Extending ICT Research Co-operation between the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus

# **The EXTEND Project**

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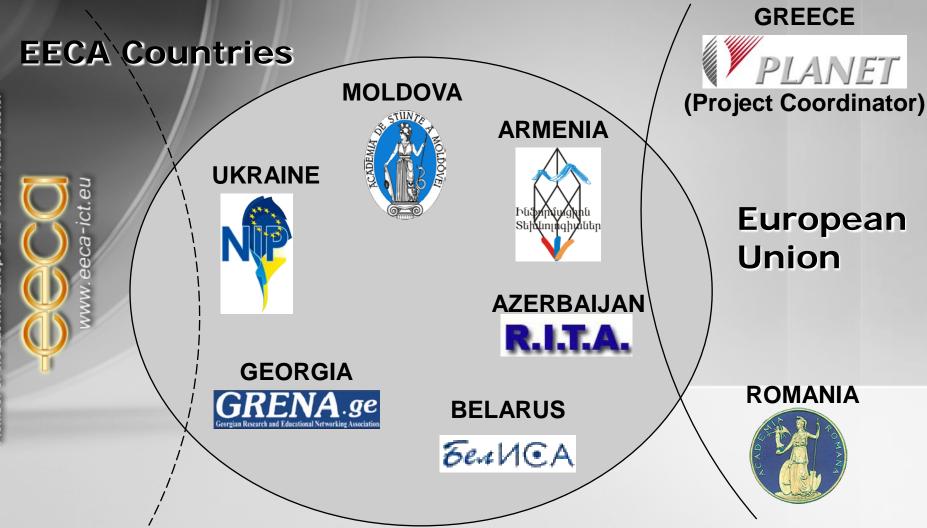
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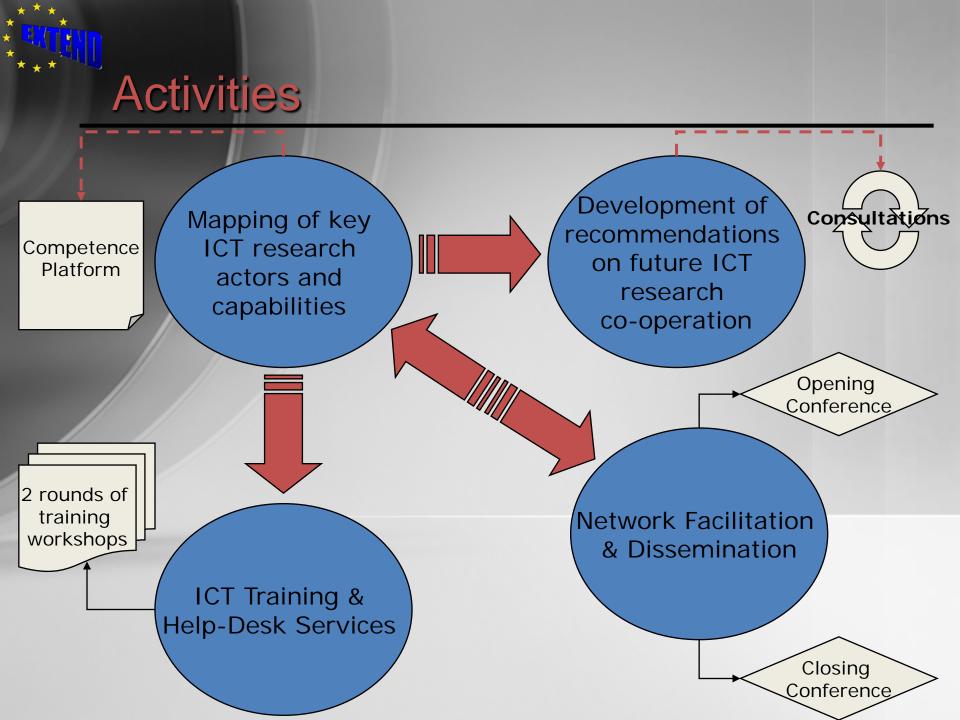
Research communities in the Region are not sufficiently aware of the opportunities offered by the Framework Programmes of EU



Very low participation rate of the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries in the ICT work-programme



- Mapping of ICT research landscape of EECA countries
- Familiarization of EECA stakeholders with EC's cooperation framework and culture
- Facilitating successful participation of EECA ICT stakeholders in EC programmes
- Bridging EECA countries' and EC's agenda on ICT cooperation for the future



## **ICT stakeholders landscape**

- Aim:
  - To identify suitable/promising ICT research actors for future collaboration in the context of the FP7 ICT workprogrammes.
  - To map the capabilities and needs of the identified ICT research actors
- Method: Interviews with candidate organizations using a specially designed questionnaire
- Target: 80-100 actors from EECA countries
- Result: Landscape of key ICT research actors and their capabilities

#### Consultations

- Aim:
  - To consult key ICT research stakeholders on the ICT research priorities of Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus that reflect the actual readiness and needs of the region.
  - To develop recommendations on future ICT research co-operation between the EU, Eastern Europe and Southern Caucasus for the period 2010-2015.
- Method: custom-made and well-tested consultation methodology
- Target: Six consultation workshops to be organised with key ICT Research Stakeholders targeting 15-20 stakeholders per country
- **Result**: recommendations on ICT research co-operation

# **Training Workshops**

- Aim: to assist identified ICT research actors
  - to become familiar with the procedures and opportunities for cooperation in the ICT programme
  - to acquire know-how on identified areas suitable for future EU-EECA cooperation
- Method: workshops
- Target:
  - eight ICT Training Workshops (2 per country)
  - targeting 20-30 ICT research actors per country



- Aim: To provide guidance and support related to procedures for participation in the ICT programme
- Basic Services
  - A: Proposal preparation
    - B: Idea evaluation
  - C: 'Making it understandable'
  - D: Coaching
  - E: Teleconference /Video Chat forum



- Formation of strategic partnerships between the EU, the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries.
- Wider diffusion of information society in the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries.
- Spreading excellence, exploiting results, disseminating knowledge.

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