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Dear readers,

We are happy to introduce to you the second issue of the RI-LINKS2UA eJournal, our “spring edition” for 2017.

Much has happened since the publication of the first eJournal in winter last year. RI-LINKS2UA has organised a series of events to promote Horizon 2020 and delivered trainings to potential applicants to Horizon 2020 calls. Moreover, the project gathered empirical data on the participation and performance of Ukraine in Horizon 2020 that were published in an updated report. This is just to name a few activities carried out successfully – you can find even more in this eJournal!

News highlight: the report on the peer review of the Ukrainian Research & Innovation System. The report was written by an independent panel of experts and national peers following several study visits to Ukraine between May and November 2016. The peer review was conducted under the so called “Policy Support Facility” (PSF), a new instrument of the European Commission aiming to support Member States and Associated Countries (AC) in reforming their national Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) systems.

Among others, the “RI-LINKS2UA News” section reports on the establishment of a Horizon 2020 coordination centre in Kyiv, the newly agreed 20 key deliverables of the EU when working with the Eastern Partnership Countries and a new EU scheme to support the private sector in Ukraine. Under “event reviews” you can find a list of events organised and implemented by the RI-LINKS2UA project over the last few months. Next, you can read the latest news from the Research & Innovation sector in the EU, including insights into Horizon 2020 after its first two years, Switzerland’s full association to the programme, and a record number of participants in the Erasmus+ programme i.a. Our new list of recommended publications is right after the news. The eJournal is completed by upcoming events open for participation – please feel warmly invited to join us or our partners for the events of your interest. Are you looking for working in EU funded projects with international partners? Please refer to our last section featuring currently open calls.

We hope you will enjoy reading the second RI-LINKS2UA eJournal “Spring edition” and find some useful information for your specific purposes.

We would like to get in touch with you! Please feel free to send us your questions, feedback or comments to this eJournal.

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## Peer Review of the Ukrainian Research and Innovation System

A ‘Policy Support Facility’ (PSF) has been set up by the Directorate-General for Research & Innovation (DG RTD) of the European Commission under the European Framework Programme for Research & Innovation ‘Horizon 2020’, in order to support Member States and associated countries in reforming their national science, technology and innovation systems.



The Peer Review of the Ukrainian Research and Innovation system was carried out between May and November 2016 by a dedicated PSF Panel, consisting of nine independent experts and national peers. The Ukrainian national authorities expressed a strong political commitment to this exercise.

The PSF Panel arrived at seven Policy Messages highlighted upfront in the report. The report explains the rationale supporting each of those policy statements and discusses the 30 specific recommendations, clustered into thematic areas. Case studies from other countries supplement the narrative by presenting good practice examples that could facilitate the implementation of the recommendations.

It is the country’s responsibility to ensure the follow-up to the Peer Review as well as the potential implementation of its recommendations through concrete reforms.

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## Ukraine established a H2020 Coordination Centre

The relevant resolution was adopted at November 30 at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine.

The Coordination Centre is working on more effective solutions to the problems that arise during the implementation of projects funded under H2020 in Ukraine. Moreover, the adopted resolution has also provided for the establishment of a selection commission to choose the representatives and experts for the programme committees of the Horizon 2020 Framework Programme.

The commission's responsibility was to set up a democratic and transparent selection process of the Ukrainian representatives to the programme committees of the Framework Programme. Participation of the Ukrainian representatives is based on the agreement on Ukraine's association to Horizon 2020 in March 2015.

The main tasks of the Coordination Centre are to provide fast and efficient solutions on the issues that occur during the implementation of H2020 projects and to facilitate considerations of Ukrainian participants' interests in the programme. In the future it is to become a platform for developing an agreed position and to bundle the central state bodies' activities in regard to the implementation of Horizon 2020 in Ukraine.



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## The EU identifies 20 key deliverables for 2020 for the Eastern Partnership

The European Commission and the European External Action Service have developed a joint working document "Eastern Partnership – focusing on key priorities and deliverables" which identifies 20 key deliverables for 2020, including Research and Innovation.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a joint policy initiative between the European Union and its six Eastern neighbours: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The last EaP Foreign Affairs Ministerial Meeting in May 2016 confirmed the shared view by both EU Member States and EaP Partner countries that the EaP needs to focus on delivering tangible results to citizens.

Since then, the European Commission and the European External Action Service have developed a joint working document "Eastern Partnership – focusing on key priorities and deliverables". The document aims to identify 20 key deliverables for 2020, intended to contribute to

the joint work of EU Member States and EaP Partner countries and step up actions in four key priority areas:

- economic development and market opportunities;
- strengthening institutions and good governance;
- connectivity, energy efficiency, environment and climate change;
- mobility and people-to-people contacts.



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## The Eastern Partnership Platform meeting focuses on regional energy cooperation and energy efficiency

On Tuesday, 20 December 2016, the 16th Eastern Partnership (EaP) Platform meeting on Energy Security took place in Brussels.

The Eastern Partnership Platform on Energy Security brings together representatives from the EU, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine to discuss ways to promote energy security, renewable energy, energy efficiency and nuclear safety. It also discusses the construction of missing infrastructure links and ways to bring partner countries' energy-related rules more in line with EU rules.

The 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, chaired by Directorate General for Energy, was attended by six Eastern Partnership countries, Member States, EEAS, DG NEAR, DG CLIMA, DG RTD and international partners.



The meeting was dedicated to regional energy cooperation and energy efficiency. On this occasion participants were briefed on the inception phase of the EU4Energy Programme and updated on the "Covenant of Mayors for Climate and Energy going East" initiative. Cooperation in the framework of the Eastern Europe Energy Efficiency and Environment Partnership (E5P), the EU technical Assistance Facility for Sustainable Energy for All (SE4ALL) and the High Quality Studies to support the Activities under the Eastern Partnership (HiQSTEP) was also presented. The participants discussed progress and challenges in the area of energy efficiency in heating & cooling and in buildings, and synergies between Platform 3 and Panel on Research and Innovation under Platform 4 "Contacts between people".



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## EU Bank launched new scheme to support private sector in Ukraine and in other EaP countries

An EU-backed programme enabling the European Investment Bank to support small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in Ukraine and other countries that have signed an Association Agreement with the Union was launched in Kyiv on 10 February 2017.

The goal of the Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (DCFTA) Initiative East is to strengthen economic development in the target countries by providing financial and technical support to SMEs.

The EIB Group has joined forces with the EU's Neighbourhood Investment Facility (NIF) to provide a comprehensive package of instruments designed to help companies in Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia make the most of the opportunities arising from the implementation of their free trade agreements with the EU, which involve the progressive removal of barriers to trade and the alignment of standards with those of the EU.

The EU contribution forms part of the European Commission's wider EU4Business initiative, which brings together EU-funded programmes supporting SME development and improving the business environment in the Eastern Partnership region.



The EU bank helps private clients access finance via financial intermediaries by offering improved lending terms and conditions; furthermore, it will enable local banks to take on more risk to reach out to underserved segments of the economy through risk-sharing instruments and advisory services.

The event was attended by CEOs, CFOs and top management of SMEs and mid-sized companies as well as financial intermediaries, financial advisors and industry associations.



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## Latest statistics: Ukraine's trade with the EU boosted by the first full year of the Association Agreement

One year after the entry into force of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (1st January 2016), the trade statistics released by the Ukrainian State Statistics Service report an increase in exports to the EU in 2016 compared to 2015.

While this increase is still modest (+3.7%), it demonstrates that the Agreement, and more particularly the establishment of a Deep and Comprehensive Free Trade Area (DCFTA) between the EU and Ukraine, is proving to be beneficial to Ukraine.



Following two years of declining trade, due to external aggression, a global decrease in commodity prices and severe economic crisis, exports from Ukraine to the EU began to increase again in 2016, by 3.7% in 2016 (to a total of 13.5 bn\$). This performance should be seen against the backdrop of the continued decline in Ukraine's exports to the rest of the world (i.e. excluding the EU), where exports fell by 8.9%. The decline in exports to Russia have continued to decrease sharply, by 25.6%, largely as a result of measures Russia has taken against Ukraine to restrict trade

As a result, the EU is now by far the largest export partner of Ukraine, representing 37.1% of Ukraine total exports in 2016. (Ukrainian exports to Russia represent now only 9.9% of the total). Taking into account imports, total trade between Ukraine and the EU has increased by 8.1%. This change in trade patterns is evidence that the DCFTA is having a positive effect. More trade means more jobs and economic growth. Already after one year many of the EU's import tariffs have been lowered for Ukrainian goods (and in many cases already brought to zero) and Ukrainian agricultural exports already benefit from tariff-free quotas, meaning duty free exports of several agricultural products up to a certain limit. After that limit, for the specified agricultural products, import duties must be paid. But there are no quantitative limits imposed by the EU on any Ukrainian exports.

The Association agreement is a tool that both the Ukrainian government - through legislative and institutional changes - and businesses - through modernisation and adaptation - need to seize. The EU continues to stand side-by-side with Ukraine in that process. A large part of EU assistance to Ukraine is targeted at facilitating the implementation of reforms that are foreseen by the agreement and which will deliver sound, sustainable and substantial benefits to the Ukrainian citizens.



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## Webinar on the SME Instrument in Horizon 2020

In line with RI-LINKS2UA objectives to further encourage and facilitate cooperation between research actors from the EU and Ukraine and to promote EU-Ukrainian participation in joint projects in Horizon 2020, the second RI-LINKS2UA webinar on the SME instrument in Horizon 2020 was held on November 29, 2017.



This webinar was the second of many information and mentoring web-sessions on the opportunities for Ukrainian researchers, innovators and project managers in the EU's framework programme for research, technology and innovation: Horizon 2020. Since March 2015, Ukraine has been associated to this programme, giving the possibility to Ukrainian researchers, businesses and innovators to fully participate in Horizon 2020.

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## Horizon 2020 SME Instrument Training

RI-LINKS2UA in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine organised a two-day training event focusing on SMEs in H2020.

The event was held from on 7 and 8 December, 2016, at the premises of the Ministry of Education and Science Ukraine, Kyiv.

Presentations were given on the following topics:

- Evaluation of H2020 proposals
- H2020 – types of Actions – additional info
- Support to the Strengthening of the Ukrainian innovation capacity and economic competitiveness
- How to write a competitive SME Instrument Phase II proposal
- The SME Instrument under H2020
- Polyteda Cloud project
- SME Instrument\_Self-evaluation form

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## Roundtable: Public Private Partnerships and Joint Technology Initiatives

Exploring the further development of multilateral cooperation initiatives.

The event was jointly organised by the RI-LINKS2UA project and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine on February 14, 2017.

Objectives:

- To show experiences and lessons learned about PPPs/JTIs in EU MS as well as their role in the ERA.
- To explore the opportunities for Ukraine's participation in the PPPs/JTIs.
- To present the Ukrainian initiatives that are currently developing their concepts.
- To discuss and identify next steps for increased participation of public and private actors in Ukraine in PPPs/JTIs.



The objectives of the event were in line with the following recommendations of the PSF review report:

- Recommendation 17: The opportunities offered by Horizon 2020 should be reaped through adequate accompanying support measures and initiatives
- Recommendation 22: The association to Horizon 2020 should also be used as a source for policy learning
- Recommendation 24: Elaborate a cross-governmental Innovation Strategy and Action plan focusing on priority domains for science- and technology-based innovation

Target groups:

- policy makers and implementing agencies,
- research institutions, industrial actors, SMEs, and interested civil societies, etc.

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## Clusters Managers Seminar

The State organisation "Institute for Economics and Forecasting Ukrainian national Academy of Sciences" (IEF), together with Sociedade Portuguesa de Inovacao (SPI) and the Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V. (DLR) organised the international workshop "Clusters Managers Seminar" on Feb. 15, 2017 in Kyiv.

The seminar was organised within the framework of two projects funded under Horizon 2020, the European Union's Framework Programme for Research and Innovation: the Black Sea Horizon and the Strengthening Research and Innovation towards Ukraine project (R&I-LINKS2UA).

The aim of the event was to promote the dialogue between selected research industrial clusters from the Black Sea Region, fostering cooperation opportunities and discussing on how to establish, manage, sustain and internationalise industrial clusters. The inputs received from the participants are used to further develop the guidelines.

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## The European Commission published the achievements of the Horizon 2020 in its first two years

The European Commission published the document 'Horizon 2020 - Two years on'



The framework programme has delivered impressive results for its first two years of existence (2014-2015).

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## Switzerland steps up research and innovation cooperation with the EU

Swiss researchers and organisations are now able to fully participate in Horizon 2020, the European Union's research and innovation funding programme, on equal terms with entities from EU Member States and other associated countries. This is because on 1 January 2017, Switzerland has become fully associated to Horizon 2020. Until then, Switzerland had only been associated to parts of the programme.

The change is due to Swiss ratification, on Friday 16 December 2016, of the Protocol extending the EU-Switzerland Free Movement of Persons agreement to Croatia, which was the condition for Swiss association to all areas of Horizon 2020.

Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, said: "Switzerland has now fulfilled the EU's condition on free movement of people and can be fully associated to Horizon 2020. This was good news for Switzerland, and good news for the EU. It will further strengthen our scientific communities and our very substantial cooperation in research and innovation."

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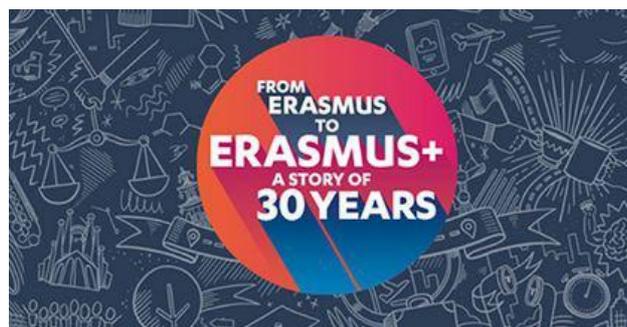
## Commission brings in top innovators to advise on a potential European Innovation Council

The European Commission has announced the 15 members of the new High Level Group that will advise the Commission on how to strengthen support for breakthrough, market-creating innovation in Horizon 2020 and future research and innovation programmes.

The High Level Group of Innovators brings together leading personalities from across Europe with a wide range of expertise in business innovation, including entrepreneurs, CEOs, investors and other major players in the innovation ecosystem.

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## New figures show record number of participants in Erasmus+

In 2015, Erasmus+ enabled 678,000 Europeans to study, train, work and volunteer abroad, more than ever before. In the same year, the EU invested €2.1 billion in over 19,600 projects involving 69,000 organisations. These are the main findings of the Erasmus+ Annual Report for 2015 published by the European Commission in January 2017. Results also show that the programme is well on track to meet its target of supporting 4 million people between 2014 and 2020.

In 2015, Erasmus+ expanded even further by enabling, for the first time, higher education institutions to send and receive more than 28,000 students and staff to and from countries beyond Europe. France, Germany and Spain remain three top sending countries, while Spain, Germany and the United Kingdom receive most of the Erasmus+ participants. Feedback from participants confirms that time spent abroad with Erasmus+ is time well spent: 94% say their skills have improved and 80% feel that it has boosted their career opportunities. One in three students who do traineeships abroad through Erasmus+ is offered a position by their host company.

The publication of the report coincided with the launch of the campaign marking the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Erasmus programme (called Erasmus+ since 2014 because it benefits more people through a wider range of opportunities). Events will take place throughout 2017 at European, national and local levels to highlight the positive impact of Erasmus both on individuals and society as a whole, and to give all those involved the opportunity to debate how the programme should evolve in the future.

Over the past 30 years, Erasmus+ and its predecessors have supported not only more than 5 million students, apprentices and volunteers, but also staff and youth exchanges, amounting to 9 million people in total.

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## Commission simplifies Horizon 2020

The European Commission further simplifies participation in Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation programme. New funding rules reduce administrative costs to participants and help prevent accounting errors.

Carlos Moedas, European Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation, presented a package of simplification measures in a meeting on 28 February 2017 with Members of the European Parliament, the European Court of Auditors and major research and innovation stakeholder organisations.

The new measures will further simplify rules and procedures in Horizon 2020, making participation in the Programme easier. They will also pave the way for new simplification measures under the next Framework Programme.

A revision of the Horizon 2020 Model Grant Agreement adopted on 27 February 2017 introduces a new definition of additional remuneration of researchers, and also simplifies the charging of other costs in Horizon 2020 grants. This will allow the broadest possible acceptance of beneficiaries' own usual accounting and management practices.

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## Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions: support for 100 000 excellent researchers, with a strong focus on boosting women's careers in science

Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, Tibor Navracsics, said: "On the eve of International Women's Day, I am especially proud that the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions pay particular attention to gender balance, with more than 40% of fellowships awarded to female scientists."

The European Union is celebrating the one hundred thousandth fellow benefiting from the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions. To mark this milestone in the history of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions, 30 highly promising researchers have been selected to showcase the EU's actions dedicated to excellence and worldwide mobility in research. Since the launch of the programme 20 years ago, the share of female participants has been exceptionally high and 18 of the selected researchers are women.

By enabling researchers to go abroad and supporting cooperation between institutions and industry, the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions play a vital part in strengthening Europe's research and innovation capacity. For every single beneficiary, the EU grant is a crucial boost for their career and the chance to improve citizens' lives by advancing knowledge and innovation.

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## ERC Annual Report 2016

The European Research Council published its annual report describing the main outcomes in 2016.

For the seven year period of the Horizon 2020 programme, the ERC's budget is € 13.1 billion representing around 17 % of the entire Horizon 2020 budget. For 2016, the total annual budget was € 1.67 billion. In

2016, commitment credits of € 1.67 billion and payment credits of € 674 million were fully executed.

The ERC calls from the 2016 Work Programme for the core ERC grant schemes yielded a total of 7 644 proposals, representing a 10.4 % increase compared to 2015 (1 % increase for Starting, 12 % increase for Consolidator and 23 % increase for Advanced Grants). 374 Starting and 314 Consolidator projects have been selected for funding, bringing the total to over 2 500 ERC Horizon 2020 grantees.

By December 2016, the ERC grantees had reported almost 100 000 publications in their project reports. The efficient operation of all the calls during 2016 underlines the successful organisational development of the ERCEA, which at the end of 2016 counted 461 staff members, a small number in view of the tasks to be performed.

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## The European Charter for Researchers: The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers

The European Charter for Researchers: The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers is now available in Ukrainian language.

The European Charter for Researchers: The Code of Conduct for the Recruitment of Researchers was translated into Ukrainian language under the support of RI-LINKS2UA project.

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## ERA Progress Report 2016

The European Research Area (ERA) Progress Report 2016 shows strong progress over the last years on all priorities. This was made possible due to a true partnership among Member States, Associated Countries, the Commission and research stakeholder organisations.

Focus should now turn towards reinforced implementation to deliver on all ERA priorities and tackle the large disparities between countries. This is the Member States' responsibility, with monitoring and policy support from the Commission.

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## Research Careers in Europe

The study was prepared as part of the specific contract No. EAC-2014-0466-Research Careers in Europe, implementing the Framework Contract No. EAC/22/2013-4.

The study was produced on the basis of the Terms of Reference, the technical offer, the Inception and Interim Reports, the minutes of the kick-off, inception and progress meetings, the comments and suggestions from the Steering Group, as well as the results of the validation seminar. "Research Careers in Europe" is a study with an evaluative character. It addresses the following three specific topics:

1. perception and promotion of research careers;
2. dual careers in research;
3. research career restart.

The main results and conclusions presented in this report, as well as most of the study recommendations were developed to help the European Commission to improve the design and implementation of the Horizon 2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions (MSCA). This programme aims to further contribute to stimulating commitment towards research careers and to support attractive employment and working conditions for researchers in Europe.

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## Statistics and Analyses of Ukrainian Participation in HORIZON 2020 (updated after 323 concluded calls)

In the framework of the RI-LINKS2UA project the Institute of Fundamental Technological Research of the Polish Academy of Sciences, in cooperation with the Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI, Austria), and the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine prepared the latest analytical Report about the Ukrainian participation in H2020.

Ukraine became a new member of Associated Countries (AC) in March 2015. Since then Ukrainian organizations are able to fully participate in Horizon 2020 on equal terms with EU Member States and other ACs.

The signed Association Agreement gives Ukraine a unique chance to increase significantly their participation in the H2020. This is evidenced by the participation results in the first 323 calls where 429 Ukrainian organizations participated in preparation of 715 project proposals (950 participations), expecting EC contribution of 269.24 M€.

69 organizations in 66 proposals are on MAIN LIST (84 participations), with EC contribution of 11.99 M€. In particular, Ukraine submitted 161 proposals for project co-ordinations of which 5 were classified for funding (MAIN LIST) with EC contribution of 1.82 M€.

These results classify Ukraine on the third place among Associated Countries just after Israel and Norway in terms of both the number of participations and gained EC contribution. At the same time Ukraine reached 3 times better results in the number of participations and gained EC contribution than Tunisia, Moldova or Bosnia-Herzegovina.

Detailed analyses show that 32% of UA participants are from HES (73 organizations with 306 participations in submitted proposals), 36% from PRC (216 with 343 participations) and over 25% from REC (92 institutes with 233 participations). Finally 16 HES, 19 REC and 28 PRC, 2 PUB, 4 OTH from a total of 69 organizations will participate in projects selected for funding.

UA participation results presented in relation to the potential of the country (GDP, GERD, population, number of researchers FTE) show that Ukraine requires further reforms to create more favourable conditions for the intensification of cooperation between Ukrainian science and industry with partners from the EU and other countries involved in H2020.

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## International Conference on Nuclear Decommissioning and Environment Recovery

#### Topics:

- The experience of liquidating the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster and making the "Shelter" object an ecologically safe system
- Decommissioning of nuclear power plants, treating with radioactive waste and spent nuclear fuel
- Emergency response on objects of critical infrastructure
- IT support of nuclear decommissioning
- "Smart city" technologies of the 21st century
- Territory rehabilitation, reintegration and people social adaptation related to the termination of operation of core enterprises
- Ecological problems of sustainable development and environmental conservation

#### DATE

April 25-27, 2017

#### VENUE

Kyiv, NTU of Ukraine "Kyiv Polytechnic Institute"

#### LINK

<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/event/47>

## European IPR Helpdesk Webinar: IP Commercialisation and Licensing

#### Learning Objectives

After the training, participants should be able to answer the following main questions:

- What is a licence agreement and when should it be used?
- What are the main differences between a licence agreement and other contracts (assignment and distribution agreement)?
- What contracts are used in the preliminary discussions of a licence?
- What are the key terms of a licence agreement?
- Which are the specificities of a trade mark or software licence?

#### DATE

May 5, 2017

#### LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/285>

## Black Sea Horizon International Conference "EU- Black Sea Cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation – towards a jointly agreed STI Programme"

The Black Sea Horizon Project announces the organization of the high-level Black Sea Horizon International Conference, organised by the International Centre for Black Sea Studies (IC-BSS).

Through interactive sessions, participants from the field of STI policy making, STI policy delivery and STI policy analysis will have the opportunity to reflect, discuss and endorse recommendations to improve the framework conditions and to mitigate remaining obstacles for bi-regional STI cooperation.

Back to back with the BSH conference the 2<sup>nd</sup> **General Assembly Meeting** of the BSH Project, with the participation of all partners, will be organised in Athens, on 9 May 2017 as well as a preparatory meeting on May 10, 2017 for a **HORIZON 2020 Summer School** targeting young researchers from all Black Sea countries that will be organised in Yerevan, in July 2017.

#### DATE

May 8, 2017

#### VENUE

Athens, Greece

#### LINK

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## IX International Conference of young scientists “Welding and Related Technologies”

The Conference topics include

- Advanced welding and joining technologies
- Strength, reliability and durability of welded structures
- Surfacing, coating and surface treatment technologies
- Processes and technologies of metallurgy
- New structural and functional materials
- Technical diagnostics and nondestructive testing
- Mathematical modeling
- Additive manufacturing technologies
- Nanotechnologies in welding and related processes
- Automation of processes of welding and related technologies

### DATE

May 23-26, 2017

### VENUE

Kyiv

### LINK

<http://wrtys.com.ua/2017/>

## European IPR Helpdesk Webinar: IP Management in H2020 - with a special focus on MSCA

The webinar will provide an overview of key aspects in the field of intellectual property management in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.

### Learning Objectives:

This training session provides an overview of:

- Relevant IP issues for MSCA proposals
- Particularities of MSCA grant agreements
- Ownership of background and results
- Questions from MSCA participants received at the EIPRHD
- MSCA success stories

### DATE

May 24, 2017

### LINK

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/event/286>

## Low temperature physics. International Conference for Professionals & Young Scientists

The Conference is an annual scientific event organized by the B.Verkin Institute for Low Temperature Physics and Engineering (ILTPE) NAS of Ukraine.

### Main Topics

- Electronic Properties of Conducting and Superconducting Systems
- Magnetism and Magnetic Materials
- Optics, Photonics and Optical Spectroscopy

- Quantum Liquids and Quantum Crystals, Cryocrystals
- Nanophysics and Nanotechnologies
- Biophysics and Physics of Macromolecules
- Materials Science
- Theory of Condensed Matter Physics
- Technologies and Instrumentation for Physical Experiments

### DATE

May 29-June 2, 2017

### VENUE

Kharkiv, Ukraine

### LINK

<http://www.ilt.kharkov.ua/kmu2017/topics.html>

## International Conference of Young Mathematicians

The event is in memory of the 100th Anniversary of Academician of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Professor Yu. O. Mitropolskiy (1917–2008)

### Topics:

- Algebra and Topology
- Analysis and Approximation Theory
- Applied and Numerical Mathematics
- Differential Equations and Mathematical Physics
- Probability and Statistics

### DATE

June 7-10, 2017

### VENUE

Institute of Mathematics of NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv

### LINK

<http://www.imath.kiev.ua/~young/conf2/index.php?module=1&lang=en>

## Materials resistant to extreme conditions for future energy systems

The workshop will be a 2.5 day event based on the oral presentations from the invited international lecturers, as well as oral presentations by participants and a poster session.

The Workshop will have the following sessions:

- Session 1: Overview of National and international Research programmes/projects
- Session 2: High temperature assessment of components and materials
- Session 3: Structural Materials Development for energy applications
- Session 4: Irradiation damage
- Session 5: Long-term Plant Operation
- Session 6: Assessment of environmental impact
- Session 7: Networking for collaboration between target countries and EU Member States

**DATE**

June 12-14, 2017

**VENUE**

Kyiv

**LINK**<http://www.eera-jpnm.eu/meetings/EnIWSUkrMaterials2017>

## European IPR Helpdesk Webinar: IP in EU-funded Projects/Horizon 2020

This webinar aims to give you a basic understanding of how to properly deal with intellectual property issues and learn about common pitfalls and IP challenges in EU-funded research and innovation initiatives (FP7/Horizon 2020).

