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Dear Readers,

We are happy to introduce you to the 8th and final edition of the RI-LINKS2UA eJournal.

After 36 months of intensive work, the RI-LINKS2UA project is ending this month. The final public event on January 30 in Kyiv provided the opportunity to take stock of the project's activities implemented and the impact achieved during the last 36 months. It was generally agreed that Ukraine's further progress in the advancement of the national research and innovation sector is strongly connected to the ongoing implementation of the recommendations developed within the Horizon 2020 Policy Support Facility Peer Review of Ukraine's R&I system. Nevertheless, some of the crucial issues to be tackled are already fully underway.

The RI-LINKS2UA final event and the project's closure after three successful years are certainly the highlights of the final edition of our eJournal.

Apart from that, we cover for you – as usual – some of the latest news relating to the EU's, Ukraine's and the Eastern Partnership Countries' R&I sectors.

A big thank you for following us over the past three years!

Sincerely,

The RI-LINKS2UA Consortium – office@ri-links2ua.eu

RI-LINKS2UA Final Event - Fostering Research and Innovation in Ukraine was successfully held in Kyiv

On January 30, the final event of the RI-LINKS2UA project titled "Fostering Research and Innovation in Ukraine - The Role of Science in the Ukrainian Innovations Development" was successfully held at the City Hotel in Kyiv.



The event was organised in order to take stock of the work which was implemented under the project from 2016 until 2019. Moreover, its aim was to initiate a discussion about possible future directions of the Ukrainian research and innovation system both on the national and international level.

Detailed information about the topics discussed (R&I support measures in Ukraine, Horizon 2020, Horizon Europe etc.), the speakers (representing both Ukrainian stakeholders and officials from the European Commission) and selected Ukrainian projects benefiting from EU funding can be found on the link below, moreover the presentations which have been agreed for public disclosure are also available.



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100th Anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

The date of 27 November 2018 has been an outstanding date - 100 years since the foundation of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. The anniversary of the Academy has become a major event not only for scientists, but also for the wide circles of the national and foreign community. At the initiative of the National Commission of Ukraine for UNESCO, the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine was included in the Calendar of commemorative dates to be celebrated in 2018, in accordance with the decisions of the 39th session of the UNESCO.



On 7 December 2018, official celebrations on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine - the jubilee session of the National Assembly of Ukraine and the festive concert was held at the T.G. Shevchenko National Academic Theater of Opera and Ballet of Ukraine. The event was attended by President of Ukraine Petro Poroshenko, Prime Minister of Ukraine Volodymyr Groysman, other Ukrainian high officials, as well as representatives of domestic and foreign scientific community, Ukrainian media, creative intelligentsia. The President of Ukraine, Petro Poroshenko, presented the state awards to the members of the Academy within the framework of the event.

On 6-7 December, an exhibition of scientific achievements of scientists of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine was held at the Nauka Pavilion of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Within the framework of this event, 70 academic institutions presented over 600 research results in a wide range of fields, from information technologies to new plant varieties, as well as a number of scientific publications.

On 6 December, a meeting was held with foreign delegations from foreign academies of sciences and international scientific organizations from Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bulgaria, Vietnam, Armenia, Georgia, Estonia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, China, Lithuania, Moldova, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, USA, Czech Republic, Sweden, as well as representatives of UNESCO, ALLEA and foreign embassies in Ukraine.

On 7 December 7, the Ukrainian National Information Agency "Ukrinform" hosted a press conference "The National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine - 100 Years."

The institutes of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine on the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine carried out over 400 events: thematic scientific conferences, symposiums, seminars, etc. Among them, in particular, the IX International Congress of Ukrainianists; Gamow astronomical conference-school "Astronomy on the boundary of science: astrophysics, cosmomicophysics, cosmology, gravity, radio astronomy and astrobiology"; VI International Scientific and Practical Conference "Nanotechnologies and Nanomaterials"; The first Ukrainian space forum organized by NAS of Ukraine, the Space Research Institute of NASU-DKAU and the State Enterprise "CB" Pivdenne, the international conference "Welding and Related Technologies - Present and Future", International congress "Scientific potential of the Western region of Ukraine in the context of international cooperation: the current state and prospects of development", International Scientific and Practical Conference "100-th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine: Contribution to study of migration processes at the breakthrough centenary" and others.

Dedicated to the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, the National Bank of Ukraine put into circulation commemorative coins "100 years of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine" at the face value of 5 and 20 UAH. Also, an artistic marking envelope devoted to the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has been issued. A documentary-journalistic film devoted to the 100th anniversary of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine was created. It was presented during celebrations on the occasion of the Academy's anniversary by TV channels as well as within the ceremonial session of the NAS of Ukraine. The first version of the electronic museum of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine was created.

The issue of jubilee numbers of the journals of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine and jubilee popular scientific works has been issued: "National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. 1918-2018 - to the 100-th anniversary from the day of its foundation", "National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine 1918-2018. Outstanding achievements", "Awards of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine", "Personal composition of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. 1918-2018", Legal status of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine: History and Modernity "(3rd edition, supplemented and redone), National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. 1918-2018. Chronology" and the last one named "Patons. Family Chronicle".



A series of TV broadcasts has been issued, interviews of scientists of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine on TV and radio on the scientific achievements of the scientists of the Academy and the history of the NAS of Ukraine. The popular newspapers "Day" and "Mirror of the Week" has published large review articles about the history and achievements of the NAS of Ukraine.

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Eastern Partnership: new Indicative TEN-T Investment Action Plan for stronger connectivity

In a bid to boost connectivity and economic growth in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries, the European Commission and the World Bank have co-authored an Indicative trans-European Transport Network (TEN-T) Investment Action Plan that identifies priority projects in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine. Together, the projects will require an estimated investment of almost €13 billion and foresee a total of 4800 kilometres of road and rail, 6 ports, and 11 logistics centres.



Commissioner Johannes **Hahn**, responsible for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, underlined:

“The completion of the Indicative TEN-T Investment Action Plan is a joint commitment to deliver tangible results for citizens across the region. The Plan will assist decision-makers in prioritising strategic investments in transport infrastructure with the aim of completing the TEN-T network defined as one of the 20 deliverables for 2020 in the Joint Declaration of the last Eastern Partnership Summit in Brussels.” Commissioner for Transport Violeta **Bulc** said: “Enhanced transport connectivity both within the Eastern Partnership region, and between the EaP region and the EU has the potential to bolster economic growth and create job opportunities. The Plan shall also serve to highlight the importance of road safety as well as digital solutions in new projects, and to align design standards with current EU practices.”

The projects included in the investment plan were identified together with the Eastern Partnership countries and with the assistance of the International Financial Institutions. Those projects will make possible the

construction and rehabilitation of new and existing roads, rail, ports, airports as well as logistical centres and border crossing points. The priority investments include both short-term projects to be completed by 2020 and long-term projects aiming to improve transport links on the TEN-T by 2030. Along infrastructural investments, the presented investment plan aims to bring forward key reforms for the transport sector and improve road safety in the region. The development of project on the TEN-T is expected to foster regional development through improving access to economic opportunities, harnessing the benefits of industrial agglomeration and increasing market competition.

The completion of the Indicative Investment Action Plan coincides with the entry into force of the extension of the core TEN-T to the Eastern Partnership region.

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European Commission's Funding and Tender Opportunities portal launched

The Funding & Tenders Portal was launched on 30 November, and it replaces the previously used Horizon 2020 Participant Portal.

From 30 November those who wish to use the Participant Portal are automatically redirected to the new Funding & Tenders Portal.

The new portal functions as the entry point for participants and experts in funding programmes and tenders managed by the European Commission and other EU bodies. It serves as a one-stop-shop which makes access to funding much easier, and helps keeping track of the interactions with the EU when it comes to the management of your project. The portal reduces the bureaucratic burdens with electronic workflows and digital signatures, and the simplified and accelerated process helps accessing EU funds easier.

You can access the new portal [here](#).

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Commission establishes €100 million partnership to boost research into rare diseases

Millions of Europeans suffering from one of the many rare diseases will have a new hope for improved diagnostics and better treatments and care, resulting in enhanced quality of life. This is

thanks to a new research partnership launched by the European Commission. Working with a budget of over €100 million, of which €55 million will come from EU's research and innovation programme Horizon 2020, the new European Joint Programme on Rare Diseases (EJP RD) will aim to make sure that new treatments and diagnostic tools reach those who need them the most.



Following the conclusion of a grant agreement, the EJP RD will launch on 1 January 2019. The announcement took place today at a meeting of the International Rare Diseases Research consortium ([IRDiRC](#)) in Brussels.

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said:

"Patients with a rare disease often suffer unnecessarily and die prematurely. We need to do much more to develop effective treatments and improve diagnosis. This partnership shows how we can pool Horizon 2020 funding and resources from EU Member States and beyond in order to save lives and protect people."

Coordinated by the French National Institute of Health and Medical Research INSERM, the EJP RD will run over five years. It comprises more than 130 entities from 35 countries (including 27 EU Member States, seven Associated Countries and Canada). It brings together the resources at the national and European level involving research funders, universities, research organisations, research infrastructures, hospitals and patient organisations.

The EJP RD will involve all [European Reference Networks](#). Through them, the programme links with expert centres providing highly specialised care in more than 300 hospitals across Europe ensuring that rare diseases patients receive the highly specialised health care they need.

The EJP RD will establish a virtual platform to coordinate access to rare disease information, research data and services to optimise exchange of information and knowledge between research and clinical practice. It will reinforce the EU Digital Single Market in line with the [Commission Communication on the Digital Transformation of Health and Care](#).

Background

Rare diseases affect an estimated 30 million people in the EU and comprise 6000 to 8000 life-threatening or chronically debilitating diseases affecting less than five persons per 10 000 citizens in the EU.

Often manifesting in childhood, rare diseases result in a shortened lifespan and lead to a dependency on care throughout the patients' lives causing significant human suffering to the patients and their families. Patients affected by rare diseases often spend years enduring a "diagnostic odyssey" before receiving the correct diagnosis. Most rare diseases lack effective treatments representing an enormous unmet medical need.

Through successive framework programmes, the EU has invested over €1 billion in research into rare diseases, resulting in many [successful projects](#).

The International Rare Diseases Research Consortium (IRDiRC) aims to accelerate and coordinate rare diseases research efforts around the world. It involves more than 50 organisations investing in rare diseases research including the European Commission. IRDiRC has the ambitious long-term vision to enable all people living with a rare disease to receive an accurate diagnosis, care, and available therapy within one year of coming to medical attention.

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RI-LINKS2UA Webinar "Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions"

On 4 October 2018, RI-LINKS2UA conducted its sixth and last webinar on "Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions".

WEBINAR

The webinar was led by Ms. Morgane Bureau, French MSCA NCP and by Ms. Géraldine Petit (CNRS).

The presentation of the webinar is now available, and is accessible on the link below.

LINK

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Raw Materials & Environment 2019

The German Environment Agency (UBA) is hosting an international conference on environmental issues of mineral and metal supply and mining. It will bring together decision makers and experts in the thematic areas of mining, raw material supply, environmental assessment, climate change, sustainable supply chain management and sustainable resource management. About 150 participants from academia, business, up- and downstream industry, civil society and policy are expected on 19 – 20 February 2019 in Berlin.



Minerals and metals form the backbone of modern economies and are key to providing services to citizens around the globe such as housing, mobility and communications. Sustainability transitions such as the energy system transformation and megatrends such as digitization pose extra requirements on the world economy's raw material supply. Ensuring sustainable access to abiotic raw materials on a global level for the decades to come requires discussions on how to internalize the external environmental and social costs of raw material production and a fair and just distribution of responsibilities, costs and benefits along global supply chains.

Against this background, the international conference "Raw materials & Environment 2019" aims to foster awareness of environmental issues in the national, European and international debates on responsible sourcing and responsible mining. It will feature analyses, challenges and solutions in the thematic areas of mining, raw material supply and sustainable development. Focus shall lie on environmental aspects of extracting and producing metallic minerals. Linkages to related thematic areas will be addressed so that the interdependencies between environmental protection, human rights, security of supply, distributional justice, global responsibility can be elaborated. Possibly conflicting objectives will be pointed out and discussed in order to contribute to the achievement of the integrated and indivisible sustainable development goals.

DATE

February 19-20, 2019

VENUE

Umweltforum, Pufendorfstr. 11, Berlin, Germany

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/668>

EaP Plus Webinar – Financial and legal issues of Horizon 2020

On Thursday, February 21, 2019 (10:30 Warsaw time), the EaP Plus project invites you to the 8th webinar dedicated to the financial and legal issues of Horizon 2020 programme.



The experts from the Polish National Contact Point will discuss the questions, which can help you in correct budget calculation and project management.

This webinar addresses both administrative staff and researchers who wish to advance their knowledge on financial and legal issues of H2020.

AGENDA

I. RULES FOR PARTICIPATION

- Who can participate
- Types of contracts in H2020

II. FINANCIAL ASPECTS

- Cost eligibility criteria
- Budget categories
- Funding schemes and limits
- Reports and audits
- Payment modalities

III. New FUNDING and TENDERS PORTAL – useful information

- Funding and Tenders Portal – basics
- Roles and access rights
- Financial validation
- Open Access to scientific publications

DATE

February 21, 2019

VENUE

Webinar

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/679>

Special FET Pitch Event in Brussels

This is the final event of the Horizon 2020 project "COMPASS - Evidence and Opportunities for Responsible Innovation in SMEs". The event will be a meeting point for companies, researchers in the area of responsible innovation in industry, innovation support organizations and policymakers.



COMPASS joined forces with the FET-Open CSA project FET2RIN, to highlight the challenges of investing in R&D&I projects and to present very promising technologies looking for investment - both locally and internationally. At the end of the day, a pitch session **will give the stage to 10 disruptive Future and Emerging Technologies projects**, that will pitch their innovation in front of the audience. A judging panel, composed by **business angels, early stage investors and EU'BICs**, will assess pitches during a dedicated Q&A session after each pitch.

FET projects selected to pitch will receive ad-hoc training before the event from FET2RIN experts, through **two webinars**:

How to use the Lean Canvas as a base for the Pitch

Thursday 28th February, from 12.00 to 13.00

Main topics:

- Customer vs. Product Development
- How to capture your vision on a single page
- Finding a compelling problem that is worth solving
- Solution - Market / Target groups Fit
- Consequences of Not Understanding a Target group

[Homework for participants: all completed canvases should be sent to the exploitation experts and will be evaluated. Projects will be given a personal feedback.]

How to Pitch for R&D projects

Thursday 7th March, from 12.00 to 13.00

Main topics:

- What makes a presentation appealing and how to explain the exploitation opportunity behind your results?
- How to pitch your research results and exploitation plan
- How to effectively communicate an exploitation model to internal and external stakeholders
- Pitching your exploitation plan to investors and crowdfunding platforms

[Homework for participants: All participants should forward their draft pitches to the experts. The pitches will be evaluated and Projects will be provided with feedback.]

Both webinars are compulsory for FET projects willing to pitch. Rehearsals will be also organized during the morning of the event in Brussels, to fine pitches and slide decks.

DATE

March 26, 2019

VENUE

Les Ateliers des Tanneurs, Brussels, Belgium

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/676>

Euresearch Webinar on the Individual Fellowships of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

This webinar will provide you with basic information about the call, the eligibility and mobility criteria, the proposal and submission process.

The 2019 call for proposals for the Marie Skłodowska-Curie (MSCA) Individual Fellowships opens on 11 April 2019 with a deadline on 11 September 2019.



There are two types of MSCA Fellowships: The European and the Global Fellowship. Both of them target researchers on a postdoctoral level. They offer funding for a research stay abroad. The researcher must at the time of the call deadline either have a PhD or least four years of full time research experience after the point of time when s/he obtained the degree which formally allowed him/her to embark on a doctorate. Additionally, the mobility rule must be respected: The researcher must not have spent more than 12 months in the 3 years prior to the call deadline in the country of the future host institution.

Registration is possible on the Euresearch [website](#).

DATE

April 24, 2019

VENUE

Webinar

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/678>

Horizon 2020 Info Day on Societal Challenge 2 calls for proposals of 2020

Come and learn about the Societal Challenge 2 calls for 2020 and get some practical information on how to successfully apply to the open calls for proposals.

This event is organised together with the brokerage event organised on **3 July 2019** by the [BIOHORIZON](#) project. More information and registration are available [here](#).

This information day is an opportunity for attendees to get some insight into the Societal Challenge 2 calls for proposals of Horizon 2020, for the Work Programme of 2020, covering Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the bioeconomy.

This Info Day targets potential applicants of the calls for proposals published under the Societal Challenge 2 Work Programme for 2018- 2020. Registration for the event is free of charge and compulsory. However, due to limited space, applications will be accepted on a first-come-first-served basis. Registrations will open in May 2019. Travel and subsistence costs should be covered by the participants.

All sessions will be webstreamed and recorded, and presentations will be published after the event.

The links to the webstreaming will be live on 4 July 2019 from 9:30 onwards.

DATE

July 4, 2019

VENUE

Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170, Brussels, Belgium

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/675>



Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine assesses achievements since Policy Mix Peer Review

A report on independent audit of Ukraine's research and innovation system was presented in Kyiv two years ago. The audit, requested by the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine, was performed by European experts using instruments of political support provided by Horizon 2020 program. The report contained 30 recommendations for the Ukrainian government and scientific community. Today, it seems prudent to recall these recommendations and make a brief analysis of what has been done over the past 24 months to fulfill these recommendations and what still needs to be done in the nearest future.

LINK

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Final Report of the High-Level Panel of the European Decarbonisation Pathways Initiative

A panel of independent experts on decarbonisation has published a report on the role of research and innovation in achieving the objectives of the Paris Agreement, as well as the R&I priorities that will put the EU at a competitive advantage in the decarbonisation race. The members of the High-Level Panel of

the European Decarbonisation Pathways Initiative acted as advisors to Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation.



Commissioner Moedas said:

"Climate action requires ambition. Nothing short of immediate action leading to net-zero emissions by 2050 will suffice. More and better focused R&I is a necessary condition to reach our long term climate targets and maintain our standard of living."

The Panel recommends that the European Commission:

- engage in a race to the top in innovation for decarbonisation, searching for new alternatives;
- give priority to zero-carbon solutions that have the potential to be developed and deployed within the 2050 timeframe;
- explore and develop portfolios of zero-carbon technologies, promoting diversification, and reducing the risk of too-early and risky choices;
- emphasise system-level innovation, promoting sector-coupling so that the individual elements of decarbonisation fit together in a coherent whole;
- focus investments in the high added-value segments of the value chains;
- engage in smart international cooperation for zero-carbon innovation.

The report draws on the expertise of members from different sectors. It has been published together with the Commission Strategy 'A Clean Planet for All' in accordance with the Paris Agreement and a few days before the start of the UNFCCC COP24 international climate change negotiation session in Katowice, Poland.

"We can innovate ourselves out of the climate crisis," said Hans Joachim Schellnhuber, Chair of the high-level panel, Director Emeritus of the Potsdam Institute for Climate Impact Research, and member of the scientific academies of Germany, the US, and the Vatican. "But we need to take bold decisions and we need to take them quickly. European research policy should spend taxpayers' money where the impact is greatest: on breakthroughs and social inventions rather than on subsidising tip-toeing. My eight colleagues and I are proud to present a catalogue of hope, both for our climate and for our economy."

Background

The High-Level Panel of the European Decarbonisation Pathways Initiative is an expert group composed of nine members from academia, industry and public administration. The group was tasked by Commissioner Moedas with advising the Commission in relation to research and innovation strategies and priorities that will support and accompany EU

decarbonisation pathways compatible with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

The work of the High-Level Panel started in autumn 2016 and ended in autumn 2018, after ten discussion sessions. They were supported by many experts, who agreed to take part in the discussions, as well as by the EU-funded [DEEDS project](#), tasked with facilitating the preparation of the discussions and their syntheses, as well as by a secretariat provided by Directorate-General for Research and Innovation of the European Commission.

LINK

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The future of the European space sector: How to leverage Europe's technological leadership and boost investments for space ventures

The study reviews access-to-finance conditions met by companies active in the European space sector and proposes potential solutions to improve them. One of the principal objectives of this study is to analyse how public funds in the EU could be deployed to attract private investment and otherwise catalyse the development of the sector, considering also that such public funding should be entitled to achieve adequate returns. The study further explores how soft measures and advisory services could help promote private investment in the sector.

Space is an important driver of innovation in Europe. While space used to be synonymous with government spending, today the sector sees the emergence of new private actors who see commercial opportunities in space exploration and exploitation. The study presents a number of recommendations and potential policy actions. One particular recommendation is to establish a Space Finance Forum: by bringing together the expertise of financial, industrial and academic stakeholders, we believe we will be able to explore and pilot new funding mechanisms and thereby catalyse private investment in the sector.

The study was carried out by InnovFin Advisory in collaboration with the European Investment Advisory Hub, with the support of SpaceTec Partners.

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/document/677>



BMBF-MESU joint call for proposals

Within the framework of the German-Ukrainian Cooperation in Science and Technology (WTZ) respective ministries have just announced a joint call for proposals.

This funding call is aimed at:

- Preparation of new and to intensify existing project-related or institutional cooperation,
- Conception and planning of projects and cooperations, the funding of which is to be applied for under another BMBF or an EU program.

In line with the specific research priorities of the BMBF and the MESU, applications in the following thematic areas are invited:

- Biotechnology
- Technologies for effective resource and energy use, sustainable environmental technologies
- Health research and medical technology
- Information-and communication technologies
- New materials and production technologies

Applications on other thematic priorities of the BMBF technical programs and EU research programs can also be supported.

Funding: up to EUR 40 000 (for the German side) and up to UAH 320 000 (for the Ukrainian side).

Duration: up to 2 years

Deadline: 2-stage application, deadline for project outlines: **14 March 2019**

[BMBF announcement](#)

[MESU announcement](#)

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

March 14, 2019

LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/call/664>

EaP PLUS Grants for Networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings – 4th Call

The EaP PLUS Team announces the last round of the Call for 'Grants for networking' in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings. The grants for networking call financially support the participation of local researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon 2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of Horizon 2020 project proposals.



The aim of the Grant scheme is to extend scientific networks between EU Member States/non-EaP Associated Countries and EaP countries as well to increase the number of EaP participants in submitted Horizon 2020 project proposals. For this end the scheme will financially support the EaP researchers from:

- Research entities e.g. research institutions/organizations, higher education institutions etc.,
- SMEs and Industry,
- Local authorities,
- Civil Society

to attend either a Brokerage Event or a Preparatory Meeting.

Submission

Applications are submitted to the **Local Partner** by e-mail. Please get in touch with the Local Partner in your country for any questions regarding the eligibility criteria and the application process. The contact details of each EaP Local Partner are the following:

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- Ukraine: Olena Koval (NIP) post@fp6-nip.kiev.ua

Important dates

Final deadline for submissions: 30 May 2019 unless the available budget is consumed earlier. Candidates can apply for one event scheduled between October 2018 and 30 June 2019. The application form needs to be sent early enough (minimum one month before the selected event, unless a short-notice meeting is targeted).

All the necessary information and documents can be found on the link below.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE

May 30, 2019

LINK

<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/240>



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