



Enhancement of European International Cooperation and Eastern Partnership in Research, Development and Innovation



PROGRAMME

30 September – 1 October 2013
Vilnius, Lithuania

CONFERENCE DAY 1

30 September

Registration

Welcome and Opening Session

Plenary Session 1

European Union International Policy on Research, Development and Innovation and Eastern Partnership Dimension: Interests, Opportunities and Tools

Plenary Session 2

Regional and National Strategies for Cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries: towards the Best Practices

Parallel Session 1

Tackling Societal Challenges in the Frame of Cooperation on R&D&I with Eastern Partnership Countries in Thematic Priorities:

- healthy food
- renewable and efficient energy
- environment and climate changes

Parallel Session 2

Building the Staircase from Capacities to Excellence:

- interdisciplinary approach
- competitive funding
- obstacles to mobility
- open access
- evaluation and peer review

Parallel Session 3

Strengthening Partnership between Research and Industry:

- barriers for innovation
- tools for partnership development
- IPR issues
- standardization and metrology

REGISTRATION

Vilnius University Central Building, Universiteto str. 3

8.00

Registration starts

WELCOME AND OPENING SESSION

Theatre Hall

9.00-9.20

DAINIUS PAVALKIS, Professor, Minister of Education and Science, Lithuania

JŪRAS BANYS, Professor, Acting Rector of Vilnius University, Lithuania

MARIA CRISTINA RUSSO, Director for International Cooperation, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

PLENARY SESSION 1

Theatre Hall
9.20-10.35

Moderators:

RAMŪNAS VILPIŠAUSKAS, Professor, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania
GEORGE BONAS, Dr., Scientific Coordinator, STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries (IncoNet EaP), Greece

9.20-9.35

European Union International Policy on Eastern Partnership

DOROTA DLOUCHY-SULIGA, Policy Coordinator, European Neighbourhood Policy Division, European External Action Service (EEAS)

9.35-9.50

Cooperation Status in Framework Programme 7 (FP7) and Perspectives for Horizon 2020

THIERRY DEVARS, Senior Policy Officer, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

9.50-10.05

Collaboration and Mobility through the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions

KAMILA PARTYKA, Policy Officer, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

10.05-10.20

Bi-regional Cooperation on e-Infrastructures

JEAN-LUC DOREL, Dr., DG Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission

10.20-10.35

Opportunities Seen towards Strengthening Eastern Partnership on Research, Development and Innovation: the Views from IncoNet Eastern Partnership

GEORGE BONAS, Dr., Scientific Coordinator, STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries (IncoNet EaP), Greece

Discussions

10.35-11.00

Coffee break

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

Family photo**PLENARY SESSION 2**

Theatre Hall
11.00-13.00

Moderators:

RAMŪNAS VILPIŠAUSKAS, Professor, Director of the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania
GEORGE BONAS, Dr., Scientific Coordinator, STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership Countries (IncoNet EaP), Greece

11.00- 11.15

Perspectives of Cooperation between Ukraine and the European Union and Eastern Partnership Countries in the Field of Scientific Researchers, Developments and Innovations

DMYTRO TABACHNYK, Professor, Minister of Education and Science, Ukraine

11.15-11.30

Moldova towards the European Research Area

GHEORGHE DUCA, President of the Academy of Sciences, Moldova

11.30-11.45

How Member States Work to Facilitate the Further Development, Implementation and Monitoring the International Dimension of ERA

DAN ANDRÉE, Chair of the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC), Special Advisor to the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA) and to the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden

11.45-12.00

Science - Industry Collaboration

MIHKEL SUSI, Executive Officer of Enterprise Division, Ministry of Economic Affairs and Communications, Estonia

12.00-12.15

Bi-regional Cooperation with Southern Neighbourhood Countries: Lessons-learned and Perspectives

ELISABETH LIPIATOU, Dr., Head of Unit, European Neighbourhood, Africa and the Gulf, DG Research and Innovation, European Commission

**International Cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries / EU Countries:
Success Stories. Stakeholders' Point of View:**

12.15-12.30

**Integrating the Institute of Physical Research of the National Academy of
Sciences of Armenia into European Research Area**

ARAM PAPOYAN, Professor, Director of Institute for Physical Research of National Academy of Sciences of Armenia and Coordinator of the IPERA project (Integrating the Institute for Physical Research of the National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia into the European Research Area), Armenia

