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EDITORIAL

Dear Readers,

Our quarterly newsletter keeps you informed about current and forthcoming BILAT-UKR*AINA project activities and current developments in EU-Ukraine Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation.

In this issue, where you will find information about project activities as well as relevant news and events, we would like to draw your special attention to the **HORIZON 2020 Launch Event and Information training for the Ukrainian NCPs**, which will be organised on **16 January 2014** by BILAT-UKR*AINA with the support of SASII and the NCPs network. Detailed information can be obtained [here](#).

We would like to invite you to visit our [project website](#) as well as [S&T Gate information portal](#), which is maintained by BILAT UKR*AINA, where you can find further up-to date information about the latest developments in the field of EU – Ukraine STI cooperation.

The BILAT-UKR*AINA Team

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NEWS

New HORIZON 2020 Participant Portal launched



On this site you can find and secure **funding** for research & innovation projects under the following EU programmes:

- **2014-2020** Horizon 2020 - research and innovation framework programme
- **2007-2013** 7th research framework programme (FP7) and Competitiveness & Innovation Programme (CIP)

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BILAT-UKR*AINA project publishes brief report on Pilot Activity



One of the main BILAT-UKR*AINA objectives consists in providing support to the implementation of the JSTCC S&T roadmap by realizing pilot activities for suitable joint actions between stakeholders from Ukraine and EU countries. The present report describes the setting-up of the first of these, Pilot Activity 1 (PA1), which supports the establishment of a 'Ukrainian National Technology Platform for Advanced Materials – UNTPAM' and started in July 2013.

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BILAT-UKR*AINA promoted in 'The Parliament Magazine'



BILAT-UKR*AINA raised awareness about the newly established 'Ukrainian National Technology Platform for Advanced Materials – UNTPAM' through publishing a short article in the 379th Issue of 'The Parliament Magazine', which focused on the Eastern Partnership Summit. To read the article as well as other interesting reports and stories about Eastern Partnership.

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Advisory Groups for Horizon 2020 announced

The list of members for the first Horizon 2020 Advisory Groups has been published by the European Commission.

The lists are published in the general Register of EC Expert Groups, and can be seen by looking at the "new groups established" link. The lists so far published are not exhaustive, and details of further Groups are expected to be published over the coming period. The mandate of the Groups is "to give consistent and consolidated advice to the EC services during the preparation of the Horizon 2020 work programmes, regarding the relevant challenge/objective of the Specific Programme".

To avoid confusion when searching for individual groups, this register also contains the "Expert Groups" for Horizon 2020: the current 'Shadow' Programme Committees of national experts, for which no names of members are available online. Members of these groups are nominated by each EU Member State, while for the Advisory Groups a call for expressions of interest was published in January 2013.

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EU Immigration Portal

- A website for nationals from outside the EU interested in moving to the EU
- Up-to-date, practical information on EU and national immigration procedures and policies
- More than 600 pages of text on EU legislation, immigration policies and procedures of the 28 MS
- Reference to further information on official external websites
- Vast contact directory of governmental and non-governmental organisations for migrants.

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ERA Progress Report 2013



The ERA Progress Report 2013 provides a snapshot of the situation in Member States and some Associated Countries. It represents the baseline for a full assessment of progress next year. The 2014 report will establish whether the efforts deployed have been sufficient to complete ERA, as requested by the European Council.

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Erasmus+ the new EU programme for education, training, youth and sport

ERASMUS+

2014 - 2020 programme for Education, Training, Youth, and Sport

Current funding programmes run by the EC in the area of education, training, youth and sport, such as the Lifelong Learning Programme, Youth in Action, other international programmes, will cease at the end of 2013. A new programme, called Erasmus+, has been proposed to replace these programmes, and will begin on 1 January 2014. The Erasmus+ programme is intended to support activities in education, training, youth and sport in all sectors of lifelong learning (Higher Education, Further Education, adult education, schools, youth activities etc.).

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EUREKA and EEN foresee strengthening of ties as EEN gets major overhaul



The Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), a partner to EUREKA's network of national innovation offices by a memorandum of understanding, is planning to introduce major changes to its advising and support services. Enterprise Europe Network is the largest information and consultancy network in Europe. Its aim is to help small business to make the most of the European marketplace, which makes it a natural partner to EUREKA, an organisation focusing on the funding and support of transnational R&D across Europe.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENTS IN EU

16 January 2014, Brussels, Belgium Infoday ERA-NET Cofund under H2020

The infoday will include a general introduction on Public-Public Partnerships under Horizon 2020 and provide you with detailed information on the features of the ERA-NET Cofund actions including the provisions from the model grant agreement, the relevant calls in 2014 and 2015 and information on proposal submission, evaluation, grant preparation and reporting.

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17 January 2014, Brussels, Belgium

European Commission Information Day for first calls for Societal Challenge 2 and LEIT Biotechnology in Horizon 2020

European
Bioeconomy

The Info Day is organised by the European Commission - Directorate for Biotechnologies, Agriculture, Food to provide full information on the new calls for proposals of Societal Challenge 2 (Food security, sustainable agriculture and forestry, marine and maritime and inland water research and the Bioeconomy) and on the call Leadership in enabling and industrial technologies (LEIT) – Biotechnology in the new framework program Horizon 2020.

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5-6 June 2014, Nicosia, Cyprus

7th International Conference for entrepreneurship, innovation & regional development,



The conference will gather decision makers, innovation experts and practitioners in the field of ICT to generate discussion and exchange on the potential of entrepreneurship promotion, innovation to national, regional competitiveness.

Target Audience: the conference is addressed at regional and international level and is targeted to academics, entrepreneurs, policy-makers, researchers and students who are involved in the latest research, scientific development and practice on innovation and entrepreneurship.

