



IncoNet Eastern Partnership STI Policy Stakeholders Conference on Energy Renaissance Hotel, Minsk, 12-13 October 2015

Announcement & Invitation

The IncoNet Eastern Partnership Policy Stakeholders Conference (PSC) that will take place in **Minsk on 12-13 October 2015** brings together a broad spectrum of stakeholders involved in Energy in the area of Eastern Partnership and beyond, such as EU and national policymakers, international organisations, representatives of major projects related to energy, researchers and the civil society.

The event is adjusted to ENERGY EXPO – 2015, the largest expo in the energy sector in Belarus which this year marks its 20th anniversary. It take place in Minsk on 13-16 October 2015 with such key events, as the International Specialized Exhibition and Belarusian Energy and Ecology Congress, <http://www.tc.by/english/events/>.

The focus of the Conference is on **the EU-Eastern Partnership Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation in addressing Energy**. The main goal of the Conference is to **formulate recommendations on the enhancement of the STI cooperation in addressing Energy issues** which could be integrated in the current and forthcoming agendas and funding instruments by the relevant STI actors, other international donors and the national administrations in the EU MS& AC and the EaP countries. To meet this goal, the Conference provides **an overview of the international policies, initiatives and programs targeting the region** starting from the multilateral UN driven initiatives and large EU-funded projects and coming to bi-lateral EU-EaP projects and the recent national EaP programmes. In addition, the Conference provides the opportunity for bringing together **a good number of projects from the region as best practice examples** with the aim to create synergies among them for future cooperation activities in H2020 and beyond. The event foreseen will gather more than 100 policy makers and representatives of the academic and scientific communities from EU MS& AC and all of the EaP countries.

The event will have two major sessions. The first one is dedicated to international policies, initiatives and programs which is going to follow a rather global approach with speakers closer to policymaking and policies (national, regional, international). The second session is focused on good practice examples of projects and studies on energy. It is a more technical one with senior researchers, owners of projects of excellence etc.

Organizers: Regional Centre for Information and Scientific Development (Hungary), Center for Regional & International STI Studies and Support (Greece), Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere (Belarus) supported by the IncoNet EaP partners.





With this letter we would like to **invite you to participate at the Conference** and sincerely hope that you are available on the proposed dates. Please note that **travel and accommodation expenses of selected participants will be covered** by the *IncoNet EaP* project. If you are interested to participate in the event please send your CV as soon as possible to Ms. Ildikó Dorogi: ildiko.dorogi@rcisd.eu

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