12.30-12.45

**International Cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries / EU Countries –
SENSERA Project**

PAATA J. KERVALISHVILI, Professor, Georgian Technical University and Coordinator of the SENS-Era project (Strengthening Sensor Research Links between the Georgian Technical University and European Research Area), Georgia

Discussions

13.00-14.30

Lunch

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

PARALLEL SESSION 1

Theatre Hall

Moderators:

KLAUS SCHUCH, Dr., Strategic Research Manager and Senior Scientist at the ZSI (Centre for Social Innovation), Austria

ARTŪRAS ŽUKAUSKAS, Professor, Institute of Applied Research, Vilnius University, Lithuania

14.30-16.00

**Biotechnological Potential of Wood-rotting Fungi for Healthy Food, Renewable
Energy and Environment**

VLADIMIR ELISASHVILI, Professor, Director of the Animal Husbandry and Feed Production Institute of N.L.E. Agricultural University of Georgia, Georgia

**National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine in Tackling Societal Challenges:
Capacities, Cooperation and Opportunities**

MARINA GOROKHOVATSKA, Dr., Scientific Manager / Department of Science Management Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine

Climate Change Programs in Armenia and Co-operation Opportunities

BARDUKH GABRIELIAN, Professor, Director of the Center of Zoology and Hydroecology, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

16.30-17.30

**Towards Societal Challenges in H2020 - Eastern Partnership Countries Interest
and Participation in FP7**

ANNA DZIUBCZYNSKA-PYTKO, Deputy Director of the National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union, Poland

Cooperation on Health Related Research

HELMUT WALERIUS, Health Information Unit, DG Health and Consumers, European Commission

19.00-21.30

Conference dinner

Vilnius University, Botanical Garden, Kairėnai

(departure at 18:00 from Vilnius University Central Building, Universiteto str.3; departure at 21:30 from the Botanical Garden)

PARALLEL SESSION 2

Aula Parva

Moderators:

ZYGMUNT KRASIŃSKI, Dr., Deputy Director of the National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the European Union, Poland**SIGITAS URBONAVIČIUS**, Professor, Faculty of Economics, Vilnius University, Lithuania

14.30-16.00

NAS RA and its Role in the Innovation System of Armenia**TIGRAN ARZUMANYAN**, Head of International S&T Programmes Department, National Academy of Sciences, Armenia**Innovative Development of Belarus in the Context of International Indicators****NINA BOHDAN**, Professor, Department of National Economy, Belarusian State Economic University, Belarus**Moldova's R&D Competition System, State of the Art and Future Developments****ELENA ZAMSA**, Dr., Director of the Center for Fundamental and Applied Research Funding, Academy of Sciences, Moldova**TSU on the Way of Reforms: from Capacities to Excellence****GIORGI GHVEDASHVILI**, Professor, Head of Scientific Research & Development Department; Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Georgia

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

16.30-17.30

Development of Research Policy and Respective Funding Schemes**IRAKLI NOSELIDZE**, Dr., Head of Scientific Program Department, Shota Rustaveli National Science Foundation, Georgia**EAP Networking Capacity: State of Play and Steps Forward****VALENTINO CAVALLI**, Acting Secretary General, TERENA

19.00-21.30

Conference dinner

Vilnius University, Botanical Garden, Kairėnai

*(departure at 18:00 from Vilnius University Central Building, Universiteto str.3; departure at 21:30 from the Botanical Garden)***PARALLEL SESSION 3**

Senate Hall

Moderators:

DAN ANDRÉE, Chair of the Strategic Forum for International S&T Cooperation (SFIC), Special Advisor to the Swedish Agency for Innovation Systems (VINNOVA) and to the Swedish Ministry of Education and Research, Sweden**KĘSTUTIS JASIŪNAS**, Dr., General Director, JSC "EKSPLA", Lithuania

14.30-16.00

Development of SMEs' Innovative Activity**MARYNA LEBEDEVA**, Chairperson of the Innovation Development Committee, Head of the Centre for Technology Transfer Association of Legal Entities, Belarus**Innovational Infrastructure and Mechanisms of Implementation the Research Results in the Republic of Moldova****ROMAN CHIRCA**, General Director of the Agency for Innovation and Technology Transfer, National Academy of Sciences, Moldova**Strengthening Partnership between Research and Industry: Ukraine Realities and Prospect****ANDRIY TARELIN**, Dr., Vice-Director, A.M. Pidhorny Institute for Mechanical Engineering Problems, National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine

16.00-16.30

Coffee break

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

16.30-17.30

Strengthening Partnership between Research and Industry - the Austrian Perspective**STEFAN RIEGLER**, Dr., Head of Unit for RTI Strategy, International Research and Technology Cooperation, Federal Ministry of Economy, Family and Youth, Austria**International Cooperation with Eastern Partnership Countries / EU Countries: Success Stories – NANOTWINNING Project****LEONID YATSENKO**, Professor, Director of the Institute of Physics of National Academy of Sciences, Ukraine

19.00-21.30

Conference dinner

Vilnius University, Botanical Garden, Kairėnai

(departure at 18:00 from Vilnius University Central Building, Universiteto str.3; departure at 21:30 from the Botanical Garden)

CONFERENCE DAY 2

1 October

Plenary Session 3

Creating Synergies between Different Instruments and Activities: towards a New Vision

Plenary Session 4

Round-table Discussion. Seeking for a Better Policy Dialogue, Coordination, Management and Sharing Experience of Research and Development Programmes and Innovation.

Closing Session

Press Conference

Cultural Programme

PLENARY SESSION 3

Theatre Hall

9.00-10.30

Moderators:

EUGENIJUS BUTKUS, Professor, Vice-Rector of Vilnius University, Vice-President of the Europe Science Foundation, Lithuania

FRÉDÉRIC SIMON, Publisher&Editor, EurActiv.com, Belgium

9.00-9.30

Feedback on the Results in the Parallel Sessions

Moderators of the Parallel Sessions

9.30-9.50

Industrial Recovery of Europe

MILOSLAV RANSDORF, Dr., Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy (ITRE), European Parliament

9.50-10.10

Instruments and Activities for Resolving Global Challenges in the Context of Eastern Partnership

CARMEN FALKENBERG AMBROSIO, Head of Section, Regional Programmes Neighbourhood East, DG Development and Cooperation, European Commission Discussions

10.30-11.00

Coffee break

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

PLENARY SESSION 4

Theatre Hall
11.00-12.30

Moderators:

EUGENIJUS BUTKUS, Professor, Vice-Rector of Vilnius University, Vice-President of the Europe Science Foundation, Lithuania

FRÉDÉRIC SIMON, Publisher&Editor, EurActiv.com, Belgium

11.00 – 12.30

Participants:

VARDAN SAHAKYAN, Dr., Head of the Department for Science Policy, State Committee of Science, Ministry of Education and Science, Armenia;

IBRAHIM SAID OGLU GULIYEV, Professor, Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences, Azerbaijan;

IGOR VOITOV, Chairman of the State Science and Technology Committee, Belarus (tbc)

MARC MORONI, Deputy Head of the Service for Strategy, Directorate General for Research and Innovation, Ministry of Higher Education and Research, France;

MAXIMILIAN METZGER, Deputy Director General for International Cooperation, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany;

TAMAZ MARSAGISHVILI, Professor, Deputy Minister of Education and Science, Georgia;

LÁSZLÓ KORÁNYI, Acting President, National Innovation Office, Hungary;

DAINIUS PAVALKIS, Professor, Minister of Education and Science, Lithuania;

GHEORGHE DUCA, President of the Academy of Sciences, Moldova;

JACEK GULINSKI, Dr., Under Secretary of State, Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Poland;

DMYTRO TABACHNYK, Professor, Minister of Education and Science, Ukraine.

CLOSING SESSION

Theatre Hall
12.30-13.00

Moderators:

EUGENIJUS BUTKUS, Professor, Vice-Rector of Vilnius University, Vice-President of the Europe Science Foundation, Lithuania

FRÉDÉRIC SIMON, Publisher&Editor, EurActiv.com, Belgium

12.30-12.45

Presentation of the Conference Declaration

12.45-13.00

Closing Remarks

MÁIRE GEORGHEGAN-QUINN, European Commissioner for Research, Innovation and Science

DAINIUS PAVALKIS, Professor, Minister of Education and Science, Lithuania

13:00-14:30

Lunch

Vilnius University Cafeteria, Vilnius University, Universiteto str. 3

14:30

Cultural Programme

Guided Tour to Vilnius University Architectural Ensemble / Guided City Tour