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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 you will find information about project activities as well as relevant news and events. 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

EU report on ‘Towards the 2016 and 2017 work programme of Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies’

The European Commission has published the report ‘Towards the 2016 and 2017 work programme of Inclusive, Innovative and Reflective Societies’, summarising external advice on the next work programme for the Societal Challenge 6 of the Horizon 2020.

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EU Commission to provide an additional €30 million of EU funding for CAP promotion programmes

The Commission this week confirmed its intention to provide an additional €30 million of EU funding for CAP promotion programmes starting in 2015, on top of the €60 million that is foreseen annually in the CAP budget. As these schemes are co-funded, this change is likely to mean an additional €60 million for promotion measures. Aimed at alleviating the impact of the Russian measures against certain EU agricultural products, this additional effort will start with the promotion programmes that need to be submitted by the end of September.

Confirming this step, EU Commissioner for Agriculture & Rural Development Dacian Cioloş stated today: "Promotion programmes are one of the CAP instruments which can be used over the medium term to address the market difficulties expected in several sectors as a result of the Russian ban, helping producers to find new sales outlets within and outside the EU. Today's change means that €60 million of EU funding is available for promotion projects submitted by the end of this month. As this is co-funded by the promotion organisations themselves, this means that schemes worth at least €120 million could start running in 2015. I strongly encourage agricultural organisations to make the most of this opportunity and to present ambitious promotion schemes in the coming weeks".

This announcement comes in addition to the exceptional market support measures for peaches & nectarines (€33m) and other perishable fruit & vegetables (€125m) already adopted and the activation of private storage aid for butter, skimmed milk powder and cheese announced last week and due for adoption this week.

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Erasmus Mundus scholarships

The Erasmus Mundus programme provides scholarships to individual students, researchers or scholars for studies and/or research carried out as part of an Erasmus Mundus project. If you wish to apply for an Erasmus Mundus scholarship you should apply directly to one of these projects. Two options are open:

Erasmus Mundus Masters Courses and Joint Doctorates (Action 1)

138 Masters and 42 Doctorates will be selecting the candidates for scholarships for courses starting in the academic year 2014/2015.

Erasmus Mundus Partnerships (Action 2)

Erasmus Mundus Partnerships bring together universities from Europe on the one hand, and from a particular region or country on the other. These are selected each year.

A wide range of academic disciplines is on offer for:

- Undergraduates
- Masters students
- PhD candidates
- Post-doctoral research fellows
- Academic or administrative staff.

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Information Guides for Ukrainian applicants

Information manuals for Ukrainian researchers on Partner search, Organisation registration, LEAR registration, Self registration at Participant Portal\CORDIS are available at NIP Ukraine web-site: www.fp7-ncp.kiev.ua.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ICT in-house training coming up in Budapest

Following the Summer School on RTDI policies & instruments held in Kyiv, RCISD is organizing an **ICT in-house training** for experienced Ukrainian researchers and research project managers **in Budapest**. The training is scheduled for the **6-7th of October, 2014**, with the aim to offer **intensive training for just a few of the best or most promising Ukrainian researchers** of top-level Ukrainian RTDI organisations, as well, as to **increase their likelihood of participation in RTDI projects with European partners**.

As the aim of BILAT UKR*AINA is to promote EU MS/AC – Ukraine cooperation in Science and Technology, these trainings will **support participation in joint projects** by providing concrete information and practical training on proposal writing.

The ICT in-house training to be held in Budapest is the first out of the four training sessions; the upcoming events will be organized by other project partners in Warsaw and Paris.

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**Knowledge Transfer Community to bridge the gap between research, innovation and business
Call for proposals for proposals in anticipation of the 1st NoGAP
Brokerage Event in Kyiv, Ukraine, on November 4, 2014**

NoGAP is looking for novel ideas which could have a strategic and meaningful impact to the energy sector in the Eastern Partnership region. If you are a researcher and/or an entrepreneur from the Eastern Partnership region, you are encouraged to respond to this call. Forms are available to generally present your company or institution, and to present the technology you want to offer or which you need to further pursue your idea, which you are invited to fill in at <http://partnering.pt-dlr.de/Account/Register/nogap>. Only proposals using the format provided by NoGAP will be accepted.

The proponents of selected proposals will be invited to have face-to-face meetings with potential partners at the NoGAP Brokerage Event **in Kyiv, Ukraine, on November 4, 2014**

The Brokerage Event of NoGAP will offer opportunities for networking and finding potential collaborators and partners companies, organizations, entrepreneurs and researchers from different EU Member States and Eastern Partnership countries. Participants might form consortia together to prepare joint proposals for calls under the EU's Horizon 2020 Programme targeted at energy efficiency.

The Brokerage Event will comprise approximately 40 participants from EU Member States and Eastern Partnership Countries

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Launching conference of Ukrainian National Technology Platform on Advanced Materials, 24 October 2014, Kyiv, Ukraine

National and International European Technology Platforms ETPs have been set up to bring new impetus to European research linked to the needs of industry. It is becoming ever clearer that competitiveness will rely on the development of innovative products and services. By bringing together all those in a sector around a common vision and research agenda, industry knows that the research that is done takes their needs into account and will support the future of their sector.

For today more than 30 acting European Technology Platforms are focused on the advanced materials (including nanomaterials) applied in various fields of industry.

With support of the BILAT-UKRAINA project (Pilot Activity I), establishment of the Ukrainian National Technology Platform on Advanced Materials was initiated by the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Frantsevich Institute for Problems of Materials Sciences and Ukrainian Materials Research Society. About 10 representatives of research, industrial and public sectors of Ukraine are the core members of Association (the legal status of created platform).

On the 24 October launching conference of Ukrainian National Technology Platform on Advanced Materials will take place in Kyiv. Participants from universities, academician institutes, industrial entities and public organizations will have an opportunity to present their potential, industrial and market needs, know more about the EU countries experience of National Technology Platforms activity in Hungary, Poland, Romania, Germany, exchange opinions with representatives of governmental and public sectors of Ukraine.

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Training Course on "Management and reporting in ERC and Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions"- Rome, 22nd-24th October 2014

This training course is aimed at analysing in depth the management of Marie Skłodowska-Curie and ERC actions, funded within the Excellent Science pillar of Horizon 2020, including general hints for preparing successful project proposals and appropriate comparisons with the Seventh Framework

Main Text: The following topics will be covered during the course:

- General introduction to Marie Skłodowska-Curie and ERC actions
- Practical hints for drafting successful project proposals
- The Grant Agreement with the European Commission
- Good contractual practices with researchers
- Grant management: contribution's calculation and distribution
- Financial reporting
- Project technical reporting

- Fiscal issues: VAT, direct and indirect fees
- Social security issues
- Bookkeeping, accounting records, cost recording.

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WORKSHOP: Finance in Horizon 2020, 21 October 2014, Cambridge, UK

Horizon 2020 – the EU’s new research and innovation funding programme – was launched on 11 December 2013. This workshop will explain the funding rules for the new programme, from budgets to eligible costs and on to cash flow. The workshop is aimed at finance and administration staff involved in EU research projects, with or without a background in earlier EU programmes.

The workshop will consist of lectures and practical exercises, to be carried out in small groups with plenary feedback sessions. The workshop is designed to be interactive, and questions can be asked at any time. To facilitate this, attendance is limited to 24 participants. NB: This workshop will not be covering prizes, co-fund or risk finance.

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X International Scientific Conference «Electronics and Applied Physics», 22-25.10.2014, Kyiv, Ukraine

Researchers, professors, post-graduate students and students working in the field of Applied Physics and Electronics are invited to participate in the Conference. The leading scientists will give lectures on plenary sessions. The reports will be lectured in the sections. The Conference Proceedings will be published.

Participants, who will present reports in sections, can publish expanded proceedings in the journal «Bulletin of Kyiv National Taras Shevchenko University Radio Physics and Electronics».

