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Neelie Kroes, Vice-President of the European Commission for the Digital Agenda said: "The launch of OpenAIRE marks a very concrete step towards sharing the results of EU funded research to our mutual benefit. Scientific information has the power to transform our lives for the better – it is too valuable to be locked away. In addition, every EU citizen has the right to access and benefit from knowledge produced using public funds." Máire Geoghegan-Quinn, Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science, said: "Scientists need access to research results if they are to maximise the potential of further work in the same areas. Industry, not least SMEs, need to know where to find research results if they are to build on them to create jobs and improve the quality of life. OpenAIRE will be an important contribution to improving the circulation of scientific knowledge in Europe and thus to developing a true Innovation Union."

Some 2.5 million research articles are published in 25,000 peer-reviewed journals and conference proceedings worldwide every year. Currently, just 15%-20% of these articles are available in Open Access repositories or Open Access journals. The rest are only accessible through pay per read schemes or by paying for a subscription to the publication. The EU-funded OpenAIRE infrastructure launched today at the University of Ghent in Belgium could eventually open up access to all scientific papers and data produced by researchers funded by the EU's Seventh Framework Programme for Research (FP7), including scientists receiving grants through the European Research Council (ERC), and beyond. Since FP7 started in 2007, some 10,000 projects have been funded.

The project could also lead to new ways of indexing, annotating, ordering and linking research results – and new methods to automate all this. This could trigger the development of new services on top of the information infrastructure which OpenAIRE provides. The project is running a helpdesk in 27 European countries, consisting of a network of experts and a portal of tools helping researchers to make their articles available online.

Link to OpenAIRE website: <http://www.openaire.eu/index.php>

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Conference on the future of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP)

The Conference on the future of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) „Ready to grow? Shaping future EU support for business” took place in Brussels, on 25th January 2010. As a part of public consultation process, the aim of the conference was to collect opinions of the future shape and perspective of the instruments supporting SMEs and Innovation.

The panelists of the Conference were:

- **Mr. Heinz Zourek, Director General of Enterprise and Industry DG**
He underlined that the CIP as an EU instrument with its main achievements as Enterprise Europe Network, eco-innovation pilot and market replication projects, financial instruments, ICT-PSP and IEE has a significant role in that process. However, some improvements can be made, e.g. with regard to increasing the role of financial instruments, supporting services for SMEs going outside the European market and protecting the IPR rights. Additionally, in order to develop synergies between European programmes the Executive Agency for Competitiveness and Innovation (EACI) should manage the part of the Framework Programme “Research for the benefits of SMEs”.
- **Dr. Paul Rübzig, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy in the European Parliament**
He pointed out several aspects as improvement of the financial infrastructure for SMEs including reduction of administrative burdens, constant development of new products and services, supporting research and market analysis as well as construction of friendly taxation system.
- **Dr. Anastasia Constantinou, Praxi/ Help-Forward Network**
She stressed the role of the Enterprise Europe Network as an essential tool for supporting SMEs The Network should be further develop in the direction of new services as e.g. supporting SMEs. going abroad, bringing new companies to Europe, simplifying procedures and burdens on main clients – small and medium seized enterprises. However, as long as third countries are not associated with the Programme, their companies cannot be considered as main partners for European SMEs.
- **Dr. Mark Rahn, UMIP Premier Fund**
He added that Europe needs increasing of commercial projects and support for high-tech companies. Public sector should be more included in the scheme of supporting the SMEs.
- **Mr. Mark Schublin, Director of Mandate Management, European Investment Fund**
He highlighted the role of CIP financial instruments and its positive impact on the European SMEs. Especially, the guarantee schemes appeared to be successful. Additionally, complementarity between national public and private as well as European funds should be protected in order to avoid

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competition among the structural funds and framework programmes. To other fields of relevant importance belong: eco-innovation, energy efficiency, flexibility of investments guidelines, technology transfer as well as IPR protection.

During the debate on the podium, the panelists agreed on the following issues as potential significant elements of the future Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme:

- support services for companies going outside the European market
- reduction of administrative burdens on SMEs;
- better IPR protection and fostering the implementation of the European Patent;
- attracting foreign investments to Europe;
- working on open innovation and supporting the technology transfer.

