



Policy dialogue in ICT to an Upper level for Reinforced EU-EECA Cooperation

«Расширение диалога в сфере сотрудничества в ИКТ
между ЕС и Восточной Европой и Центральной
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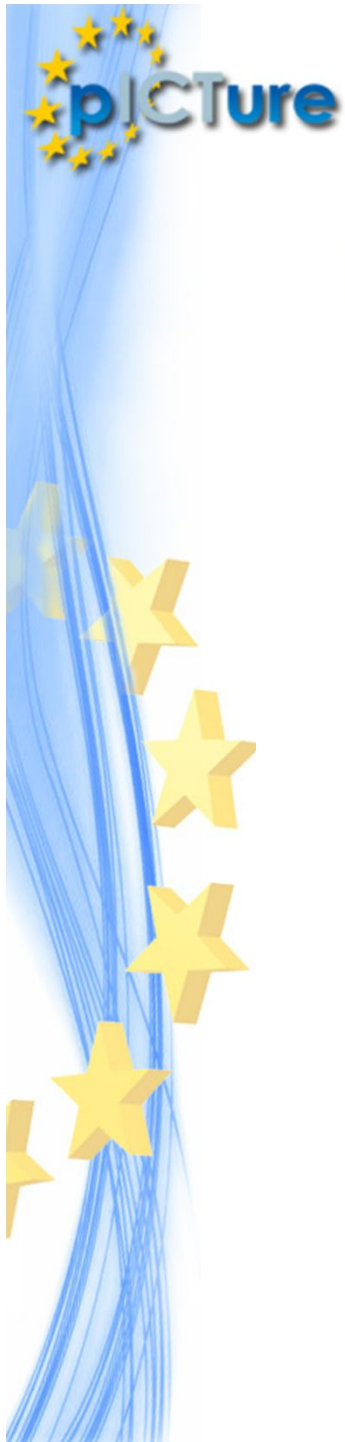
Target groups: national ICT stakeholders, ICT R&D organizations and companies

Target countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, Uzbekistan

The overall aim is to engage the EU and EECA stakeholders from across research, academia, industries, government and civil society **to enrich and support the EU-EECA ICT Policy Dialogue**, and to reinforce **strategic partnerships** between EU and EECA ICT organizations.

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Background

The *Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) ICT cluster* was an initiative supported by the European Commission under the Information and Communication Technologies Theme in 2008-2011.

