PROJECT FINAL REPORT

Grant Agreement number: 212226

Project acronym: INCONET EECA

Project title: S&T International Cooperation Network for Eastern European and Central Asian Countries

Funding Scheme: Coordination and Support Action

Period covered: from 01/01/2008 to 30/06/2012

Name, title and organisation of the scientific representative of the project's coordinator:

Dr. George Bonas, S&T Advisor, ICBSS

Tel: +30 210 32 42 321

Fax: +30 210 32 42 244

E-mail: gbonas@eie.gr

Project website address: www.inco-eeca.net

Table of Contents

1. Executive summary 3

2. Project context and objectives 4

3. Main S&T project results 5

4. Potential Impact 15

5. The main dissemination activities and exploitation of results 18

Annex I: List of dissemination project activities

Annex II: List of scientific (peer reviewed) publications

Section 1: Executive Summary

The IncoNet EECA project (S&T International Cooperation Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asian countries) was dedicated to the strengthening of the bi-regional S&T cooperation between the EU MS/AC and the countries at the eastern border of the Union. The cooperation between the two regions is of particular importance from a political, economic and social development perspective and Science and Technology is a privileged field for joint actions due to the scientific ties that already exist and to the significant S&T potential in the region.

The IncoNet EECA project, in compliance with the prerequisites of the FP7 call, targeted the whole EECA region despite – on the one hand - the undeniable differences among the countries in terms of size and potential but also in terms of specific cooperation statutes that existed with some countries (e.g. with Russia and Ukraine) and, on the other hand, of the important developments that occurred during its implementation such as the development of the EU's Eastern Partnership policy or the Association of Moldova to FP7.

The project has been implemented by 23 institutions from 21 countries, which successfully accommodated the occurring developments and existing differences, encouraging mutual learning, taking advantage of complementarities and developing synergies for the implementation of its main objectives that were centred on two main axes:

- **The support to the bi-regional Policy Dialogue** among the EU MS/AC and the EECA countries, aiming in particular at the identification of priorities for joint action, based on **analytical evidence** that has been developed to feed the Policy Dialogue, and resulting in the **preparation of a White Paper on the EU-EECA S&T cooperation** which identifies challenges and proposes recommendations that will strengthen the cooperation of the EECA countries with the EU enhancing also their own S&T potential.
- **The strengthening of the participation of researchers from the EECA region in FP7** through the implementation of a comprehensive set of actions such as capacity building, information dissemination and networking.

The project devoted specific attention to **Dissemination** activities supporting, among others, the setting-up of the **Central Information Office** for the EU-EECA cooperation and a dedicated **Portal**, which will last beyond the end of the project keeping accessible the considerable material produced by the project.

The project mobilized a very large number of stakeholders in EU and EECA (policy makers, the academic community and the private sector), thus paving the way for future joint actions based on the recommendations of the White Paper, on the current broader policy developments and instruments, as well as in the context of the forthcoming H2020 EU's Framework Programme.

Section 2: Project context and objectives

The countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) are of utmost importance for the political, economic and social development of the European Union, since among other assets they possess significant potential both in terms of the strong academic community and of high quality S&T institutes in a variety of scientific disciplines. Therefore, in order to make optimum use of each others scientific strengths there is a strong bi-regional interest in enhancing S&T cooperation.

The IncoNet EECA project, in compliance with the prerequisites of the FP7 Call, addressed the whole EECA region, despite the undeniable differences among the countries in terms of size and potential but also in terms of specific cooperation statutes that exist with some countries (e.g. the Four Common Spaces with Russia, the Partnership and Cooperation Agreement with Ukraine, etc.). Moreover, during the implementation of the project, important developments occurred in the relations or policies of the EU with certain countries in the region, such as the development of a new EU policy, the Eastern Partnership, towards a sub-group of countries in the EECA region, the Association of one country, Moldova, to FP7, etc.

Despite these significant evolutions and the considerable differences among the target countries, the project managed to adapt its actions and successfully address its objectives that were centered on two main axes:

- **The support to the bi-regional Policy Dialogue** among the EU MS/AC and the EECA countries, aiming in particular at the identification of priorities for joint action, and based on **analytical evidence** (i.e. a series of studies) to feed the Policy Dialogue. These activities resulted in the **preparation of a White Paper** on EU-EECA S&T cooperation, which identifies challenges and proposes recommendations that will strengthen the cooperation of the EECA countries with the EU enhancing also their own S&T potential, in a flexible way and on a variable geometry basis, in the context of the latest policy developments.
- **The strengthening of the participation of researchers from the EECA region in FP7** through the implementation of a comprehensive set of actions such as capacity building, information dissemination and networking.

In parallel, the project devoted specific attention to **Dissemination** activities supporting, among others, the setting-up of the **Central Information Office** for the EU-EECA cooperation and a dedicated **Portal**, which will last beyond the end of the project keeping accessible the considerable material produced by the project.

Section 3: Main S&T results of the project

3.1. Bi-regional S&T Policy Dialogue, Recommendations and White Paper

Among the main achievements of the project in_support of the EU-EECA bi-regional policy dialogue and priority setting in Science and Technology, the following can be mentioned:

- The preparation of the **White Paper** on "Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus":

The White Paper constitutes a key deliverable of the IncoNet EECA project, providing an overview of the S&T landscape in EU and in EECA and identifying a series of Challenges and Recommendations for enhancing the EU-EECA STI cooperation. It addresses the following major factors affecting the S&T performance and cooperation:

- Adjusting and implementing policy strategies;
- Strengthening Research conducting institutions;
- Strengthening of Human resources;
- Strengthening the role of the Private Sector;
- Strengthening the sub-Regional cooperation.

In addition, the White Paper proposes a short-term implementation scenario to a variety of stakeholders, and includes a qualitative impact assessment of every Recommendation. The White Paper is based on a broad methodological approach including analytical desk research, missions to the countries, input from the Policy Stakeholder Conferences, mutual learning exercises, expert meetings, etc.
The White Paper has been presented in one of the Policy Stakeholder Conferences organized in the context of the project (see below) and has been consolidated through an open consultation process.