The audience rose following issues of the most importance:

- The financial resources of the CIP are too limited. In order to increase the impact of the Programme on the European market, the future budget should be increased.
- The mutual support of European programmes should be developed, e.g. if an excellent project falls under the CIP, the support from structural funds should be possible.
- The future Programme should include more actions dedicated directly for SMEs; actions involving participation of consultants should be limited.
- Brokerage events for companies taking part in the eco-innovation initiative are of an essential importance.
- Financial instruments shall be more flexible and participation rules should be simplified.
- The current ICT-PSP Programme is well structured, addresses the main problems and issues on the European market and should be maintained as an integral part of the CIP.
- The eco-innovation scheme should be maintained and the budget should be increased.
- European SMEs should have the opportunity to cooperate with entities from third countries.

The conference was concluded by Antonjo Tajani, Vice President of the European Commission, Commissioner for Industry and Entrepreneurship, by underlining the role of the CIP and its compliance with the priorities of the Strategy "Europe 2020".

The Commissioner pointed out the areas to be improved in the future Programme:

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- better access to finance for SMEs;
- activities of the Enterprise Europe Network should be improved in the fields of providing innovative solutions and information on public tenders;
- improvement services to protect IPR;
- acceleration of market recovery and developing innovation.

The Commissioner mentioned selected activities already implemented and contributing to support of the SMEs and the European market, such as SME Financial Forum, involving stock exchanges into facilitation of access to finance as well as Directive on late payments.

In the conference participated the representatives of the IPPT PAN involved in the INCO NET EECA project: Zygmunt Krasiński and Katarzyna Walczyk-Matuszyk. On the occasion of the conference, the IPPT PAN had a meeting with a representative of the European Commission (DG Enterprise and Industry, Unit A1) and discussed the issues on further perspective of the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) in the context of the EECA countries.

Further information: http://ec.europa.eu/cip/cip_conference/index_en.htm

Source: [IPPT-PAN](#)

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EECA ICT-experts from 12 countries visit ICT 2010 event in Brussels

From 27 to 29 September 2010 at Brussels Expo, the ICT 2010 event was the place to discover Europe's exciting and groundbreaking developments in ICT. This biennial event is the largest of its kind in Europe, gathering more than 5000 researchers, innovators and influencers.

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Their personal impressions of the event are portrayed in the Newsletter.

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New EU project strengthens role of Uzbek & Azerbaijan universities in transfer of innovations into enterprise

The overall objective of the TEMPUS-project „Enhancement of role of universities in transfer of innovations into enterprise“ (short: "UnlvEnt") is the introduction of research and application centres in Uzbek and Azerbaijan universities, so called "Centres for Transfer of Innovations" (CTI), which will support the transfer of research results into industrial application.

These new CTI will draw on the experiences of the involved European partners. Innovations in universities and research centres will be coordinated and transferred into industrial product development. To achieve this aim the project aims to enhance relationships between the industry and the academic sphere. These improved contacts will also be used to improve practise orientation in higher education.

Project duration: 36 months
Funding: over 900 00 EUR

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Belarus and Lithuania will support 20 joint projects in science and technology

In 2011-2012 Belarus and Lithuania will support 20 joint S&T projects. This was decided at the 4th meeting of the bi-lateral Commission on Cooperation in Science and Technology held in Minsk in December 2010. The projects have been selected of 34 applications submitted to the call upon the results of independent scientific evaluation carried out in the both countries.

Belarusian part of the Commission was comprised by Prof. Vasily Safonov, Head, Department of Science and Innovation Activities, Ministry of Education; Mrs. Tamara Serkova, Head, Department of S&T Cooperation, State Committee for Science and Technology; Prof. Valentyn Orlovich, CEO, Belarusian Republican Foundation for Fundamental Research; Prof. Alexei Busel, Director, Institute

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of System Analysis and Information Support of S&T Sphere, Lithuanian one – by Mr. Albertas Zhalis, Director, Department of Higher Education, Science and Technology, Ministry of Education and Science; Ms. Jurate Djavizhene, Deputy Head, Department of International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Science; Prof. Jozas Kulis, Vilnius Technical University.

The next meeting of the Commission has been scheduled for the 4th quarter of 2011 in Lithuania. The coordination of international cooperation is carried out by the Commission on the basis of the intergovernmental agreement on collaboration in science and technology of 24 January 2008.