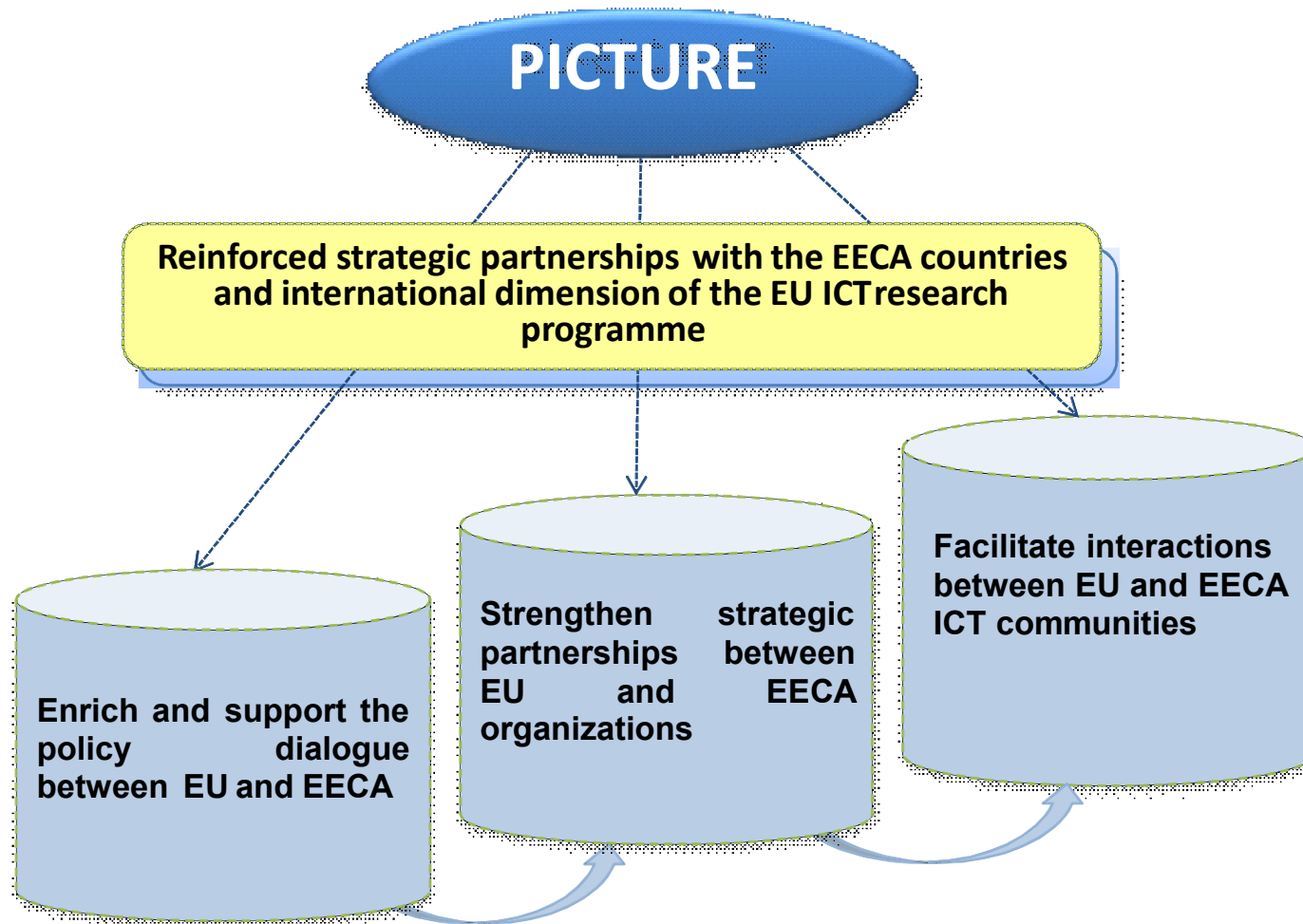
It aimed at enabling:

- exploration of new opportunities for ICT R&D collaboration among researchers from the EU and the EECA countries
- diffusion of information about research activities under FP7-ICT.

The EECA cluster was the joint effort of 3 complementary FP7-ICT support actions [ISTOK-SOYUZ](#), [SCUBE-ICT](#) and [EXTEND](#).

Find more: <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/about/the-eeca-cluster/about-the-cluster>

Goal and Objectives



Specific objective 1:

To enrich and support the policy dialogue between EU and EECA countries updating and reinforcing **points for convergence** of the EU and EECA ICT research and relevant international initiatives and activities; by developing **recommendations and roadmap**, and by implementing **pilot actions** and exchanging experience and **lessons learnt**

Activities:

- Update the **ICT research priorities** for cooperation;
- Explore the opportunities for creation of common EU-EECA research agenda;
- Provide a **map of the existing policy instruments**;
- Prepare the basis for the support to policy dialogue;
- Explore the existing policy instruments between EU and other countries;
- Make a **benchmarking** and to identify the existing best practices in the policy dialogue activities and instruments;
- Present and validate the project findings at the Round Table , collect feedback from competent stakeholders;
- Provide a **Roadmap** for EU-EECA policy

Expected outcomes:

- An **Updated report** of the ICT research priorities;
- An **overview of the existing policy dialogue** in the EECA countries, including *Benchmarking with other countries (e.g. India and Brazil), having established the policy dialogue*;
- A **Round Table** with key ICT stakeholders;
- A **Roadmap** for EU-EECA ICT policy dialogue with recommendations

Specific objective 2:

To strengthen **strategic partnerships** between European and EECA ICT organizations, through stronger **involvement of diaspora**

Activities:

