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## The EECA cluster:

Results and recommendations for the  
EU-EECA collaboration

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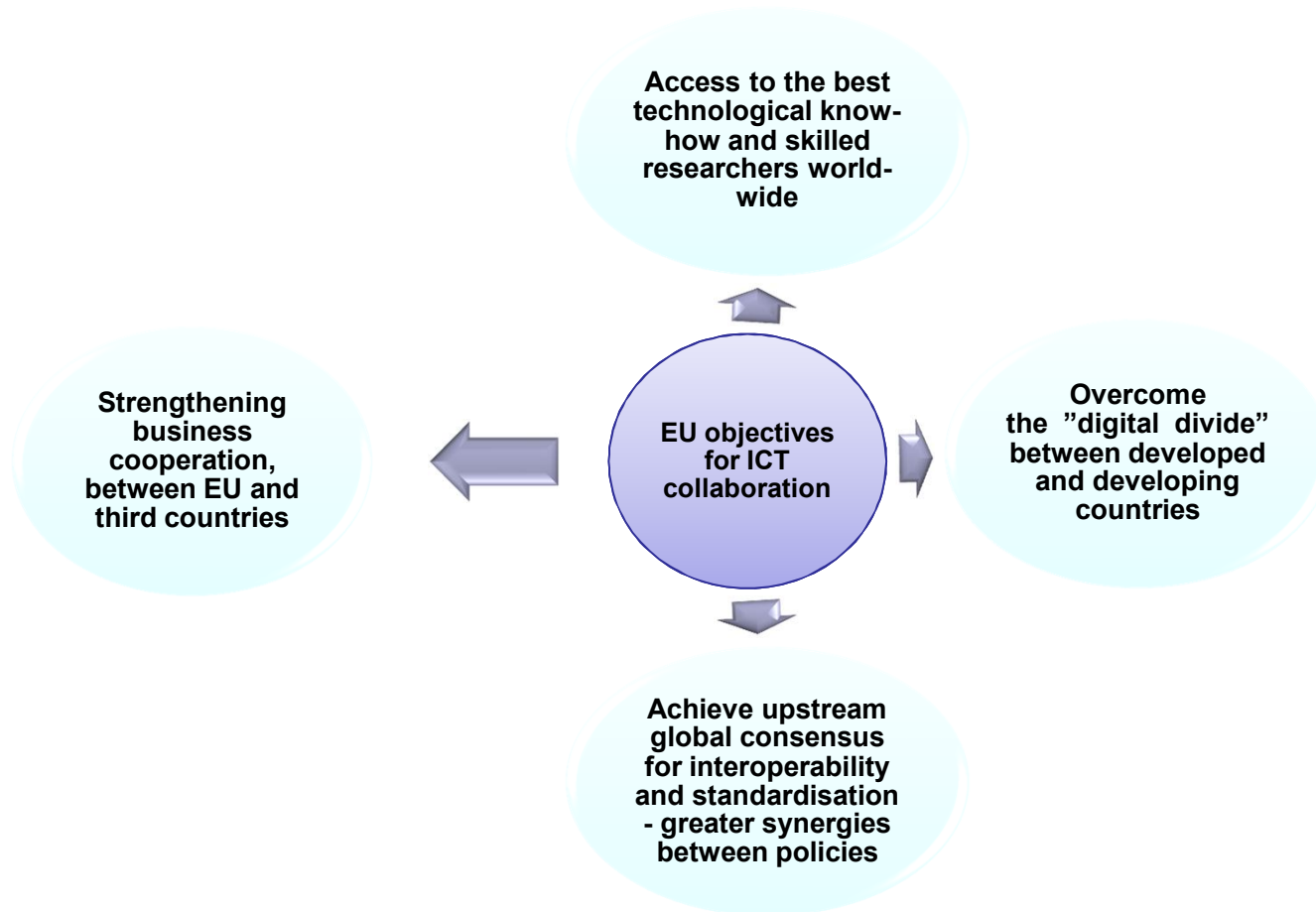
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# Main objectives of the international cooperation for the EU in the ICT field





