



EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia Gateway on ICT Research and Development

# Overview of the EU-EECA ICT Cluster – **SCUBE-ICT project** results / achievements

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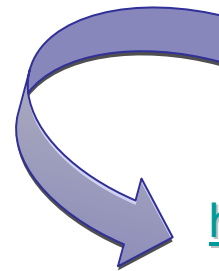
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# EECA Cluster Overview

The Eastern Europe and Central Asia (**EECA**) ICT cluster is an initiative supported by the European Commission under the Information and Communication Technologies Thematic area of the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme (FP7-ICT).

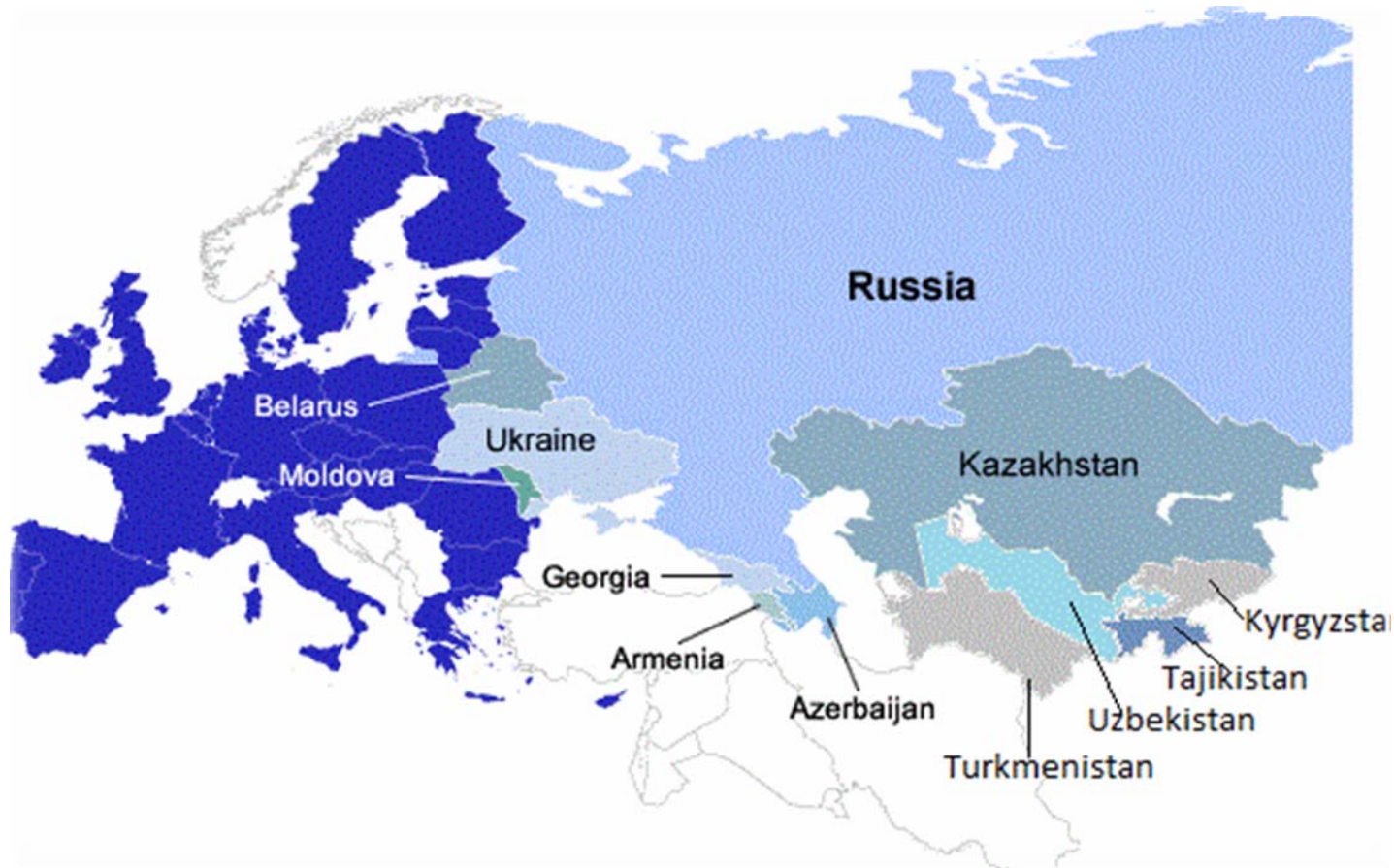
It aims at enabling the exploration of new opportunities for ICT R&D collaboration among researchers from the EU and the EECA countries.