**DATE**

June 14, 2017

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## EU Sustainable Energy Week

The calls for conference sessions and awards have been launched with a deadline of 3 March 2017 (extended to 10 March 2017).

The theme of this year's EU Sustainable Week (EUSEW) is 'Clean Energy for all Europeans'. It is inspired by the European Commission's Energy Winter Package which puts consumers and growth at the heart of the sustainable energy transition. You can propose your own contribution and apply to host a session during 12th EUSEW conference, compete for an award, or set up an 'Energy Day'!

**DATE**

June 19-25, 2017

**VENUE**

Brussels

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## V. international research and practice conference "Nanotechnology and nanomaterials" NANO-2017

Thematic priorities:

- Nanoobjects microscopy
- Nanocomposites and nanomaterials
- Nanostructured surfaces

- Nanooptics and photonics
- Nanoplasmonics and surface enhanced spectroscopy
- Nanochemistry and biotechnology
- Nanoscale physics
- Physico-Chemical nanomaterials science

**DATE**

August 23-26, 2017

**VENUE**

Chernivtsi, Ukraine

**LINK**Web: <http://www.iop.kiev.ua/~nano2017/>

## Enlighten Your Research launches 2017 call for Eastern Partnership participation

The 2017 Call for Participation is open for Eastern Partnership research collaborations to submit Enlighten Your Research proposals.

Winning applicants will get free participation at this year's Eastern Partnership E-infrastructure Conference, EaPEC2017, in Minsk, Belarus on 27-28 September, organised by the Eastern Partnership Connect (EaP-Connect) project. Here the winners will present their submitted research project proposals.

Selected projects will also receive:

- support and advice on the use of network services and end-to-end network connectivity;
- connections to e-infrastructure resources through the EaP-Connect partners;
- commitment to an agreed level of resource provisioning and support for 1 year.

This exciting opportunity for research communities in the Eastern Partnership (EaP) region is created by a collaboration between EaPConnect and leading partners through the Enlighten Your Research (EYR) programme to promote the benefits of international-scale research and advanced computer networks.

**DEADLINE**

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## CfA for the Bridge Building Summer School on Social Welfare

Bridge Building Summer School on Social Welfare will take place from 10 July to 14 July 2017 at the European Centre for Social Welfare Policy and Research, Berggasse 17, 1090 Vienna

The starting points of the summer school are joint economic and societal challenges that EU countries, the potential candidate countries and the Eastern Partnership countries are facing, such as the current migration wave, demographic changes and the various economic challenges in the aftermath of the crisis. The challenges in the area of social welfare will be reflected and possible answers to overcome the challenges discussed, academic inputs and good practice contributions (e.g. social innovations) will be presented.

The summer school is co-funded by the Central European Initiative and addresses stakeholders with expertise on Albania, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine.

15 participants will be selected based upon a transparent application process with clearly defined selection criteria: expertise on social welfare in the Eastern European region, participation in the Building Bridges Launch Event (19 September 2016, Vienna), and balanced gender, age as well as country coverage.

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## New open calls: Joint Undertaking 'Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership'

ECSEL Joint Undertaking provides financial support for partnerships between the private and the public sectors for advancing the state-of-the-art in electronic components and systems

The ECSEL Joint Undertaking is established within the meaning of Article 187 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union for the implementation of the Joint Technology Initiative on 'Electronic Components and Systems for European Leadership' for a period up to 31 December 2024. ECSEL Joint Undertaking has a legal personality: it is established by Council Regulation.

In order to achieve its objectives, the ECSEL Joint Undertaking provides financial support mainly in the form of grants to participants through open and competitive calls for proposals.

ECSEL JU opens two concurrent Calls in 2017:

- H2020-ECSEL-2017-1-IA-two-stage - Innovation Actions (IA)
- H2020-ECSEL-2017-2-RIA-two-stage - Research and Innovation Actions (RIA)

### DEADLINES

at 17:00:00 Brussels time on 11 May 2017 for Project Outline stage

at 17:00:00 Brussels time on 21 September 2017 for Full Project Proposal stage

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## Project partners



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