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'Going Green Care Innovation 2014'

An event entitled 'Going Green Care Innovation 2014' will be held from 17 to 20 November 2014 in Vienna, Austria.

Substantial reductions in motor vehicle emissions will be required to combat the negative effects of climate change. To address this manufacturers and researches are collaborating in finding new approaches to eco-efficient vehicle design.

This conference and exhibition focuses on electronics and the environment. It intends to showcase the most up-to-date technology in sustainable design. Presentations and discussion topics include clean manufacturing, resource efficiency in addition to reuse and recycling.

The event aims to bring together developers, researchers and business groups to present their latest processes and models while discussing the future of eco-friendly design.

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Conference 'VIVUS 2014'

The Conference VIVUS on Agriculture, Environmentalism, Horticulture, Floristics, Food Production and Processing will take place from 14 to 15 November in Naklo, Slovenia.

The focus will be on transmitting innovations, knowledge and practical experience into everyday practice. Hosted by Biotechnical Centre Naklo Higher Vocational College, the event will give participants the opportunity to directly connect and communicate with local and foreign experts and business representatives. Among other things, conference sessions will present scientific and expert achievements and discuss the possibilities for innovation transition into everyday practice. One of the main aims is to encourage interaction and transmission of knowledge between the economic sector and the research community.

The fees range from EUR 75 for co-authors and participants to EUR 105 for authors.

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European Clusters Conference

The prosperity of the European Union relies on its ability to provide SMEs and industry with a favourable business environment and customised support to unlock growth opportunities. Stimulating cross-sectoral cooperation and innovation as well as helping SMEs to access finance, new industrial value chains and to go international are seen as key drivers. The potential of clusters and cluster organisations, notably in emerging industries, need to be better exploited to achieve this objective. The question of how to do this and how to team up with others will be at the core of this conference.

This European Cluster Conference, organised by DG Enterprise, represents the fourth edition following on from previous successful events in Stockholm, Brussels and Vienna that took place in 2008, 2010 and 2012 respectively. The 2014 edition will address in particular the following questions:

- What cluster policies, measures and tools are needed to effectively boost SME growth and drive regional industrial change, in particular in emerging industries?
- What trends and challenges need to be considered to create a favourable cluster environment that helps SMEs to unlock new growth opportunities?
- What actions are needed for a new European cluster strategy to help regions and Member States to implement excellent cluster policies and tools?

Conference sessions will include plenary speeches, panel discussions and innovative participatory group discussions and priority setting by the audience. It will be an inspiring event not to be missed and ensure that the cluster community actively contributes to the design of excellent cluster policies and better SME support.

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Fair «Education abroad», 13-15 November 2014, Kyiv, Ukraine

The exhibition will be held by the Ministry of Science and Education of Ukraine in cooperation with the Centre of Exhibitions and Presentations of Association “Znannya” (Knowledge) of Ukraine.

International Education Fairs “Education abroad” and “Education and Career” are the biggest and most widely known events in educational life in Ukraine. Held twice a year they are an information exchange forums for higher education in Ukraine and abroad, offering direct, comprehensive and precise information for school-leavers, students and parents.

One of advantages of an exhibition «Education abroad» is that at an exhibition all largest educational agencies in Ukraine participate. Having taken part in the exhibition, you can communicate to the greatest number of visitors and also come into contacts to educational agencies in Ukraine.

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EVENT REVIEW

BILAT-UKR*AINA Travel Grants

In May, 2014, in frame of the BILAT*UKRAINA tasks implementation a first Call for awarding travel grants to Ukrainian researchers to participate in H2020 projects' preparatory meetings in EU” has been announced

The thematic areas were the following:

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

In total 15 applications were submitted and 10 of them were selected for awarding travel grants (5 from the NASU institute, 1 from Academy of Medical Sciences and 4 – from Universities). An expert evaluation was conducted in by the National Contact Points of Ukraine according to the thematic areas favoured by the applicants. Researchers of the selected applications received opportunity to meet their prospective partners and consortia leaders to discuss project proposals to be submitted under the "H2020" Calls.

