

HORIZON  
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# SHADOW: An exploration of the nature of informal economies and shadow practices in the former USSR region

## Fact Sheet

### Project Information

#### SHADOW

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[Project website](#)

#### DOI

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Project closed

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#### Start date

1 March 2018

#### End date

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#### Funded under

EXCELLENT SCIENCE - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

#### Total cost

€ 900 000,00

#### EU contribution

€ 810 000,00

#### Coordinated by

DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

 Ireland

## Objective

Extending from Eastern Europe to Eastern Asia, from the Caucasus to Central Asia, the post-USSR region, occupying almost one sixth of the world's territory, has an immense potential for the EU as source of natural resources and potential market for EU companies. In spite of this, the region is often seen as a highly hazardous one to deal with, given its "uncertain business and investment climate with widespread

opportunism and corruption, misuse and misappropriation of state assets and conflicting information flow”

SHADOW is a research and training programme with the goal of producing strategic intelligence on the region and train a generation of specialists on informality in post-Soviet spaces. Our goals are two-fold: 1) we intend to construct an index to provide an accurate measurement of the level of shadow activities in our target countries; 2) we aim to conceptualise a taxonomy of shadow practices in the post-USSR region in a cross-country and cross-regional perspective. Both goals are intended to contribute to a much better understanding of the threats and opportunities that the former USSR region, of fundamental importance for the EU, offers.

## Fields of science (EuroSciVoc)

[social sciences](#) > [sociology](#) > [social issues](#) > [corruption](#)



## Keywords

[Informality](#)

[post-Soviet](#)

[Central Asia](#)

[Caucasus](#)

[Russia](#)

[Business](#)

## Programme(s)

[H2020-EU.1.3. - EXCELLENT SCIENCE - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions](#)

MAIN PROGRAMME

[H2020-EU.1.3.3. - Stimulating innovation by means of cross-fertilisation of knowledge](#)

## Topic(s)

[MSCA-RISE-2017 - Research and Innovation Staff Exchange](#)

## Call for proposal

[H2020-MSCA-RISE-2017](#)

[See other projects for this call](#)

# Funding Scheme

[MSCA-RISE - Marie Skłodowska-Curie Research and Innovation Staff Exchange \(RISE\)](#)

## Coordinator



### DUBLIN CITY UNIVERSITY

Net EU contribution

€ 180 000,00

Total cost

€ 180 000,00

Address

**Glasnevin**

**9 Dublin**

 **Ireland** 

Region

**Ireland > Eastern and Midland > Dublin**

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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## Participants (7)



**LUNDS UNIVERSITET** 

 Sweden

Net EU contribution

€ 45 000,00

Address

**Paradisgatan 5c**

**22100 Lund** 

Region

**Södra Sverige > Sydsverige > Skåne län**

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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Total cost

€ 45 000,00

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## UNIVERSITATEA DIN BUCURESTI

 Romania

Net EU contribution

**€ 135 000,00**

Address

**SOSEAUA PANDURI 90**

**050663 Bucuresti** 

Region

**Macroregiunea Trei > București-Ilfov > București**

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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Total cost

**€ 135 000,00**

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## KIEV INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF SOCIOLOGY LLC

 Ukraine

Net EU contribution

**€ 90 000,00**

Address

**ILLINSKA STREET 9**

**04070 Kyiv** 

SME 

Yes

Activity type

**Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments)**

Links

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Total cost

**€ 90 000,00**

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## CENTER FOR SOCIAL SCIENCES

 Georgia

Net EU contribution

**€ 90 000,00**

Address

**33 PALIASHVILI STREET**

**0179 Tbilisi** 

Activity type

**Other**

Links

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[Participation in EU R&I programmes](#) 

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Total cost

**€ 90 000,00**

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## STOCKHOLM SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS IN RIGA SIA

 Latvia

Net EU contribution

**€ 67 500,00**

Address

**STRELNIEKU IELA 4A**

**1010 Riga** 

Region

**Latvija > Latvija > Rīga**

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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[HORIZON collaboration network](#)

Total cost

**€ 67 500,00**

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## TALLINNA TEHNIKAÜLIKOOL

Estonia

Net EU contribution

**€ 112 500,00**

Address

**EHITAJATE TEE 5**

**12616 Tallinn**

Region

**Eesti > Eesti > Põhja-Eesti**

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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[Participation in EU R&I programmes](#)

[HORIZON collaboration network](#)

Total cost

**€ 202 500,00**

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## UNIVERSITA DEGLI STUDI DI MESSINA

Italy

Net EU contribution

**€ 90 000,00**

Address

PIAZZA PUGLIATTI 1

98122 Messina 

Region

Isole > Sicilia > Messina

Activity type

Higher or Secondary Education Establishments

Links

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[HORIZON collaboration network](#) 

Total cost

€ 90 000,00

## Partners (4)

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PARTNER 

**INDEPENDENT NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION YURI LEVADA  
ANALYTICAL CENTER**

 Russia

Net EU contribution

€ 0,00

Address

**NIKOLSKAYA 15  
109012 MOSCOW** 

Links

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[HORIZON collaboration network](#) 

Total cost

€ 90 000,00



PARTNER 

**SIAR RESEARCH AND CONSULTING LLC**

 Kyrgyzstan

Net EU contribution

€ 0,00

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**720000 Bishkek** 

Activity type

**Private for-profit entities (excluding Higher or Secondary Education Establishments)**

Links

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Total cost

€ 90 000,00



**PARTNER** 

**JAHON IQTISODIYOTI VA DIPLOMATIYA UNIVERSITETI**

 Uzbekistan

Net EU contribution

€ 0,00

Address

**MUSTAQILLIK AVENUE 54**  
**100077 Tashkent** 

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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Total cost

€ 112 500,00



**PARTNER** 

**NON COMMERCIAL JOINT STOCK COMPANY KAZAKH NATIONAL  
UNIVERSITY NAMES AFTER AL-FARABI**



 Kazakhstan

Net EU contribution

**€ 0,00**

Address

**AL FARABI AVENUE 71**

**050038 Almaty** 

Activity type

**Higher or Secondary Education Establishments**

Links

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Total cost

**€ 67 500,00**

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