



Press Release

A year of incrEAST: Happy Birthday!

Linking research between the EU, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

The web portal “incrEAST“ (www.incrEAST.eu) has been online for a year now. It is designed to help link the research structures of the EU, Eastern Europe and Central Asia. The website contributes to improving mutual knowledge about national research landscapes and strengthening international cooperation. incrEAST updates its information and structure regularly to become even more detailed and user-friendly. We wish incrEAST a happy anniversary and all the best for the future!

By offering extensive information on Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the website supports two objectives of the EU’s 7th Research Framework Programme: expanding the European Research Area and intensifying cooperation with third countries. The main focus is on information about scientific and research policy cooperation between EU Member States, Associated States, and those countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia that are to be systematically integrated in the European Research Area as part of the new EU project IncoNet EECA (www.inco-eeca.net): Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

The incrEAST web portal

- offers comprehensive and up-to-date **information on the development of science, technology and research funding** in the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) and in the EU,

- provides information on collaborative projects with EECA countries, current calls for proposals, research and funding programmes, research policy developments and partner organizations,
- contains news, event announcements, links to relevant publications and cooperation agreements

Users can also subscribe to an e-newsletter containing relevant and up-to-date news.

Another way in which the incrEAST website presents EU activities with third countries is the “[Project of the Month](#)” section. Every month, a new EU project is presented in a prominent position on the website and subsequently moved to a project archive that can be accessed at any time.

A new [database of key institutions in EECA countries](#) was launched in July. The information is collected from partners in connection with five EU projects ([IncoNet EECA](#), [BILAT-RUS](#), [BILAT-UKR](#), [ERA.NET RUS](#) and [BS ERA-Net](#)). Users can search by country, scientific field and/or type of institution. They can then generate a PDF containing the customized information they requested. There is also a list of potential [host institutions in EECA countries](#) for EU researchers, which is designed to simplify the search for suitable partners.

IncrEAST offers all users the opportunity to actively participate in the **exchange of information**. [Submission forms](#) are available on the website.

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