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# EECA ICT Cluster: <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/>



- an initiative supported by the European Commission under the FP7-ICT: 3 complementary support actions

**AIMS: to reinforce the EU-EECA ICT cooperation**

- **explore new opportunities** for ICT R&D collaboration among researchers from the EU and the EECA countries

- **dispatch information** about FP7 ICT

- **support networking and partnership building...**



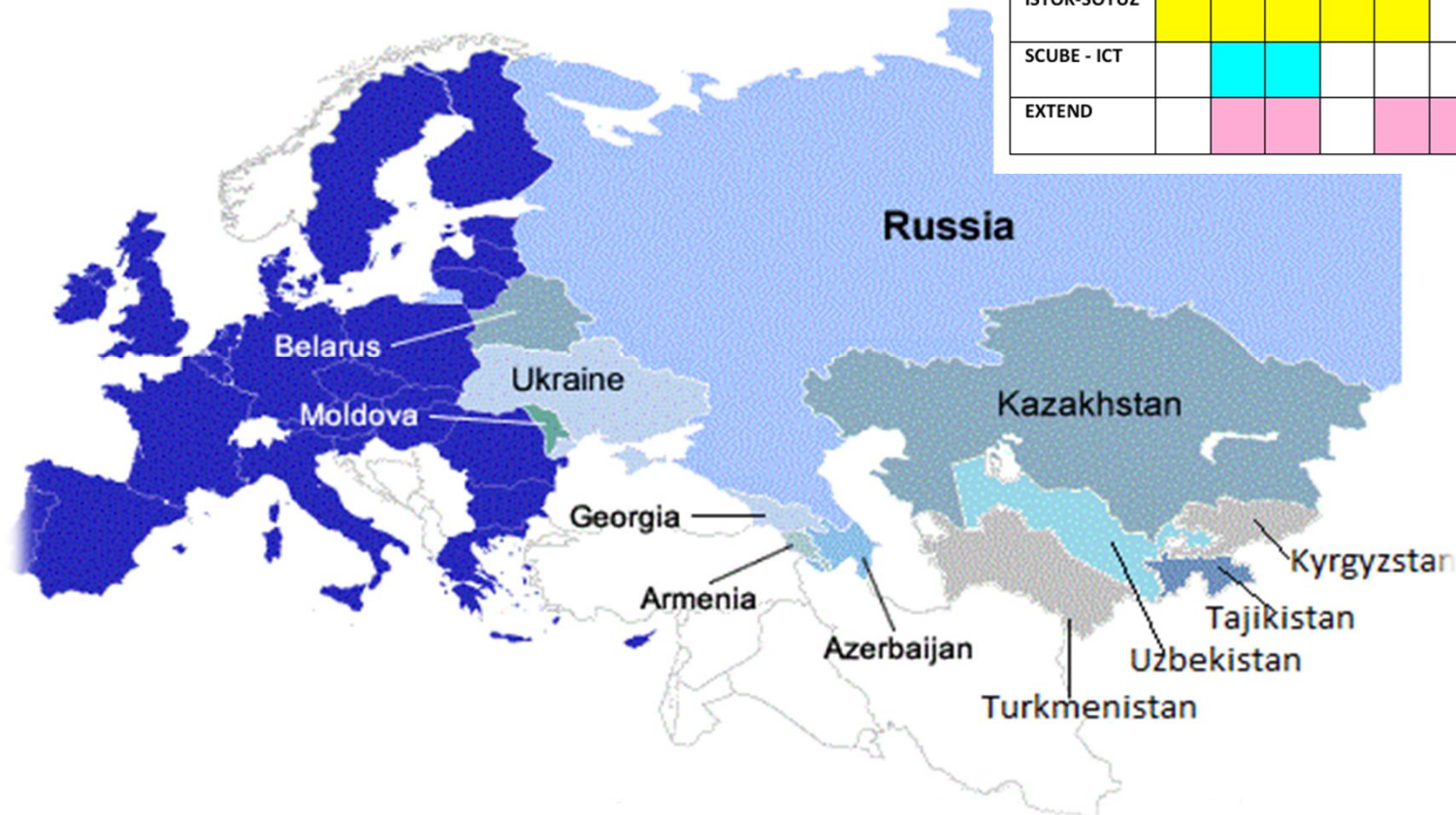
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# EECA Cluster target countries

	Russia	Ukraine	Belarus	Kazakhstan	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Georgia	Moldova	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan
ISTOK-SOYUZ	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow	Yellow				Green	Green	Green	Green
SCUBE - ICT		Cyan	Cyan									
EXTEND		Pink	Pink		Pink	Pink	Pink	Pink				



## What we have offered?

### Objective 1

Increase awareness on EU-funded research activities under the FP7-ICT in the EECA region



- ✓ organisation of **info-days and training sessions** in all EECA countries to share insight on emerging opportunities under FP7-ICT
- ✓ setting up a publicly accessible **Help Desk** to offer guidance and support related to the procedures of participation in FP7-ICT
- ✓ provision of **hands-on support** to EECA researchers towards their involvement in EU-funded projects
- ✓ creation of a **web portal** acting as an on-line source of relevant information

## Objective 2

Improve visibility of ICT R&D teams from EECA countries on the European arena and stimulate collaboration with their EU counterparts



## What we have offered?

- ✓ Creation of an on-line database (**Competence Platform**) for the promotion of the research interests and achievements of prominent ICT R&D organisations and experts
- ✓ Organisation of **networking activities** in EU and the EECA countries
- ✓ Exploitation of the Cluster partners' **wide network** of contacts in EU
- ✓ Integration of EECA organisations into relevant **European networks**
- ✓ Organisation of a **promotion-publicity campaign** in EU and EECA region

### Objective 3

Support the policy dialogue between the EU and EECA countries, contributing to the setting up of joint initiatives, enhancing their ICT R&D collaboration



## What we have offered?

- ✓ The analysis of the **ICT research priorities** in the EECA countries
- ✓ The identification of key **ICT areas of mutual interest** that may result to substantial socio-economic benefits and impact for all regions
- ✓ The organisation of a series of **policy/consultation meetings** as an open discussion forum for the exchange of ideas to strengthen collaboration between the EU and the EECA region.



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# Tool: EECA Web portal

The screenshot shows the EECA Web portal homepage. At the top, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Home, EECA Countries, Projects, Events, Useful Information, Contact Us, and ICT2010. Below the menu, there are several sections:

- Home**: A dropdown menu showing links to SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND, and ISTOK SOYUZ.
- Left Sidebar**: Contains two green buttons: "Browse through the EECA ICT R&D excellence" and "Get Support Access the EECA Help Desk".
- Map**: A map of Europe and Central Asia with labels for Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, and Kazakhstan. Russia is also labeled.
- Events Calendar**: A calendar for July 2010. The 21st is highlighted in red. Below the calendar is a link: "View a full list of events".
- Newsflash**: A list of four news items:
  - The second EECA Newsletter has been released
  - The FP7 EXTEND project launched Help-Desk services
  - The first EECA Newsletter has been released
  - The first version of the competence platform is now available
- About EECA**: A section with the text: "Welcome to the EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Gateway on Information Communication Technologies (ICT) research and development. This gateway aims to promote cooperation between research and industrial communities of the..."

At the bottom right, there is a yellow box with a red pushpin icon containing the text: "Web site: <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/>".