- Implement **Pilot projects**, supporting policy dialogue in the groups of countries;
- Analyze the **access opportunities** for EU researchers to integrate the EECA programmes;
- Provide support to **concrete cooperation initiatives**, such as *recommendations to coordinated calls, analysis of the possibilities for creation of technology platforms in the EECA countries and support to the responsible parties, support for ratification of bilateral cooperation agreements and by addressing the EECA diaspora in Europe in order to facilitate the establishment of partnerships*

Expected outcomes:

- **Pilot projects** per group of countries implemented;
- **Report on the access opportunities** for EU researchers in the EECA countries provided;
- Support provided for the strengthening of the **concrete cooperation initiatives**

Specific objective 3:

To facilitate **interactions between EU and EECA ICT communities** through organizations of **joint events**, and facilitate preparation of joint EU-EECA R&D initiatives

Activities:

- Set up the **three Working Groups**, animate them and organize ten meetings;
- Organize two thematic workshops on **Components, computing systems and networks**, as well as on **Content technologies and information management**;
- Organize an International Policy Dialogue Meeting, involving all the EU-EECA policy dialogue stakeholders, having been in touch with the project;
- Design and implement an awareness raising and dissemination campaign, covering the EU and the EECA region

Expected outcomes:

- 3 meetings of the 3 Working groups;
- thematic workshops, *with particular focus on Components, computing systems and networks, Content technologies and information management and ICT Policy, related to working group's meetings*;
- International Policy dialogue meeting *with particular focus to the lessons learnt, good practices and the next steps*;
- 4 newsletters, 4 articles, web portal & successful awareness raising campaign



Project objectives for the period

With respect to the project Specific objective 1:

To enrich and support the policy dialogue between EU and EECA countries :

1. Update the ICT research priorities for cooperation, identified under the previous EECA clustering projects (SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND and ISTOK-SOYUZ), exploring the opportunities for the creation of common EU-EECA research agenda;
2. Map the existing policy instruments, already existing in the EECA countries and preparing the basis for the support to policy dialogue;
3. Set up three thematic Working Groups, select high level ICT international experts
4. Elaborate a Roadmap for the EU-EECA policy dialogue
5. Organise the Validation and dissemination workshop jointly with ICT international experts (Moscow, November 2012) in order to present and agree the Roadmap, to validating the project findings and select pilot projects to support EU-EECA ICT cooperation



Project objectives for the period

With respect to the project Specific objective 2: To strengthen strategic partnerships between European and EECA ICT organisations

- **Identify possible pilot projects** that could be implemented further on per group of countries and on networking within the framework of the different ICT events

With respect to the project Specific objective 3: To facilitate interactions between EU and EECA ICT communities through organizations of joint events, and facilitate preparation of joint EU-EECA R&D initiatives

1. Organize the first workshop bringing together all three groups
2. Design and start implementation of an awareness raising and dissemination campaign, covering EU and the EECA region
3. Design and start implementation of the synergy strategy with other initiatives related to the EU-EECA ICT cooperation

Key Achievements so far

Important pool of activities

Support to policy dialogue

1. Three working groups created
2. ICT priorities in EECA countries updated & Activities relevant to the ICT policy dialogue in EECA countries analyzed. Report published
3. Roadmap for the ICT EU-EEAC collaboration drafted

Working Group on Policy Dialogue (WG1):
full title "International R&D ICT cooperation policies"
consortium partners + 3 external experts

Working Group on Components, computing systems & networks (WG2):
2 consortium partners + 8 external experts

Working Group on Content technologies and information management (WG3):
5 consortium partners + 10 external experts

Total experts number: 33

ICT stakeholders networking, events and synergy

1. Workshops' topics validated (Components, computing systems, and networks / Content technologies and information management)
2. Place and Date for the workshop in Armenia saved : Erevan, September 2013
3. Synergy strategy in active implementation

Strengthening of cooperative research links

not open yet – 18 recommendations, 9 pilot projects identified



3 Key Achievements

Project branding, awareness raising and dissemination

1. ARDP strategy/plan developed
2. Project branding set ready & web-site operational
3. PICTURE participation in more than 20 events

Important pool of activities



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