Source: [BelISA](#)

New Head of Belarus Academy of Sciences and new Minister appointed

On 29 December 2010 Prof. Anatoly Rusetsky was appointed a Chairman of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. The previous leader of the NAS, Mikhail Myasnikovich has been appointed the Prime-Minister of Belarus.

Prof. Anatoly Rusetsky started his research carrier in the Institute of Physics of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus in 1973. The list of his last positions includes President of the State Scientific and Production Concern of Electronic Engineering, Deputy Minister and later on First Deputy Minister of Industry (1997-2002), Chairman of the State Committee for Science and Technology (2002-2003), Minister of Industry (2003-2009). Just before the appointment he headed the Institute of Heat and Mass Transfer of the NAS.

On 29 December 2010 Prof. Sergey Maskevich was appointed the Minister of Education of the Republic of Belarus. He has replaced Prof. Alexander Radkov who was appointed the Deputy Head of the President's Administration.

Mr Sergey Maskevich started his research carrier in Grodno State University specializing in physics of molecules. In this University he has gradually grown up to the Rector's position. Just before the nomination he headed the Permanent Commission on International Affairs and Cooperation within NIS of the House of Representatives, National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus.

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Analytical Report on Science State and Development Prospects in the Republic of Belarus based on outcomes of 2009

According to the linked report in 2009, the main efforts of the research and innovation complex of Belarus were focused on the implementation of a number of State Programmes. Switching the economy of Belarus to an innovative way of development under the conditions of globalization and the country's continuous opening to world business relations, were considered imperative to maintain and stabilize economic growth rates in mid-term and long-term perspectives. The report contains information in Russian, Belarusian, English, German and Spanish.

Download: [Analytical Report Belarus 2009 \(PDF, 96 pages\)](#)

Statistical Book "Science, Innovations and Technologies in the Republic of Belarus - 2009"

The report offers extensive data about the state of S&T and innovation activities in Belarus in 2009, reflects on the effectiveness of research and developments and addresses challenges and prospects of Belarusian science. The report was prepared on the basis of information presented by the bodies of state management, other state organizations subordinated to the Government of the Republic of Belarus, the National Academy of Sciences and other research organizations and industrial enterprises.

Download: [Statistical Book Belarus 2009 \(PDF, 69 pages\)](#)

Belarus National S&T Portal launched

On 1 January 2011 the Russian version of the portal was launched. It serves the needs of the national scientific community and Russian-speaking partners from NIS and neighboring countries by

- Providing information about the aims, tasks, content and practical actions for implementation of the state policy in science, technology and Innovation (STI) in Belarus and, in particular, in international cooperation, as well as presenting the structure of the national STI sphere, its managing bodies and, in general, the national S&T potential;
- Informing users on current opportunities for getting support for international cooperation activities from different sources - national budget, international programs, foreign funds, etc. - which finance bi- and multi-lateral projects in STI, and also about calls for proposals, rules for participation, international events, publications, etc.;
- Promoting results of the projects in STI completed in Belarus or with its participation, as well as the most active partners, both legal entities and individual researchers;
- Supporting economic activities of R&D centers and science-based enterprises via attracting attention of potential end-users and investors, and also promoting results of R&D activities, products and services.

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The Portal was developed by the Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of S&T Sphere ([BelISA](#)), and the Joint Venture “[International Business Alliance](#)” upon the order of the State Committee for Science and Technology of Belarus. BelISA is responsible for technical and content management and further development of the resource. Thus, in 2011 it is foreseen to launch the English version, a platform to communicate with the Belarusian scientific diaspora, a data base of international S&T projects implemented with participation of Belarus teams and other services.

The State Committee for Science and Technology of Belarus and support team are inviting the Belarus scientific community, S&T diaspora and Russian-speaking scientists from NIS, EU neighboring countries and wider to subscribe as users and publish their own current news and information on events, thus contributing to the portal’s content and international cooperation development.

Belarus National S&T Portal can be found at <http://www.scienceportal.org.by>.

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Kazakhstan to spend \$200M in 2011 developing science sector

According to Kazakh news agency Kazinform.com the the vice-minister of education and science, Aidar Zhakupov, announced that Kazakhstan will spend \$203.4 million to develop its science sector in 2011.

Vice Minister Aidar Zhakupov made the announcement during an online conference hosted by BNews.kz, the Kazakh state news agency Kazinform.com reported on Wednesday.