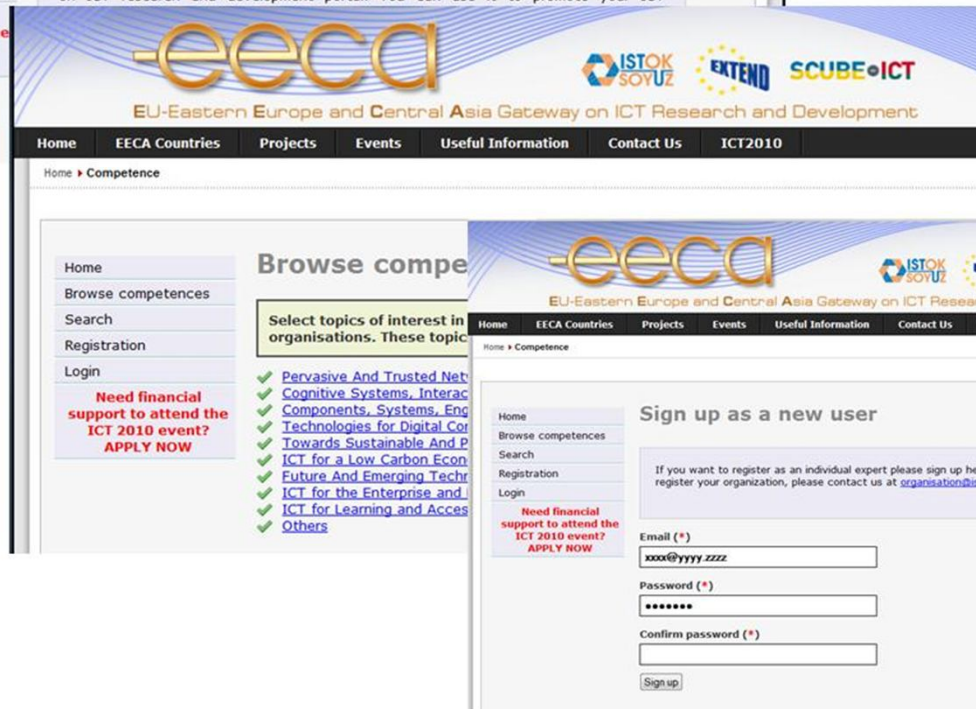


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# Tool: EU-EECA ICT Competences Platform



<http://competences.eeca-ict.eu>





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# Tool: Help Desk



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Home > Help-Desk

Help Desk

- Submit a Question
- FAQ
- Glossary
- Your feedback
- FP7 Country specialists

Frequently Asked Questions

- Which are the Eastern European and Central Asia partner countries (EECA)?
- Should the project's budget be of 4 million Euro and if it's less, the evaluation will be less favourable?
- What is meant exactly by referring to "this Activity will support the implementation of an Action Plan defined by the research entities, derived from their SWOT analysis"?
- How can I contact the URF helpdesk?
- What happens if my organisation registered twice in URF?
- Where can I find URF?
- What is the Unique Registration Facility or URF?
- The data displayed when using my PIC is not correct, what should I do ?
- I know that my organisation does not have a PIC. How can I get one?
- How can I check whether my organisation already has a PIC?

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Discover how EU-EECA ICT cluster's Help-Desk can help you participate in FP7

Help-desk is designed to provide you with the guidance and support related to the procedures of participation in the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) theme of the EC 7th Framework Programme (FP7).

Inquiries in the help-desk can cover all aspects of partners, proposals eligibility, communication with EC

The following services are offered through our Help-Desk:

**1. Submit a Question**

All inquiries should be submitted in the Help-Desk that are **submitted in your own languages**, but all responses will be in English.

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Glossary

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**Acceding country:**  
This is a candidate country that has met the Copenhagen criteria and has completed negotiations for joining the European Union.

**Access rights:**  
Access rights, a basic term relating to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), meaning those rights (e.g. licences or user rights) to use knowledge or pre-existing know-how given by the owners of the knowledge or pre-existing know-how to others.  
For more information on IPR see <http://cordis.europa.eu/ipr-helpdesk/en/home.html>

**Acknowledgement of receipt:**  
Applicants are informed electronically after the deadline that a proposal has been successfully submitted (but not that it is necessarily eligible). Contact the help desk urgently if you do not receive such an acknowledgement.

**Agenda:**  
This term literally means "things to be done". It normally refers to the list of items for discussion at a meeting, but politicians also use it as a jargon term meaning "things we want to achieve". For example, the EU's



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# Tool: Newsletters and other publications



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# Training Guide "Getting started with the EU ICT Research"

in English and in Russian

The Training guide in English and Russian is available for download :

<http://www.eeca-ict.eu/eeca/index.php/en/usefulinfo/participation-in-fp7-ict>



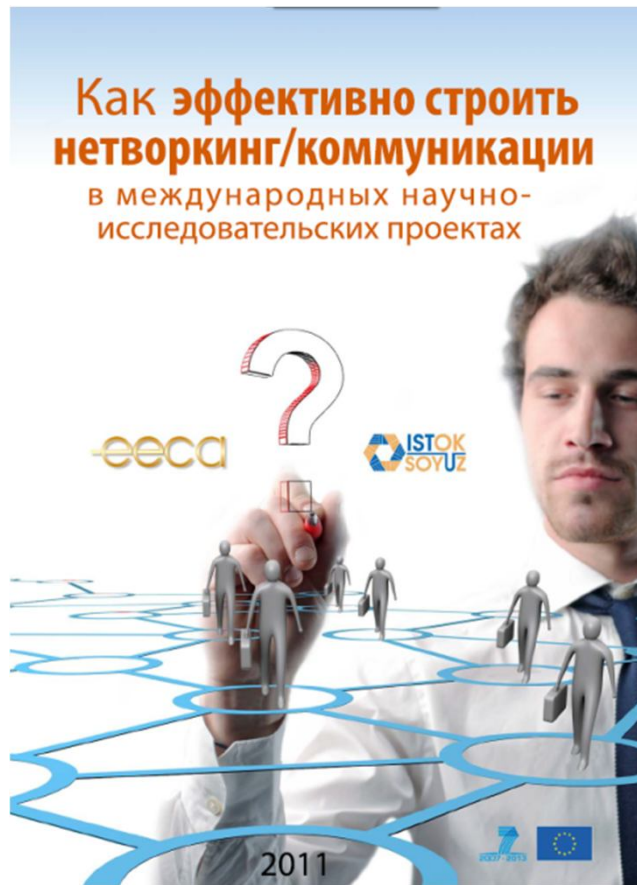
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# Networking Guide “How to effectively network/communicate in International R&D projects”



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# Main results



**126 EU –EECA Partnerships established and 28 Proposals submitted under FP7 ICT Calls**



**25 EECA organisations integrated into ETPs/NoEs**



**450 EECA Researchers received extensive training on FP7**



**Two virtual communities have been created in LinkedIn targeting the Belarusian and Ukrainian research diaspora**



**More than 350 detailed profiles of EECA experts on the EECA Competences Platform and 414 organisations registered**



**Identification of ICT R&D priorities for EU-EECA cooperation**



**Identified Courses of Action for More Effective Research Cooperation**



**Networking Guide “How to effectively network/communicate in International R&D projects”**



**Training Guide "Getting started with the EU ICT Research”**

# Recommendations

1

• Support EU-EECA ICT Policy Dialogue

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• Exploit the EECA Research Diaspora in Europe

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• Launch of twinning project(s) with authorities of EU Member States that possess considerable experience on national ICT policy monitoring systems and support structures

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• Reinforce the FP7 participation training campaigns in the EECA countries

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• Set up “*State Task Force for a more effective international cooperation in research*”

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• Explore the access opportunities for EU researchers in the EECA countries’ programmes and other ‘international collaboration instruments’ beyond FP7 programme

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• Enhance the National Contact Point (NCP) structure

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• Implement awareness raising and dissemination campaign and promote ETPs and other EU networks in EECA countries

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• Launch of ERA-Net project(s) to facilitate the exchange of experiences & knowledge transfer



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# Thank you!



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