The **EECA cluster** is the joint effort of 3 complementary FP7-ICT support actions:  
**ISTOK-SOYUZ, SCUBE-ICT and EXTEND**



**Web site:**  
<http://www.eeca-ict.eu/>

## EECA Cluster target countries





## What we offer?

### 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 offer?

- ✓ Creation of a publicly accessible 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 offer?

- ✓ 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** providing an open discussion forum for the exchange of ideas on future indicative action plan to strengthen collaboration between the EU and the EECA region.

# Which tools?

**Web site:**

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

**Competence Platform**



# EECA Web portal

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

- Home:** A dropdown menu with options: SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND, and ISTOK SOYUZ.
- 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 date 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

On the left side of the page, there are two green boxes:

- "Browse through the EECA ICT R&D excellence"
- "Get Support Access the EECA Help Desk"

At the bottom of the page, there is a section titled "About EECA" with the text: "Welcome to the EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Gateway on Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) research and development. This gateway aims to promote cooperation between research and industrial communities of the".

In the bottom right corner, there is a green box with a red pushpin icon and the text: "Web site: <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/>".





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# Competences Platform

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**Welcome to the EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) Competence Platform**

The Competence Platform is an online service offered through the EU - EECA Gateway on ICT research and development portal. You can use it to promote your ICT

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**Browse competences**

Select topics of interest in organisations. These topics

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- ✓ Cognitive Systems, Interac
- ✓ Components, Systems, Eng
- ✓ Technologies for Digital Co
- ✓ Towards Sustainable And P
- ✓ ICT for a Low Carbon Econ
- ✓ Future And Emerging Techn
- ✓ ICT for the Enterprise and
- ✓ ICT for Learning and Acces
- ✓ Others

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**Sign up as a new user**

If you want to register as an individual expert please sign up here. If you wish to register your organization, please contact us at [organisation@istok-soyuz.eu](mailto:organisation@istok-soyuz.eu).

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# Help Desk



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## Help Desk

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

### 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 participation: 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 through the online form. **submitted in your own languages**, but all responses will be in English.

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### 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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### 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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# SCUBE-ICT project results

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## SCUBE-ICT results (1/3)

- ⇒ **Launched a promotion campaign to increase the visibility of Bel/Ukr ICT research actors**
- ⇒ **Developed** *(within the Cluster)* **the on-line “EECA Competence Platform” to increase the visibility of ICT R&D actors**
- ⇒ **Organised** *(within the Cluster)* **4 large scale events at national level aiming to**
  - ✓ *Increase awareness on FP7-ICT opportunities*
  - ✓ *Enhance the skills of Bel/Ukr ICT actors towards FP7-ICT participation*
  - ✓ *Bring them into direct contact with EU ICT leaders*

## SCUBE-ICT results (2/3)

- ⇒ **Developed a “Getting Started with EU ICT research” training guide** *(The Guide is also available in Russian by ISTOK-SOYUZ)*
- ⇒ **Organised networking and promotion activities during the ICT2010 event** *(within the Cluster)*
  - ✓ *A networking session was organised (more than 120 researchers and more than 40 f2f meetings)*
  - ✓ *An exhibition stand was setup*
  - ✓ *The EECA Promotion Guide was distributed (including the profiles of more than 200 EECA ICT RTD actors)*
  - ✓ *50 EECA researchers were financially supported to attend*

## SCUBE-ICT results (3/3)

- ