for your attention!

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