The White Paper is available for download at: http://www.increast.eu/ and http://www.inco-eeca.net/. Printed copies of the White Paper are also available upon request. For a copy please contact the *Central Information Office* for the EU-EECA cooperation at:

International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the Project Management Agency c/o German Aerospace Center (DLR):

Heinrich-Konen-Str. 1
D-53227 Bonn, Germany
Mrs. Maria Josten: maria.josten@dlr.de
Ms. Stephanie Franke: stephanie.franke@dlr.de

- The organisation of a series of **four Policy Stakeholders Conferences** (PSC) bringing together policy makers and representatives of the science communities, of the private sector and of the civil society, in order to increase the mutual understanding and to develop joint scenarios for enhanced cooperation between EU-Member States, Associated Countries and the countries in the EECA region. Each PSC focused on a specific topic and resulted in written conclusions.

i) the PSC in Athens/GR (June 2009) "*EU-EECA S&T cooperation: The way forward*" with particular emphasis on Science, Technological Development and Innovation Policy; EU-EECA Policy Dialogue formats; barriers and obstacles that exist in the cooperation; the instruments and good practices and their optimum use.

ii) the PSC in Moscow/RU (April 2010) "*Best practises in Science, Technology and Innovation Policies*" which aimed at the identification of challenges in science, technology and innovation (STI) policy; at the presentation and discussion of the contribution of the scientific communities in EU Member States, Associated Countries and EECA countries to the development of STI policy; and at the analysis of the EU-EECA S&T cooperation framework outlining also the way forward.

iii) the PSC in Warsaw/PL (November 2011) *"EU-EECA Cooperation in Research and Innovation: The way towards 2020"*, in the framework of the Polish Presidency of the Council of the European Union, dedicated to the identification of the most pertinent goals and means for an enhanced EU-EECA cooperation, building on the results of the *"White Paper on Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and South Caucasus in Science, Research, and Innovation"*, which was presented and discussed at that Conference.

iv) the PSC in Kiev/UA (April 2012) *"EU-EECA cooperation in the innovation sector: Bi-regional responses to major societal and economic challenges"*, focusing on the improvement of understanding of the perceptions, roles and success factors of innovation policies and systems in EECA and EU countries at national level, as well as on the development of scenarios for enhancing joint EU-EECA innovation activities for transferring research outputs into technologies, services and goods. In addition, the role of social innovation as a response to common global and societal challenges was addressed.

The Conclusions of the respective Policy Stakeholders' Conferences have been published and are available for download at the EU-EECA S&T info web portal incrEAST run by the project http://www.increast.eu/ and at the project's website http://www.inco-eeca.net/.

- Implementation of a **Policy Mix Review Exercise** of the National STI systems and of a **Benchmarking Exercise of Research Institutions** in the EECA countries:

As a follow-up of a Policy Stakeholders' Conference that took place in Astana/KZ (May 2011), on "*Evaluation approaches in S&T policy making: sharing good practices*" (in the framework of the *IncoNet CASC* project), and due to the strong interest expressed by several EECA countries, **a pilot policy mix review exercise of the national STI systems, as well as a pilot benchmarking exercise of research institutions** were implemented under the *IncoNet EECA* project. These two exercises constituted additional activities for the

project during its last year of implementation, financed through savings from other activities. They constitute a concrete follow-up of the policy dialogue taking place in the Policy Stakeholders' Conferences. At the same time, these exercises can also be considered as policy dialogue activities themselves since they involve high-level experts from both regions and they result to recommendations towards stronger S&T systems and enhanced cooperation with EU.

i) **The policy mix review exercise** was conducted in two countries, Moldova and Kazakhstan, as a systematic examination and assessment of the national STI systems by international experts, aiming at improving the design and the implementation of the national S&T policy. The exercise encouraged a mutual learning process based on a 'critical friends' approach, and provided the countries with valuable recommendations for the improvement of their national S&T systems. In addition, the exercise created stronger links between the involved EU experts and the local authorities at the highest level, paving the way for stronger cooperation and support for the implementation of the recommendations that have been formulated.

ii) **The benchmarking exercise** involved four institutes in the field of Nanosciences/Nanotechnology from four different countries (Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria and Kazakhstan) and was designed to examine and assess the performance of research institutions by a team of international experts. Its aim was to identify strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats at different levels such as management, organisation, scientific standards, etc. in order to improve the performance of the institutes, to highlight the specific strengths of the research institutions for their better promotion in the European Research Area, and to establish relations and networks for future collaborative research.

3.2 Studies, analyses and reviews

In order to feed the bi-regional policy dialogue, a number of analyses and studies have been implemented, addressing key factors influencing the scientific cooperation between the EU and the EECA countries. More specifically they focused on the following:

-Coordination with other EU policies and instruments;
-Improvement of the STI Indicators;
-Mapping of the key research institutes in the EECA region;
-EU-EECA S&T Cooperation patters;
-National policies towards global challenges.

All the studies conducted in the frame of the project are available on the project website at the following address: http://www.inco-eeca.net/en/119.php.

Coordination with other EU policies and instruments

The project focused in particular on the ENP/ENPI, Four Common Spaces, DCI, CIP and LLL. The following reports for each one of the aforementioned policies and instruments have been prepared:

Analytical Paper on S&T as part of ENPI/Four Common Spaces :

The report evaluates the importance of S&T in the ENPI for EECA and the Four Common Spaces (4 CS) framework with Russia through the assessment of existing instruments and mechanisms of the ENP as well as the implementation of its programmes. Special attention was paid to the identification of mechanisms for the implementation of the S&T EU policy. In addition, the report identified the key actors and responsible administrative agencies, as well it determined the role of S&T in the ENPI/4CS.

The Analytical Paper is available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/D2.1_final.doc
The Analytical Paper has also been published as an ICBSS Policy Brief: http://icbss.org/media/893_original.pdf

Recommendations on S&T and DCI for decision makers:

The paper puts forward a number of key recommendations both to EU and to EECA national stakeholders and offers modalities and reasoning for stronger focusing on the science and technology activities in the DCI. The recommendations are based on the analysis of the programmatic framework of DCI and on the results of a Regional Workshop "S&T systems in Central Asia for economic development, growth and prosperity and the synergies with the European Union Development Cooperation Instrument (DCI)";

The recommendations are available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/D2_9_Recommendations_ST_DCI_decision_makers_(1).pdf).

Monitoring Reports on S&T and DCI:

The reports summarize the activities performed within the DCI projects and show the relevance of the RTDI activities under the instrument. The monitoring reports could serve as a useful tool for further priority setting in the DCI.

The Monitoring Reports are available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/D2_11_Monitoring_report_on_ST_and_DCIv06.pdf)

Analytical paper on "Better use and contributions from CIP to S&T cooperation"

The paper presents the Competitiveness and Innovation Framework Programme (CIP) in the perspective of its use for the EECA countries, taking as well into account the context of the S&T Policy. In the paper the Framework Programme, its particular parts, actions, measures as well as synergies with other EC financial sources, are presented.

Recommendations for decision makers regarding the synergies between S&T cooperation and CIP

The recommendations target the EU Stakeholders (the European Commission and European parliament) with recommendations regarding the current CIP actions, joining procedures for the EECA countries to the CIP, on the future perspective of the Framework Programme. In addition, it contains a set of recommendations for representatives of EECA countries on selected CIP initiatives.

The Analytical Paper and the Recommendations on CIP are available for download: http://www.inco-eeca.net/en/119.php

Analytical paper on the "Use of LLL to S&T cooperation with recommendations on S&T and LLL for decision makers":

The study is dedicated to the participation of the EECA countries in the Life Long Learning programme (LLP), Erasmus Mundus and Tempus with regards to academic institution building, human potential development and joint training activities. The paper includes recommendations tailored to the EC stakeholders, EECA stakeholders and to the EECA Higher Education Institutions.

The report is available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/IncoNet_EECA_Deliverable_2-12_FINAL.pdf.
This analytical paper has been published as an ICBSS Xenophon Paper: http://icbss.org/media/889_original.pdf

Studies addressing the improvement of the STI Indicators in the EECA countries

Two main studies were prepared with the aim to assess the current status and needs of the STI statistics in the EECA countries and to present recommendations for improving, as well as contributing to the development of a standardized set of STI indicators.

Assessment Report on the current status of S&T statistics in EECA
The report focuses on the compatibility/incompliance of existing national S&T statistical practices with international standards and gives recommendations on improving the national systems of S&T statistics in EECA countries as well as ways of adapting it to the international statistical standards.
The Assessment Report is available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/IncoNet_EECA_D5-1-v051.pdf

The **Generic Draft Proposal "Improvement of S&T Statistics in the EECA"** is a 'generic' project proposal aiming at upgrading and strengthening the statistical systems, in particular the National Statistical Institutes (NSI) in the target countries, thereby improving the availability, quality, comparability and timeliness of statistical S&T and innovation data. It could be used as a model for the submission of precise proposals to national or international funding bodies.
The Draft Proposal is available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/IncoNet_EECA_D5-3.pdf

Mapping of key research institutes

With the general aim to assist the formation of partnerships between EECA countries and EU MS and AC, a common methodology for the identification of key research institutes in the EECA has been developed (criteria, procedures, scope of data to be collected, etc). As a result an **Inventory of National Key Research Institutions in EECA countries** was conducted compiling potential partners for international cooperation for European organizations in the FP7 and following framework programmes.

The **Inventory of National Key Research Institutions in EECA countries** is available online http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/Del_5_6_Inventory_EU-EECA_Cooperation_Patterns_final.pdf.

In addition, and based on the aforementioned inventory, a database of more than 1 900 key research institutes in the EECA countries, fulfilling the specific performance criteria was developed. The database is fully functional including also search capabilities and is available at: http://www.increast.eu/en/523.php.

Analyses and reviews of STI Cooperation Patterns

In order to obtain an overview of the ongoing EU-EECA activities a methodology for analysis and review of multilateral and bilateral programmes between EU MS, AC and EECA countries has been developed. The collected information and the analytical outputs are included in the **"Inventory of EU-EECA S&T cooperation patterns":** which is available online:http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/Del_5_6_Inventory_EU-EECA_Cooperation_Patterns_final.pdf .

In addition, monitoring reviews on the EECA participation in FP7 have been prepared annually starting from 2008. The four monitoring reports are available online: http://www.inco-eeca.net/en/119.php.

Analysis of national policies towards global challenges

This activity was part of the project from the beginning, i.e. before the announcement of H2020 that devotes a particular attention to Societal Challenges. The implementation of this work has been initiated by a study on Global Warming and has been complemented by a report on "Opportunities for joint EU-EECA policy approaches addressing societal challenges at the example of climate change, health, energy" based on the conclusions of an Expert workshop. More precisely:

Report on National Activities towards Global Issues, Trends and Impacts (Global Warming)
This report provides an analysis of collected data about RTD programmes and initiatives to tackle the problem of global warming and Climate Change in the (EECA) countries.
The report is available at the project website: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/Del_5.8_Global_Warming_in_EECA_final.pdf

The report "Opportunities for joint EU-EECA policy approaches addressing societal challenges at the example of climate change, health, energy"
This document is the outcome of a workshop (Bucharest, June 2012) among relevant stakeholders in the region on the common policy objectives, joint priorities and future activities that could be addressed in the frame of the EU-EECA STI cooperation. The choice of the thematics to address was the result of prior consultation among stakeholders for the identification of the most pertinent Challenges for the region. The report includes orientations and sub-topics of particular interest on each Challenge, as well as cross-cutting issues.
The report is available online at: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/Del_1_8_b_Conclusions_Ws_Gl_Ch_final.pdf.

As a follow-up activity, the forthcoming Policy Stakeholders' Conference to be organised under the ongoing IncoNet CASC project (Tbilisi, November 2012) will build on the outcome of the Workshop on Societal Challenges (Bucharest, June 2012). This major event will focus on "EU-SC/CA Science, Technology and Innovation cooperation in addressing Societal Challenges: priorities, modalities and synergies between policies and

instruments".

3.3. Strengthening the participation of researchers from EECA countries in FP7

Among the main achievements regarding the strengthening of the participation of researchers from EECA in FP7 were:

-The **organisation of Thematic Workshops** aiming at the identification of pertinent research topics for the EU-EECA Cooperation in the FP7 Themes. A total of six such workshops have been held, following a standard predefined methodology, on thematic priorities identified in consultation with the Thematic Directorates, the Coordinators of other INCONET projects and representatives of the INCO Programme. The following Themes were addressed: '**Health'**, and more specifically 'Human Genomics and Related Issues; '**Transport'** with an emphasis on 'Sustainable Surface Transport'; 'Environment' with emphasis on 'Human Resources Management'; '**ICT**' and more specifically 'Nanoelectronics and Photonics'; '**Energy**' with an emphasis on 'Renewable electricity generation, Renewables for heating and cooling, and Smart Energy Networks'; and finally '**SSH**' with emphasis on 'Interactions between world regions, Conflicts, peace and human rights, and Europe's changing role in the world'.

The Conclusions of the thematic workshops are summarized at: http://www.inco-eeca.net/en/119.php.

- The organization of national/regional **Information Days** in the EECA countries, focusing on the following priorities/ programmes: Environment (incl. Climate Change), Energy, NMP and KBBE, People. A total of six such Information Days have been organized throughout the project duration which addressed the research communities in the following EECA countries: Belarus, Kazakhstan, Georgia, Russia, Ukraine and Uzbekistan. The Information Days gathered on average more than 80 participants from the target countries.

-The organization of **international Brokerage Events** addressing dedicated FP7 calls for proposals in collaborative research. In total, four such events gathering large audiences (on average 90 participants from EU and the EECA countries) have been organized in Armenia, Kazakhstan, Poland and Ukraine. The focus was on the following topics: Food, Agriculture, Fishery and Biotechnology (BE Astana), Materials (BE Warsaw), Environment including Climate Change (BE Yerevan) and Energy (BE Kiev).

As an outcome, stronger networks of experts from the target countries have been initiated and more EECA researchers had the opportunity to present their work and create partnerships and consortia.

It should be noted that it is difficult to directly correlate the implementation of these activites to successful preparation of proposals. Nevertheless, information exists on successful proposals that have been submitted following the BEs organized under the

IncoNet EECA, although the overall success rate remains low for reasons beyond the capabilities of the BEs and of the IncoNet project.

A detailed archive of the project events that targeted the increased participation of EECA countries in the FP7 can be found here: http://www.inco-eeca.net/en/129.php

Further, with the aim to increase the participation of researchers and host institutions from the EECA in the 'People' programme and, therefore, **to promote career development and mobility between the EU and EECA research communities**, several activities have been implemented.

In addition to the frequent presentations about the People programme to the local research communities by the project partners, an international workshop on "Barriers Hampering Mobility of Researchers between European Union and Eastern European and Central Asian Countries" was organized. The work resulted in the preparation of the "**Recommendations on how to increase brain circulation between the EU and the EECA".**

The document is available online at: http://www.inco-eeca.net/_media/Deliverable_3_12_v011.pdf. The recommendations as well as other mobility issues were continuously disseminated to the research communities in the EECA through the incrEAST portal, project Newsletters as well as through the Project Press Releases.

3.4. Supporting NCPs/NIPs in the EECA Countries

Well-trained and efficient National Contact Point Network in the target countries is an important success factor for the integration of the EECA scientific community into FP7. Therefore a significant number of capacity building activities have been implemented throughout the project lifetime.

In this sense, the project organized professional and tailored trainings with a duration of 10 days for about 130 EECA NCPs covering all relevant issues regarding specific knowledge on FP7 and NCP work (methodology, instruments, and techniques). In addition, the project allowed many NCPs from EECA to attend additional trainings, regular NCP meetings and major events in the EU and to establish sustainable contacts with their EU colleagues, the European Commission and scientific institutions interested in cooperation with EECA region. Some of those visits to EU-events led directly to the involvement of EECA actors in FP7 projects.

Furthermore, the analysis of NCP systems and the recommendations for improvement presented to the national authorities in the EECA region had an important impact on the development of NCP networks in the EECA region. However, in order to assess the impact of this activity, an in-depth analysis would be necessary which was not planned in the frame of this project.

3.5 Online Database

In order to increase the S&T cooperation between the EU and the EECA countries a database and other web-based services have been created:

-**A database of the key research institutions** which is available on the incrEAST web portal: http://www.increast.eu/en/1121.php. This database for the first time merged comprehensive information collected and assessed by experts from 5 EU-projects (IncoNet EECA, BILAT-RUS, BILAT-UKR, ERA.NET RUS und BS ERA-Net). It can be browsed by country, research area and/or type of organization to obtain optimum results;

Furthermore, numerous useful databases have been developed in the frame of EU cooperation projects with Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus. Some are topic-related, others provide information about experts, important research organisations or funding opportunities. The incrEAST web portal gathered in a list those databases that are accessible to the large public. The list can be access at: http://www.increast.eu/en/1123.php.

Furthermore, the web portal offers **a partner search tool** for those who want to participate in an international research project and are in search of a partner: http://www.st-gateukr.eu/en/577.php

Section 4: Potential impact

The impact of the project can be assessed at two levels: the policy making level and the operational level, which addressed more directly the scientific community in the EECA countries.

At the policy-making level

In order to pave the way towards a stronger EU-EECA S&T cooperation, the *IncoNet EECA* project in cooperation with the European Commission and the local authorities organized **a series of Policy Stakeholders' Conferences**. These Conferences brought together policy makers and representatives of the scientific community that discussed key parameters affecting the EU-EECA cooperation proposing priorities for action for further consideration and take-up.

A considerable positive impact has been recorded from the implementation of the PSCs since:

- They offered a flexible format for the STI policy dialogue between the EU and the EECA and provided a platform for the identification of common needs to be jointly addressed and for sharing information on policy objectives and good practise examples, paving the way for an enhanced cooperation;

- The participation of high-level policy makers was acknowledged at several such events such as Vice-Ministers in charge of Science and Technology from the target countries, Members of the Parliament Commissions responsible for STI, the SFIC Chair, etc. The presence of high-level stakeholders reflects the interest for these events in the target countries, especially with regards to an increased EU-EECA cooperation in addressing needs of the national STI systems and a stronger participation in FP7.

  In addition, the organisation of one of the Conferences under the Patronage of the Polish Presidency of the EU Council brought significant visibility to the project's activities and in particular to one of its key achievements, the White Paper on the EU-EECA Cooperation.

  Last, but not least, the Conferences have contributed to the further development and strengthening of the networks among policy makers and other stakeholders in EU and EECA.

Three other outcomes and activities of the project had a specific impact at the policy-making level, not only during their implementation but also through the perspectives they open:

- The White Paper which proposes a series of recommendations that will enhance the EU-EECA cooperation as well as a short-term implementation scenario addressed to a

variety of relevant stakeholders. The White Paper provide a solid basis for a series of activities to be implemented on a variable geometry basis and in the context of the most recent policies and instruments (e.g. the Eastern Partnership, ENPI, etc.) that will positively impact on the strength of the S&T systems in the EECA countries and on the cooperation with the EU.

- The Policy Mix Review Exercise implemented in Moldova and Kazakhstan resulted in two confidential country reports which provided the highest policy-making level in the countries with valuable recommendations for the improvement of their national RTDI systems. Moreover, the exercise as a whole lead to the creation of stronger links between the involved EU institutions and experts and the local authorities in the EECA countries at the highest level, paving the way for stronger cooperation and support for the implementation of the recommendations that have been formulated.

It is also worth mentioning that the interest for the implementation of such exercises was formally expressed by other EECA countries, in particular by Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Kyrgyzstan. Due to time and ressources constraints, the IncoNet EECA project was able to implement the exercise only in Moldova and Kazakhstan but given the interest of the other countries, similar exercises should be implemented in the near future.

- Similarly, the Benchmarking exercise had a notable impact in the participating countries (Armenia, Belarus, Bulgaria and Kazakhstan) and beyond, since it provided valuable recommendations on how to improve the performance of the institutes, it highlighted the advantages of such exercises and it opened the way for a closer EU-EECA cooperation either in the implementation of such exercises or in the implementation of the recommendations resulting from it.

Operational level

In addition to the aforementioned activities and impact at the policy-making level, within the IncoNet EECA project, several activities addressed directly the scientific communities in the EU and EECA countries since they are the key players for an enhanced S&T cooperation in FP7 and beyond.

In this context, the increased participation in FP7 was a challenge that the IncoNet EECA addressed at policy level as mentioned earlier, but also through specific horizontal and thematic activities that had a direct impact on the scientific communities.

Among the **horizontal and thematic activities** with a significant impact the following should be mentioned:

- The **activities to support to the NCP/NIP structures in the EECA countries**, such as trainings and mentoring as well as the linking with similar EU structures contributed to the capacity building and ensured a higher sustainability of their activities. More specifically these actions had a significant impact in the increasing of the number of FP7 project proposals submitted;

- The set-up of the **Central Information Office** and the creation of the network of regional correspondents from the target countries, as well as of a flow on information and dissemination;

-The **Thematic Workshops** (for the identification of topics for potential Specific International Coooperation Actions - SICAs), as well as other activities such as **Information Days, Brokerage events**, etc. aiming at an increased participation in the 'core' activities of FP7 (i.e. in the 'Cooperation' Programme but also in the 'People', 'Ideas' and 'SMEs' programmes) had a direct impact on the scientific communities: they increased their knowledge on FP7, they allowed them to contribute to priority setting and they provided them the opportunity to form partnerships for cooperation in FP7 projects and beyond.

Summing up, **the strategic impact** of the project could be summarized as follows:

- It ensured a Policy Dialogue among stakeholders, in a flexible format, focussing on topics of mutual interest and resulting to recommendations.
- It allowed the preparation of the White Paper on the EU-EECA S&T cooperation, which integrates in a comprehensive way the results of the policy dialogue and desk research, paving the way for future actions that will strengthen the bi-regional cooperation.
- It successfully implemented Policy Mix Reviews in two countries and a Benchmarking exercise in four countries, paving the way for closer EU-EECA cooperation in extending such activities to other countries in the region and/or in jointly implementing their resulting recommendations.
- It supported a comprehensive set of activities (InfoDays, training of NCPs, etc.) that enlarged the awareness about FP7 (and H2020) and eventually the participation of the scientific community of the EECA countries in projects.
- Last but not least, it initiated the reflection on a more efficient use of other EU instruments (e.g. ENPI, DCI), as well as on joint EU-EECA activities in addressing Societal Challenges, thereby paving the way for a closer cooperation in that field in the context of H2020.

Section 5: The main dissemination activities and exploitation of results

The IncoNet EECA consortium, which included 23 institutions from 21 different countries, was by itself a permanent mechanism for the dissemination of the activities and knowledge that arose from the project. In parallel to that, a comprehensive set of specific activities addressing the dissemination and exploitation of the results had been designed from the beginning and implemented throughout the duration of the project.

Central Information Office

In particular, the project established a Central Information Office (CIO) which interacted closely with regional correspondents in Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine, the South Caucasus and Central Asian countries with the scope to gather information on all activities related to STI in the region, on joint activities of EU/MS and EECA and on any STI developments at EU level targeting the region.

At the start of the closely related *IncoNet CASC* project, the network was enlarged with regional correspondents from Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan. In addition to the network of regional correspondents and partners in the two IncoNet projects, throughout the duration of the project a large number of policy makers, EC officials, experts in STI international cooperation and researchers from a broad spectrum of scientific disciplines could be mobilized.

Target groups

The dissemination of information took place at various levels and involved different target groups, including:

-A broad group of policy makers from the Ministries responsible for Research in the EU MS (+AC) and EECA countries through their involvement in the Policy Stakeholders' Conferences, but also policy makers from other Ministries that are stakeholders in relevant EU policies addressed in the project (i.e. Ministries in charge of the ENPI). Moreover, policy makers have been involved in the consultation process for the finalisation of the White Paper, while in the case of the Policy Mix Peer Review exercise in Moldova and Kazakhstan they have been actively involved in and supported the implementation of the exercises. A presentation of the results of the Policy Mix Peer Review exercise to the national authorities in Moldova was already organised, while a similar event is planned in Kazakhstan with the support of high level policy makers.

- The EC officials from different Thematic Priorities and Programmes ('People', 'Ideas', 'SMEs') of DG Research, in addition to the Inco Directorate, but also EC officials from other DGs in charge of the other EU policies.

-A large number of active scientists from EECA and EU countries that attended the PSCs, the Thematic Workshops, the Brokerage events and the Information Days.

Dissemination activities

The aforementioned spread of information was complemented by dedicated dissemination activities coordinated by the Project Central Information Office (e.g. the Newsletter addressed to a broad audience), but also by the dissemination activities implemented by the members of the network of regional correspondents.

The incrEAST Web Portal and the IncoNet EECA Project Website

A major tool in the dissemination of information was the establishment of the Web Portal incrEAST (http://www.increast.eu/) to serve as a single point of access to information on S&T-related activities in EECA, to joint EU-EECA activities and to S&T-related developments at European level targeting EECA. A Russian version of the Web Portal was also implemented which further increased of the number of visitors. The Web portal has become a trusted source of information for many experts interested in the region. The number of visitors has been continuously increasing, from an average visit of 2.000-3.000 visitors/ month in 2009, to up to 8.000-8.500 visitors/month in 2012.

Additionally, an incrEAST newsletter has been published quarterly.

In parallel, the Project Website (http://www.inco-eeca.net/) has been continuously updated providing information on all activities carried out in the IncoNet EECA and was linked to the web portal in order to avoid redundancies.

Dedicated EECA Sessions at major scientific events

In addition to the dissemination activities conducted during events of the project with large audiences such as the Policy Stakeholders' Conferences organised under the *IncoNet EECA* (Athens, Moscow, Warsaw, Kiev) but also under *IncoNet CA/SC* (Astana), it is worth mentioning that dedicated EECA sessions were organised in four major European scientific events. The scope was to highlight the latest developments of the EU-EECA STI cooperation, as well as to increase the visibility of the *IncoNet EECA* and *IncoNet CA/SC* activities. More specifically:

-At the ESOF (EuroScience Open Forum) in Turin (July 2010) the project stand offered information about the ongoing activities of the project and especially presented incrEAST as the comprehensive S&T web portal for Eastern European and Central Asian Countries. More than 100 visitors used the opportunity for face-to-face talks at the information stand and to deepen their knowledge about the region. The EU-Project IncoNet with the Western Balkan countries (wbc-inco.net) organised a session within the official exhibitors programme and invited *IncoNet EECA* to present the objectives of the bi-regional collaboration with Eastern Europe and Central Asia, the content of the IncoNet EECA project and the web portal incrEAST.

-At the ICT 2010 in Brussels (September 2010) the *IncoNet EECA* and *IncoNet CA/SC* joined forces with four other EECA related projects to promote the research competence

of the EECA and South Caucasus regions at ICT 2010 "Digitally Driven". This exhibition and conference continued a series of events organised by the European Commission that have become a gathering point for researchers, business people, investors, and high level policy makers in the field of digital innovation.

-At the "17th Energy and Environment Exhibition" ICCI in Istanbul (June 2011) the specific EECA session organized by the project allowed for presentations from seven researchers from Moldova, Belarus, Russia and Uzbekistan. The session provided a platform for the researchers from the EECA region to introduce their work and discuss energy and environment relevant issues. The papers presented at the Session were published in the ICCI 2011 Proceedings Book.

-At the BIOTECHNICA in Hanover (October 2011) the EECA session hosted seven experts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan presenting the current state of biotechnology in their countries and highlighting opportunities and challenges for international cooperation. In addition an expert from Romania presented EU-EECA cooperation from the European point of view. Moreover the networking with the project *IncoNet CA/SC* was described and explained comprehensively.

The experts from EECA also used the opportunity to get in touch with European biotech providers and organisations. Some promising contacts were established aiming at concrete common activities in the near future. The project was also present with an information booth, where visitors had the chance to meet the EECA experts and learn more about the region, the project and its activities.

A complete list of the dissemination activities conducted under the *IncoNet EECA* project is attached as Annex I – List of dissemination activites in the IncoNet EECA project.

Additionally, a list of the scientific (peer reviewed) publications related to the foreground of the project is also available as Annex II.

Future dissemination activities

With regards to the future dissemination measures, the Central Information Office in close cooperation with the Project Coordinator and all involved project partners has developed a strategy for the dissemination of the project results and publications among the EU and EECA scientific community that will continue after the project's termination.

The overall objectives of the dissemination strategy are:

- to reach as large an audience as possible ("economies of scale"), covering all the 27 EU Member States and Associated Countries, and
- to provide the target beneficiaries with information on research and innovation development in the target region EECA;
- to enhance the bilateral and multilateral cooperation between the EU and EECA countries; and
- to contribute to sustainable STI activities in the partner countries.

The aim is to create/continue a strong visual identity for the both *IncoNet EECA* and *CASC* projects and above all of their outcomes. Furthermore, the strategy aims to provide the target beneficiaries with thematic and horizontal information through transnational networks.

A set of print materials which will be used in the continued dissemination activities includes: the White Paper, the brochures of the Conclusions of the Policy Stakeholders Conferences, the Methodology of the Policy Mix Review Exercise and of the Benchmarking Exercise, the Analytical Paper on the Use of Life Long Learning Programme to S&T cooperation with recommendations on S&T and LLL for decision makers, and the leaflet with the *IncoNet EECA* project achievements.

The above mentioned documents have been chosen as they have strategic importance for the target stakeholders. Printed versions will be distributed to the entire network regional correspondent so that they continue the dissemination of material after the project closure as well. In particular, dissemination activities will continue through the forthcoming *IncoNet CASC* events such as the high visibility Policy Stakeholder Conference planned in Tbilisi in November 2012, with a focus on the "EU-SC/CA STI cooperation in addressing Societal Challenges: Priorities, modalities and synergies of policies and instruments".

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT

NO.	Type of activities[1]	Main leader	Title	Date	Place[3]	Type of audience[2]	Size of audience	Countries addressed
print publications								
1a	strategy paper	DLR, ICBSS, ZSI	White Paper on Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and South Caucasus in Science, Research, and Innovation (draft version, November 2011)	November 2011	Draft: Bonn, + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	Draft: 150 print copies mostly disseminated among participants at PSC in Warsaw; 20 distributed to Ukrainian public authorities & scientific community by NIP Ukraine. (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
1b	strategy paper	DLR, ICBSS, ZSI	White Paper on Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and South Caucasus in Science, Research, and Innovation	April 2012	Final: Athens, + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	Final:2,000 print copies total (also published online)	EU and EECA countries

[1] publications, conferences, workshops, web, press releases, flyers, articles published in the popular press, videos, media briefings, presentations, exhibitions, thesis, interviews, films, TV clips, posters, other.

[2] Scientific Community (higher education, research), Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Media ('multiple choices' is possible.)

[3] place for print publications given as 'printed in', for dissemination of print materials please also refer to 'conferences, workshops, trainings and other events'

[4] exemplary to illustrate the scope of activities, listings do not cover the entire set of dissemination activities in this field!

5 while DLR was task leader for online dissemination activities, the role of the Regional Correspondents and other partners in this field cannot be valued highly enough.

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			(final version April 2012)					
2	info brochure on policy dialogue results	ICBSS	Conclusions of the 5th EU-EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference 'EECA cooperation in the innovation sector: Bi-regional responses to major societal and economic challenges', Kyiv 2012	27.06.2012	Athens, + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	1,000 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
3	Leaflet: project achievements	ICBSS	Leaflet summarizing the main results of the IncoNet EECA	June 2012	Athens + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	1000 print copies plus online availability	EU and EECA countries
4	info brochure on policy dialogue results	DLR	Conclusions of the 4th EU-EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference 'EU-EECA Cooperation in Research and Innovation: The way towards 2020', Warsaw 2011	19.01.2012	Athens + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	300 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
5	info brochure on policy dialogue results	DLR	Conclusions of the 3rd EU-EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference ' Evaluation approaches in S&T policy making: sharing good practices', Astana 2011	28.10.2011	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	500 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
6	info brochure on policy dialogue results	DLR, HSE	Conclusions of the 2nd EU-EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference ' 'Best Practices	10.03.2011	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil	300 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			in Science, Technology and Innovation Policies', Moscow 2010			Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media		
7	info brochure on policy dialogue results	DLR	Conclusions of the 1st EU-EECA Policy Stakeholders' Conference 'EU-EECA S&T cooperation: the way forward', Athens 2009	27.01.2012	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	500 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
8	Info flyer/ poster	DLR	FP7 National Contact Points in Eastern Europe, Central Asia and South Caucasus	04.11.2011	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	2,000 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
9	info brochure on EU-EECA S&T cooperation projects	DLR	'Projects of the Month' featured on the web portal incrEAST 2010-2011	31.08.2011	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	800 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
10	info brochure on EU-EECA S&T cooperation projects	DLR	'Projects of the Month' featured on the web portal incrEAST 2008-2010	29.06.2010	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	1,000 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
11	roll-up (poster)	DLR	incrEAST web portal info roll-up for use at events	01.05.2009	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	1 roll-up (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
12	info flyer	DLR	Key Research Institutions	01.09.2009	Bonn,	Scientific	2,000 print	EU and EECA

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			Database info flyer		+online	Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers	copies (also published online)	countries
13	info flyer	DLR	incrEAST web portal info flyer	01.10.2008	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	2,000 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
14	business card	DLR	incrEAST web portal business card	01.10.2008	Bonn, +online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	2,000 print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
15	info flyer	ICBSS	IncoNet EECA project flyer	10.04.2008	Athens + online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	1,000n.a. print copies (also published online)	EU and EECA countries
e-publications[5]								
16	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 16	31.05.2012	online	subscribers	> 330	EU and EECA countries
17	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 15	29.02.2012	online	subscribers	> 325	EU and EECA countries
18	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 14	30.11.2011	online	subscribers	> 320	EU and EECA countries
19	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 13	31.08.2011	online	subscribers	> 310	EU and EECA countries
20	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 12	31.05.2011	online	subscribers	> 300	EU and EECA

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
								countries
21	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 11	28.02.2011	online	subscribers	> 290	EU and EECA countries
22	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 10	30.11.2010	online	subscribers	> 270	EU and EECA countries
23	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 09	31.08.2010	online	subscribers	> 250	EU and EECA countries
24	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 08	31.05.2010	online	subscribers	> 230	EU and EECA countries
25	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 07	28.02.2010	online	subscribers	> 200	EU and EECA countries
26	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 06	30.11.2009	online	subscribers	> 175	EU and EECA countries
27	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 05	31.08.2009	online	subscribers	> 160	EU and EECA countries
28	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 04	29.05.2009	online	subscribers	> 140	EU and EECA countries
29	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 03	27.02.2009	online	subscribers	> 125	EU and EECA countries
30	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 02	25.11.2008	online	subscribers	> 100	EU and EECA countries
31	e-newsletter	DLR	incrEAST Newsletter No 01	08.08.2008	online	subscribers	> 80	EU and EECA countries
32	press release	DLR	'incrEAST – one click to EU-EECA science cooperation'	25.02.2011	online	S&T Organisations, Agencies, Multipliers/Media	> 230	EU and EECA countries
33	press release	DLR	'A year of incrEAST: Happy Birthday!'	13.08.2009	online	S&T Organisations, Agencies, Multipliers/Media	ca. 200	EU and EECA countries
34	press release	DLR	'Establishing research relationships from Paris to	20.10.2008	online	S&T Organisations, Agencies,	ca. 200	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			Almaty'			Multipliers/Media		
35	strategy paper	DLR	Online Annex 'Comments to the White Paper'	15.03.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers, Multipliers/Media	published online	EU and EECA countries
36	news article on external web portal[4)]	DLR	'Neue Länderberichte zu Osteuropa, Zentralasien und Südkaukasus' published on web portal Kooperation International (only one of many more EU-EECA related articles fed into this portal by DLR)	27.04.2012	online	German Speaking Science and Policy Communities	published online	EECA countries
37	news article on external web portal[4)]	DLR	'Success stories : IncoNet EECA' published on the website of the Polish NCP	08.02.2011	online	Polish Science Community	published online	EU and EECA countries
38	news article on external web portal[4)]	DLR	'Establishing research relationships from Paris to Almaty - "incrEAST"' published on web portal Informationsdienst Wissenschaft	22.10.2008	online	Global Science Communities	published online	EU and EECA countries
other web based activities[4, 5]								
39	web portal incrEAST	DLR	12 EECA country reports and basic information on the EU, updated at regular intervalls	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
40	web portal incrEAST	DLR	> 420 news articles	01.08.2008	online	Scientific	up to 8,500	EU and EECA

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
				– 30.06.2012		Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	visitors per month	countries
41	web portal incrEAST	DLR	> 330 event announcements (since the launch of the interactive calendar alone)	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
42	web portal incrEAST	DLR	> 150 event reviews	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
43	web portal incrEAST	DLR	> 80 individual calls (in addition to the call and funding programme databases)	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
44	web portal incrEAST	DLR	>100 EU-EECA projects presented	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
45	web portal incrEAST	DLR	ca. 2,000 Key Research Institutions in database	01.08.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	up to 8,500 visitors per month	EU and EECA countries
46	IncoNet EECA project website	DLR	>20 Public Deliverables made available online	15.02.2008 –	online	Scientific Community,	visitors statistics not available	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
				30.06.2012		Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers		
47	IncoNet EECA project website	DLR	>40 project related meetings announced and reviewed	15.02.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	visitors statistics not available	EU and EECA countries
48	IncoNet EECA project website	DLR	comprehensive information about the project, links to external info sources	15.02.2008 – 30.06.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Civil Society, Policy Makers	visitors statistics not available	EU and EECA countries
conferences, workshops, trainings and other events								
49	workshop	DLR	Workshop on Global Challenges	11.06.2012 – 12.06.2012	Bucharest	Scientific Community, Policy Makers	61	EU and EECA countries
50	workshop	HSE	International workshop on innovation and technology policy	June 2012	Paris	Scientific Community, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
51	workshop	NIP	Creation of the Information Network on the EU Scientific and Educational Programmes	31.05.2012	Kharkiv	Scientific community	≈90	Ukraine
52	workshop	FFG	Workshop on Innovation Networks	21.05.2012 – 22.05.2012	Tashkent	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
53	conference	HSE	International conference on national STI policies and public administration with participation of	May 2012	Ottawa, Canada	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			representatives from France, Germany, Israel, Turkey, Canada, USA, Russia and other countries					
54	workshop	HSE	Workshop on international management of STI activities	May 2012	Grenoble, France	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
55	conference	NIP	Strengthening of cooperation in Molecular Biomedicine between EU and Ukraine	16.05.2012	Kyiv	Scientific community	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
56	workshop	FFG	Innovating Innovation Systems	25.04.2012 – 26.04.2012	Vienna	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
57	field mission	ZSI	Assessment Exercise of Moldovan R&D systems	02.04.2012 – 05.04.2012	Chisinau	Scientific Community, Policy Makers	28	Moldova
58	conference	DLR, NIP	5th Policy Stakeholders' Conference: 'EU-EECA cooperation in the innovation sector: Bi-regional responses to major societal and economic challenges'	25.04.2012 – 26.04.2012	Kyiv	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	76	EU and EECA countries
59	web conference	DLR	EU-EECA Project Coordinators Board Meeting on recommen-dations of the White Paper	24.02.2012	online	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	8	EU and EECA countries
60	conference	DLR, IPPT-PAN	4th Policy Stakeholders' Conference: 'EU-EECA	15.11.2011 –	Warsaw	Scientific Community,	90	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			Cooperation in Research and Innovation: The way towards 2020'	16.11.2011		Industry, Policy Makers		
61	exhibition & conference	DLR	EECA Session at BIOTECHNICA 2011	11.10.2011 – 13.10.2011	Hanover	Scientific Community, Industry	11,000 visitors in exhibition	EECA countries
62	info day	NIP	Information Day on "Energy" and "Environment (including Climate Change)"	20.06.2011	Kyiv	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	67	EU and EECA countries
63	workshop	ICBSS	IncoNet EECA Workshop on Innovation in the wider Black Sea region	15.06.2011 – 17.06.2011	Athens	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	52	Black Sea Region
64	exhibition & conference	TUBITAK	EECA session at ICCI 2011 - 17th International Energy and Environment Fair and Conference	15.06.2011 – 17.06.2011	Istanbul	Scientific Community, Industry	10,000 visitors in exhibition	EECA countries
65	workshop	HSE, ZSI	International Training Workshop: "R&D and Innovation Statistics"	23.05.2011 – 24.05.2011	Moscow	Scientific Community, Administration	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
66	workshop	NIP	Possibilities for Ukraine Marie Curies Actions	19 - 20.05.2011	Kyiv	Policy makers, scientific community	53	Ukraine
67	training	DLR	FP7 Training for Central Asian NCPs	11.04.2011 – 15.04.2011	Bonn	NCPs, NIPs	14	Central Asian countries
68	workshop	DLR	EU-EECA Project Coordinators Board Meeting on sustainable information	25.11.2010 – 26.11.2010	Bonn	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy	19	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			management			Makers		
69	conference	NIP	Strategic Cooperation in Ukraine, Belarus and EU in Information and Communication Technologies	24.11.2010	Kyiv	Scientific community	120	EU and EECA countries
70	workshop	ICBSS	Workshop in the Thematic Priority of FP7 'Socioeconomic Sciences and Humanities'	26.10.2010 – 27.10.2010	Athens	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	31	EU and EECA countries
71	brokerage event	NIP	Brokerage Event on Energy	19.10.2010 – 20.10.2010	Kyiv	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	67	EU and EECA countries
72	brokerage event	CIT	Information & Brokerage Event "Environment (including climate change)"	07.10.2010 – 08.10.2010	Yerevan	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	88	EU and EECA countries
73	exhibition & conference	DLR	Joint IncoNet EECA and IncoNet CA/SC participation in ICT 2010	27.09.2010 – 29.09.2010	Brussels	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	5,000 visitors in exhibtion	EU and EECA countries
74	info day	FFG	FP7 INCO new calls Info Day	27.09.2010	Vienna	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
75	info day	IUCP-T	FP 7 Information Day on NMP and KBBE: "Path to Europe"	23.09.2010	Tashkent	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	70	EU and EECA countries
76	exhibition &	DLR	IncoNet EECA participation	02.07.2010	Turin	Scientific	5,000 visitors in	EECA

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
	conference		in EuroScience Open Forum 2010	– 07.07.2010		Community, Industry	event	countries
77	info day	HSE	Information Day "Environment (including Climate Change)"	15.06.2010	Moscow	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
78	workshop	BelISA	Workshop on FP7 Priority "Information and Communication Technologies"	17.05.2010 – 18.05.2010	Minsk	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	27	EU and EECA countries
79	conference	DLR, HSE	2nd Policy Stakeholders Conference 'Best practices in S&T and Innovation policies'	07.04.2010 – 08.04.2010	Moscow	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	157	EU and EECA countries
80	workshop	InExCB-Kz	Regional Workshop Central Asia on S&T development and the FP7 "Development Cooperation Instrument" (DCI)	25.03.2010 – 26.03.2010	Almaty	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	32	Central Asian countries
81	conference	NIP	S&T cooperation between Ukraine and the EU: Status, Opportunities and Prospects	24.02.2010	Kyiv	Scientific community, industry	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
82	brokerage event	InExCB-Kz	Brokerage event in the field of Food, Agriculture, Fishery and Biotechnology	02.12.2009 – 03.12.2009	Astana	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	161	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
83	info day & training	InExCB-Kz, IPPT-PAN	Path to Europe: Participation in FP7, joint event between IncoNet EECA and BIOCIRCLE	30.11.2009 – 03.12.2009	Almaty	Scientific Community, Administration	?	EU and EECA countries
84	training	DLR	FP7 Contact Point Training for EECA-Partner countries	26.10.2009 – 30.10.2009	Bonn	NCPs, NIPs	19	EU and EECA countries
85	workshop	ICBSS	Workshop on EU-EECA cooperation in the field of 'Environment'	15.10.2009 – 16.10.2009	Athens	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	21	EU and EECA countries
86	workshop	HSE, AKA	Workshop on barriers hampering mobility of researchers between EU and EECA countries	12.10.2009	Moscow	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	68	EU and EECA countries
87	workshop	NIP	Workshop in the field of "Transport" to identify future SICAs - Results	05.10.2009 – 06.10.2009	Kyiv	Scientific Community, Industry, Policy Makers	28	EU and EECA countries
88	brokerage event	IPPT-PAN	The international FP7 NMP/INCO Brokerage Event	17.09.2009 – 18.09.2009	Warsaw	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
89	brokerage event & info day	IPPT-PAN	FP7-Space call information day and brokerage event	15.06.2009 – 16.09.2009	Warsaw	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
90	info day	SRNSF	Information Day on	16.09.2009	Tbilisi	Scientific	n.a.	EU and EECA

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			development of the international S&T cooperation with the EU in the EU 7th Framework Programme thematic area 'Environment' and the 'People' programme			Community, Industry, Administration		countries
91	conference	ICBSS, DLR	1st Policy Stakeholders' Conference 'EU – EECA S&T cooperation: The way forward'	16.06.2009 – 17.06.2009	Athens	Scientific Community,Industry, Policy Makers	60	EU and EECA countries
92	training	Help-Forward	FP7 Training for Eastern European NCPs	20.05.2009 -- 22.05.2009	Minsk	NCPs/NIPs	24	Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine
93	workshop	ASM	Workshop "EU-EECA cooperation in Human Genomics and related Health issues"	28.04.2009 – 30.04.2009	Chisinau	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	n.a.	EU and EECA countries
94	training	VINNOVA	3-days basic training for NCPs/NIPs in Uzbekistan	31.03.2009 – 02.04.2009	Tashkent	NCPs/NIPs	21	Uzbekistan
95	conference	NIP	Days of Ukrainian Science in Vienna for the representatives of educational and scientific institutions of Ukraine and industrial companies of Austria	07.10.2008	Vienna	Scientific community, industry, policy makers	n.a.	Austria and Ukraine
96	info day	BelLISA	Information Day on development of the international S&T cooperation with the EU in	16.09.2008	Minsk	Scientific Community, Industry, Administration	101	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX I. LIST OF DISSEMINATION ACTIVITIES IN THE INCONET EECA PROJECT								
			environment and energy					
97	workshop	DLR	EU-EECA Project Coordinators Board Meeting	18.06.2008	Bonn	Scientific Community, Administration	18	EU and EECA countries
98	workshop	DLR	Regional Correspondents Workshop	17.04.2008 – 18.04.2008	Bonn	Scientific Community, Administration	7	EU and EECA countries

ANNEX II: LIST OF SCIENTIFIC (PEER REVIEWED) PUBLICATIONS

NO.	Title	Main author	Title of the periodical or the series	Number, date or frequency	Publisher	Place of publication	Year of publication	Relevant pages	Permanent identifiers[3] (if available)	Is/Will open access[4] provided to this publication?
1	Enhancing science and technology cooperation between the EU and Eastern Europe as well as Central Asia: a critical reflection on the White Paper form a S&T policy perspective	Klaus Schuch, George Bonas, Jörn Sonnenburg	Journal of Innovation and Entrepreneurship	2012 1:3	SpringerOpen Journal		2012	pp. 151 - 167	http://www.innovation-entrepreneurship.com/	yes
2	*"On the final straight"*[i]	*Olga Meerovskaya*	Science and Innovations	*No 1(107) 2012*	Publishing House "Belarusian Science"	Belarus	*2012*	*pp. 22-27*		Will be provided soon
3	"Trust but check"[ii]	Olga Meerovskaya	Science and Innovations	No 9 (91) 2010	Publishing House "Belarusian Science"	Belarus	2010	pp.70-72	http://innosfera.org/node/810	yes
4	"Photonics and Nanoelectronics: on the Top of the EU Interests"	Olga Meerovskaya	Science and Innovations	No 8(90) 2010	Publishing House "Belarusian Science"	Belarus	2010	pp.71-72	http://innosfera.org/node/787	yes
5	"The issues of international researchers' mobility in Belarus: European vector"	Mikhail Artiukhin	Social Education: the Strategy of Innovative Development"	Collection of articles	Republican Institute of Higher Education	Belarus	2010	pp.115-119		no

[3] A permanent identifier should be a persistent link to the published version full text if open access or abstract if article is pay per view) or to the final manuscript accepted for publication (link to article in repository).

[4] Open Access is defined as free of charge access for anyone via Internet. Please answer "yes" if the open access to the publication is already established and also if the embargo period for open access is not yet over but you intend to establish open access afterwards.

[i] *On Belarus participation in the FP7*
[ii] *On principles of financing the R&D in the EU*