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EVENTS IN UKRAINE

16 January, 2014

Horizon 2020 Launch Event, Kyiv, Ukraine



On 16 January 2014 the Horizon 2020 Launching Event will take place in Kyiv at the State Agency on Science, Innovation and Informatization of Ukraine. It is jointly organised by the SASII and BILAT – UKR*AINA project consortium.

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16 January, 2014

Thematic Sessions on the Ukrainian Horizon 2020 thematic priorities:

1. New materials and processing technologies
2. Information and communication technologies
3. Biotechnologies
4. Aeronautics

Organisers: BILAT-UKR*AINA Project with the support of the SASII and the NCPs network

Venue: 55, Volodymyrska street, Great Conference Hall of the NASU

Time: 14:30-15:30

[READ MORE >>](#)**16 January, 2014****Information training for the Ukrainian NCPs**

Organisers: BILAT-UKR*AINA Project with the support of the SASII and the NCPs network

Venue: 55, Volodymyrska street, Great Conference Hall of the NASU

Time: 15:30-18:30

[READ MORE >>](#)**Announcement of the 2nd BILAT – UKR*AINA Webinar**Information on the second **HORIZON 2020** Webinar offered by the BILAT-UKR*AINA Project will be soon.

Please follow the announcement on the BILAT*UKRAINA website.

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International Conference “European Higher Education in the World” was held from 5 – 6, September 2013 in Vilnius, Lithuania, in the frame of Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union 2013.

The hand-outs of the presentations’ as well as a presentation entitled "Internationalization of Higher Education: A Perspective from Ukraine” held by Ms. Myron O. Stachiw, Director of the Fulbright programme in Ukraine are available for download.

[READ MORE >>](#)**Education Ministerial Session of the Informal Eastern Partnership Dialogue, Yerevan, Armenia**

The Education Ministerial Session of the Informal Eastern Partnership Dialogue was held on 1 September 2013 in Yerevan, Armenia.

In frame of this event Ms. Androulla Vassiliou, Member of the European Commission responsible for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, delivered a speech on "Erasmus+ will boost EU's Eastern Partnership", which is available for download.

[READ MORE >>](#)**EU Study Days in Ukraine: watch lectures online!**

The 6th session of the EU Study Days in Ukraine was held from 20 to 24 November in Lviv. Forty Ukrainian university students and graduates were selected to take part in this session, which covered political, economic, legal, energy and visa-related aspects of EU-Ukraine relations. A special focus of event was devoted to the development of bilateral relations.

[READ MORE >>](#)**Study in Europe’ stand in frame of ‘Education Abroad Fair’, Kyiv, Ukraine**

On 14-16 November 2013 the European Commission participated for the third time with a special ‘Study in Europe’ stand at the ‘Education Abroad Fair’ in Kyiv to showcase once again the opportunities in European higher education. The exhibition took place in the National Centre of Business and Culture Cooperation ‘Ukrainian House’. This 2013 edition also gave the opportunity to present the new EU academic cooperation and research programmes: *Erasmus+ and Marie Skłodowska Curie Actions*.

The stand 'Study in Europe' was organized by the European Commission Directorate General of Education and Culture, with the active support of the EU Delegation to Ukraine, the National Tempus Office in Ukraine, the National Information Centre on cooperation between the EU and Ukraine in Science and Technology together with the Association of Alumni 'Erasmus Mundus'. It is a part of a wide-ranging campaign to increase the number of students from outside the EU who study at European universities.

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OPEN CALLS

11 December 2013

European Commission has published the first calls for projects under Horizon 2020



The European Commission has for the first time presented calls for projects under Horizon 2020, the European Union's €80 billion research and innovation programme. Worth more than €15 billion over the first two years, the funding is intended to help boost Europe's knowledge-driven economy, and tackle issues that will make a difference in people's lives. This includes 12 areas that will be a focus for action in 2014/2015, including topics such as personalised healthcare, digital security and smart cities.

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Experts wanted for Horizon 2020

The European Commission needs independent experts for Horizon 2020. Apart from evaluating proposals for funding, experts are needed for monitoring funded projects as well as programme evaluation and policy development. A broad range of fields are covered including science, technology, innovation, social sciences and humanities, business and more, as set out in full in the published call.

The call for applications was launched on 22 November 2013. It will remain open for the entire duration of Horizon 2020 (2014-2020).

Interested candidates are invited to apply online as soon as possible in preparation for the first project proposal evaluations, which are expected to start in early 2014.

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EU offering scholarships for university graduates from ENP countries, including Ukraine

The European Commission's Directorate General Education and Culture is offering a large number of scholarships to university graduates from European Neighbourhood Policy countries, for postgraduate studies at the College of Europe – Bruges or Natolin (Warsaw) campus – during the academic year 2014-2015. The scholarships cover academic expenses, accommodation, meals and travel costs.

The countries concerned are: Algeria, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Egypt, Georgia, Israel, Jordan, Lebanon, Libya, Moldova, Morocco, Palestine, Syria, Tunisia and Ukraine.

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New COST Actions - New Networking opportunities for researchers



COST supports cooperation among scientists and researchers across Europe through networking tools such as workshops, conferences, training schools or short-term scientific missions. Besides, around 300 Actions currently running, 40 new COST Actions in nine scientific domains (and one trans-domain) were approved in 188th CSO Meeting, 13-14 November 2013 in Brussels:

- Biomedicine and Molecular Biosciences
- Chemistry and Molecular Sciences and Technologies
- Earth System Science and Environmental Management
- Food and Agriculture
- Forests, their Products and Services
- Individuals, Societies, Cultures and Health
- Information and Communication Technologies
- Materials, Physics and Nanosciences
- Transport and Urban Development
- Trans-Domain Themes

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