“The financing of science has increased by 30 percent over a few last years,”

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Kazinform.com reported Zhakupov as saying. "In 2006, financing from budget made around KZT 14 billion (\$94.0 million USD), in 2009 the figures were KZT 17 billion (\$115.2 million USD) and in 2010 around KZT 24 billion (\$162.7 million) was invested into science."

Kazakhstan is spending 0.24 percent of its gross domestic product (GDP) on developing the science sector.

"Certainly, well-developed countries are allocating much more for science," he said on the online forum. "For instance, this figure in Russia is 1 percent, developed countries have these numbers in no less than 2 percent mark and Japan spends more than 3 percent of the GDP for science."

Kazakhstan plans to increase its own spending on science-related research to 1 percent, Zhakupov added.

Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev is leading the push for Kazakh universities to focus more on applied sciences than pure science.

Source: [*Central Asia Newswire*](#)



New project launched to integrate Moldova into European Research Area

On November 29, 2010 the European project MOLD-ERA (Preparation for Moldova's integration into the European Research Area and into the Community R&D Framework Programs on the basis of scientific excellence) was launched in Chisinau, Moldova, attended by 8 participants from 2 partner-countries. Two more partners from UK and Germany joined the meeting via Skype.

MOLD-ERA project is a Coordination and Support Action financed under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Development of the European Commission. This is the first Framework Program project to be coordinated from the Republic of Moldova, namely by the Institute of Electronic Engineering and Nanotechnologies (IEEN).

The project aims to improve the level of training and equipment in the Nanotechnologies field in Moldova, which will lead to increased collaborations with EU institutions and improved career opportunities for young scientists in Moldova. The project will attract new investments and create new jobs, leading to a considerable increase in wealth for the Moldovan economy and society. It addresses the need for an enhanced scientific and research co-operation between Eastern European and the Southern Caucasus (EESC) countries and the EU, focusing on the International Co-operation theme of the FP7's Co-operation Programme.

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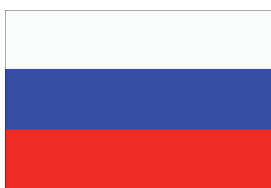
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MOLD-ERA activities will last 30 months and the project will contribute to the establishment of a new Nanotechnology infrastructure in IEEN, enabled by means of plasma etching system and multi-gas incubator bio-station to extend the research area towards nano-bio related fields. Theoretical and practical courses will be organised jointly with partners from Germany and the United Kingdom in the fields of biocompatibility of electronic and photonic materials, transformation of bio-signals in electric signals and vice-versa, extra and intracellular bioelectric signaling, biotoxicity and related disciplines. Researchers and staff from IEEN, the Academy of Sciences and other research institutions in Moldova will receive training in FP7, whilst strengthening MOLD-ERA's network of regional, national and European contacts based on activities of mutual interest and new collaborative links. The envisaged long-term impact is, on the one hand, to increase the participation of the Republic of Moldova in opportunities for cooperative research, capacity building and researcher mobility, offered by the Seventh Framework Programme, to enhance the capacity of research structures (human and material resources) with a focus on scientific excellence, and, on the other hand, closer integration of Moldova into the European Research Area (demonstrated by a higher number of joint activities and projects).

MOLD-ERA project is carried out by three partners from the Republic of Moldova - the Institute of Electronic Engineering and Nanotechnologies, the Academy of Sciences of Moldova, the Technical University of Moldova and three partners from two EU member countries and a non-European country - EFP Consulting LTD (Israel), the University of Bristol (UK) and Hannover Medical School (Germany).

Source and further information:

<http://mold-era.eu/03-01-11/mold-era-kick-meeting>



Strengthening EU access to Russian national funding programmes

ACCESSRU is one of 11 Access4.EU projects that examine the accessibility of third country RTDI programmes for EU researchers. As the EU's Research Framework Programme is generally open to third countries, in turn, the EU's agreements on S&T cooperation with these countries require them to open their national programmes to EU researchers. ACCESSRU is intended to strengthen and increase the implementation of this reciprocal opening regarding Russia. The project has recently published its second newsletter.

