The IncoNet EaP project and Opportunities for Grants

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The IncoNet EaP project

- A 3 years long Coordination and Support Action dedicated to the EU – EaP RDI cooperation
- Building on previous FP7 IncoNets and other projects addressing the region (Bilat, BS-Eranet, BS-ResPot, etc.)
- Implemented by a consortium of 19 Partners from all EaP countries and 10 EU MS/AC

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I. Coordinating activities on major Societal Challenges

- **Identifying** actions (i.e. Programmes and projects) and stakeholders, especially in the fields of Climate Change, Energy and Health (R2I, ERA-WIDE, Thematic, Bilateral, etc.)
- **Initiate clustering/twinning** of projects and mentoring of Institutes
- **Feasibility/promotion of Eranets**
II. Providing analytical evidence

- **Bibliometric analysis on the 3 Societal Challenges**
- **STI cooperation barometer** (‘attitude’, challenges, bottlenecks, etc.)
- **Implementation of 2 Policy Mix Peer reviews** (in GE and AM)
III. Supporting RDI Policy Dialogue

- Organization of Policy Stakeholder Conferences in the 3 Societal Challenges (May 2014, Yerevan, CC)
- Capacity Building in R&I Policy (training of STI stakeholders; establishing a regional STI evaluation network; etc.)
- Providing ad-hoc support to Policy Dialogue (to the EaP Panel on R&I in particular). Tentative actions: providing input; implementing recommendations; follow-up activities; etc.
IV. Promoting H2020

- Strengthening **NCPs** (reviewing and promoting their activities; training them; etc.)
- Organizing **InfoDays** in the EaP countries
- Providing **Grants** for the participation in Brokerage Events
- But also: ‘**Reciprocity**’ (How EU researchers could 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 **two-way awareness campaign**
- Promote cooperation with **Enterprise Europe Network –EEN** (lessons from AM, MD, UA; new applications to CoSME; possible extension)
- **Exploring the extension of the European Innovation TrendChart**
- **Training** on Innovation management and entrepreneurship (seminar + e-learning)
To sum-up...

An ambitious project with numerous activities running in parallel, from evidence based policy dialogue to support participation in H2020

Grants

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Grant schemes...

Two types of Grants under the *IncoNet EaP*:

- **Twinning Grants** for teams/institutes
- **Individual Grants** for researchers to attend Brokerage Events
Twinning Grants: for teams/institutes

- To promote a more structured cooperation;
- Three teams with at least one in EaP and one in EU;
- Up to 10,000 Euros (travel costs, staff exchange, preparation of workshop);
- **Objective**: to prepare an application in H2020 (CC, EN, HE)

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Twinning Grants: for teams/institutes

- Evaluation criteria:
  - Quality and originality of research;
  - Promotion of EU – EaP cooperation;
  - Expertise of participants;
  - Preparation of H2020 proposal.

- Information:

→ A very rapid and simple process!

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Individual Grants
for researchers to attend Brokerage Events

- To promote networking in view of applications to H2020
- Evaluation criteria:
  - Precise plans are needed (call, topic, etc.);
  - Expertise of the applicant;
  - Quality/relevance of the event to attend in EU.
- The travel cost are covered


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Thank you for your attention!

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