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BILAT-UKR*AINA 3rd Webinar on Horizon 2020 successfully held

In line with BILAT UKR*AINA objectives to promote S&T cooperation opportunities between Ukraine and EU, to support the creation of networks and the participation in joint projects, the project organised a webinar on Horizon 2020 addressing future Ukrainian participants in EU funded S&T projects, more particularly within the work-programmes 'Europe in a changing world – Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies' and 'Science with and for society'.

This webinar was the third of many information and mentoring web-sessions on the opportunities for Ukrainian researchers and project experts in the EU's new framework programme for research, technology and innovation: Horizon 2020. These web-sessions are free, easily accessible and open to all S&T actors interested in Ukraine-EU cooperation.

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BILAT-UKR*AINA Summer School on 'European RTDI Policies, Instruments and Participation Possibilities'

BILAT-UKR*AINA Summer School on 'European RTDI policies, instruments and participation possibilities' was successfully held in Kyiv on 15-18th September 2014. The aim of the Summer School was to provide a comprehensive hands-on training on project development and management in the frame of Horizon 2020. The Summer School focused on the following four scientific fields: ICT, Nanomaterials, Biotechnologies and Transport.

Thirty young Ukrainian researchers and project managers from various regions of Ukraine participated actively in the four-day-long program. The opening of the event was attended by the EC project officer of BILAT-UKR*AINA, Mr Thierry Devars, who provided a general overview of Horizon2020. Following this, the program of the initial day included introductory lectures on the thematic work programmes of Horizon 2020 delivered by National Contact Points from Ukraine and senior project managers from EU countries. From Day 2 a hands-on training on proposal writing and project management was provided by project partners (ZSI, CNRS, NIP and PAN) and invited experts from EU. On the final day, participants presented their project proposal elaborated during the event with active discussion and mutual evaluation. Overall, participants were very positive, interactive and cooperative during the Summer School. As a follow-up, participants will have the chance to attend special online Questions and Answer sessions concerning the topics of the Summer School. The first online session is planned to be held about the possibilities provided by Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions in November 2014.

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FAIR project in frame of "Science Night in Kharkiv"

27 September 2014 in Kharkiv Karazin University in frame of traditional "Science Night in Kharkiv" several scientific sessions concerning FAIR project took place. Facility for Antiproton and Ion Research was one of the participants. The event was supported by GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft fuer Internationale Zusammenarbeit GmbH) and Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

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“Nanotwinning” Project Conference

2nd International Scientific Conference "Nanotechnology and Nanomaterials» (NANO-2014) was held on 27-30 August 2014 in Lviv, at the Assembly hall of Lviv`s National University of Ivan Franko in the framework of the "Nanotwinning" project implemented under the EU Seventh Framework Programme. The main thematic areas of the Conference were: microscopy nano-objects, nanocomposites and nanomaterials, nanostructured surfaces nanooptics and nanophotonics, nanoplasmonics and surface enhanced spectroscopy, nanobiotechnology and nanochemtechnology.

Scientists from universities and research institutes of 20 countries (Estonia, Italy, France, Turkey, Poland, Ukraine, etc.) shared their knowledge and achievements in fields of nanoscience and nanotechnology and discussed possibilities for Ukrainian scientists to participate in Horizon 2020.

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OPEN CALLS

Horizon 2020 - calls

Open Calls: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/h2020/index.html>

Please check relevant Work Programmes for forthcoming 2015 Calls. Numerous 2015 Calls are already open at Participant Portal.

Participation rules: <http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/funding/index.html>

HORIZON 2020 Calls deadlines in September-November 2014

Below you can find information about calls closing in September-November 2014

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Capitalising the full potential of on-line collaboration for SME. Deadline: 2015-03-10, Stage 2: 2015-08-12

Proposals should address one or more of the following aspects:

- develop and test new service designs for 'assistance to online collaboration for innovation' for SMEs in diverse sectors;
- make new services accessible for enterprises in sectors that are typically not yet benefitting from innovation support;
- develop and test a qualification profile, curriculum and training courses for staff currently providing brokerage services in established networks or SME agencies.

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