Download:

- [ACCESSRU Newsletter No 2 \(PDF, English, 10 pages\)](#)
- [ACCESSRU Report "Mapping of Access Opportunities for EU Organisations in Russia" \(PDF, English, 71 pages\)](#)

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Review of the 15th International Oil and Gas Conference in Turkmenistan

On November, 17-19 2010 the 15th International Oil and Gas Conference “Oil and Gas Industry of Turkmenistan: the present day, prospects for development and international cooperation” took place in Ashgabat, Turkmenistan. It was held at the Exhibition Centre in Ashgabat in the frame of the prestigious International Oil and Gas Forum, which brought together over 400 foreign participants from more than 160 foreign companies.

The intense interest of the fifteenth conference was aroused by the growing economic and export potential and the abundant hydrocarbon reserves of Turkmenistan. Also, it is conditioned by the favorable investment climate and the constructive foreign-policy initiatives aimed at ensuring global energy security and unanimously supported by the international community. In his welcome statement to forum participants President Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov emphasized that the exhibition and conference would promote new incentives to diversify pipeline infrastructure to ensure a stable, reliable and long-term transit of energy to world markets, sign new international agreements in this field and create equal opportunities for the beneficial use of fuel and raw materials by both exporters and consumers.

The reports presented by specialists of Turkmen fuel and energy departments on short and long-range plans and prospects for development of the sector, the ongoing activities to diversify energy exports and achieve energy security aroused particular interest among forum guests. Turkmenistan had gained outstanding achievements in this field including the project of XXI century – the Turkmenistan-China gas pipeline and the gas transportation artery Dovletabad-Hangeran – a new route for Turkmen ‘blue fuel’ exports to neighboring Iran. Modernization and extension of gas transportation infrastructure are under way. The efforts to accelerate the construction of the East-West pipeline and promote the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline are built up. Alternative routes of export pipelines are under development.

Consistent measures are taken to develop the oil and gas industries. Substantial investments have been made in fundamental modernization of Turkmenbashi oil refineries that manufacture products in compliance with international standards. The gas processing capacity is expanded. This gives new incentives to produce carbamide and carbon black, which are in high demand on world markets as valuable raw materials for the chemical industry. All this allows the domestic oil and gas industry to face the future with confidence, arouses keen interest of reputable foreign companies willing to cooperate with Turkmenistan

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on hydrocarbon extraction as well as offer their expertise and latest technology. Therefore, high-level delegations from the EU member states, United States, Russia, Kazakhstan, Germany, Britain, China and other countries have arrived in Ashgabat to participate in the conference.

The important issues under discussion at the conference included the attraction of foreign investments, achievements and prospects for hydrocarbon exploration and production, oil refining and petrochemical industries, the role of our country in ensuring energy security and the significance of the oil and gas sector as a catalyst for Turkmenistan's socioeconomic progress. The two-day conference in the Turkmen capital provided an international platform for discussing the critical issues relating to the development of global energy market, energy security, design and application of advanced technologies, the prospects of oil and gas industry at a global level. Specialists of the leading foreign companies, including Chevron, RWE, ExxonMobil, Eni, Shell, BP, in particular focused on their willingness to foster cooperation with Turkmenistan as one of the largest energy producers in the world, whose role in ensuring global energy security increased with every passing year, made presentations on the first day of the conference. Standing steadfast to its international commitments, Turkmenistan has gained the excellent reputation of being a dependable partner on energy market that is fully illustrated by the broad international platform provided by the oil and gas forum in the Turkmen capital.

At the 65th session of the United Nations General Assembly Turkmenistan put forward an initiative to achieve a major solid international agreement on political, socio-economic, energy, environmental aspects. Energy cooperation is of particular importance for this country. Exporting natural gas to the Russian Federation, the People's Republic of China and the Islamic Republic of Iran, Turkmenistan doesn't ignore the aspects of modernization of pipeline infrastructure. At present, the construction of the East-West gas pipeline, which will connect all gas fields throughout the country, is underway. Also, along with negotiating the construction of the second gas pipeline towards China, Turkmenistan builds up the efforts to launch the construction of the Turkmenistan-Afghanistan-Pakistan-India gas pipeline.

The prestigious economic forum brought together scientists and experts, representatives of the world's leading fuel and energy companies, sectoral departments of the country, Turkmen and foreign journalists and diplomats. The three-day forum provided guests and participants with an opportunity to learn about latest developments and know-how of world's leaders and Turkmen sectoral enterprises, innovations and latest engineering thoughts. The special showcases of the expositions arranged at the Exhibition Centre in Ashgabat presented equipment for production, transportation and processing of mineral resources and technical novelties. The thematic sections were

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dedicated to oil and gas equipment modernization, Turkmenistan's export potential, investments, the oil and gas processing industry in our country. The presentations of a number of ongoing and future prospects were made at the exhibition.

Turkmenistan takes consistent measures to enhance the potential of the fuel and energy sector through applying innovations in industry, exploring and putting new huge hydrocarbon deposits discovered by Turkmen geologists and prospectors on production. By standing steadfast to its international commitments in this sphere and increasing hydrocarbon production and exports, the country contributes significantly to achieving global energy security. Developing the oil and gas sector is a priority vector of large-scale reforms launched in all spheres of the national economy on the initiative of President of Turkmenistan Gurbanguly Berdimuhamedov. Over its history the domestic oil and gas sector has never seen such a large scale of putting deposits on production and such substantial volumes of investments. Currently, a number of deposits including in the Garabil-Gurrukbil field, in Central Karakum, on the right bank of the Amu Darya River and others areas are being explored. The audit of the gas reserves of the Southern Yoloten-Osman fields illustrates the consistent efforts taken by Turkmenistan to enhance its position as one of the energy producers with largest hydrocarbon reserves in the world.

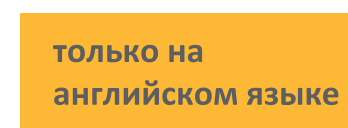
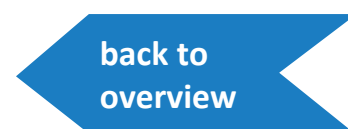
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EU funded research projects launch joint activity on partner search for Ukrainian research institutions

On 23rd December 2010 the National Contact Point of the EU 7th Framework Programme (FP7) on Research and Technology Development (FP7 NIP-Ukraine) and the EU-funded project "Joint Support Office for Enhancing Ukraine's Integration into the European Research Area" (JSOERA) launched a joint activity related to practical support to Partner Search. This activity comes in support to the request received from Ukrainian organisations willing to participate in FP7, and the EU organisations looking for potential partners in Ukraine.

The FP7 Partner Search Form was uploaded on the JSO-ERA web-site in the Partner Search section, where the recommendations to the Ukrainian and EU



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organisations seeking for support in Partner Search can be found in **English** at:

<http://www.jso-era.org.ua/en/universaltextpages/searchpartners/index.html>

in **Ukrainian** at:

<http://www.jso-era.org.ua/uk/universaltextpages/searchpartners/index.html>

Using the synergy of the FP7 NIP-Ukraine and JSO-ERA project, the Partner search process is to be facilitated in order to establish a long-lasting and fruitful FP7 cooperation between Ukrainian and European research organisations.

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Workshop review: "Possibilities for the Ukrainian Researchers in the EU Framework Programme"

A workshop titled "Possibilities for the Ukrainian Researchers in the EU Framework Programme" was held at Donetsk National University on 26 January 2011. The target group included scientists, researchers and educators of Donetsk region. 47 of them took part in this event.

A welcome address to the Workshop participants was delivered by Dr Svitlana Bespalova, Vice Rector for R&D.

The key presentations of the Workshop were the following:

- Mykola Shestavin (Local Information Point, Donetsk) – PS Methods in FP7
- Olena Koval (NIP Ukraine, Kyiv) - Possibilities for the Ukrainian Researchers in the EU Framework Programme
- Olexiy Savkevych (Local Information Point, Donetsk) – Mobility Programmes for Ukrainian Researchers

The Workshop was organized by the Local Information Point (Donetsk National University) and the National Information Centre for Ukraine-EU S&T Cooperation.

More information:

http://www.donnu.edu.ua//index.php?option=com_jdownloads&Itemid=999999&task=viewcategory&catid=365

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Новости на русском языке

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<http://www.scienceportal.org.by>

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Belarus: new head of Belarus Academy of Sciences and new Minister of Education appointed

29 декабря 2010 г. назначен новый председатель Президиума Национальной академии наук Беларуси. Им стал проф. Анатолий Русецкий. Экс-глава НАН, Михаил Мясникович стал Премьер-министром Республики Беларусь. 29 декабря 2010 г. проф. Сергей Маскевич назначен Министром образования Республики Беларусь, сменив на этом посту Александра Радькова, ставшего заместителем главы Администрации Президента.

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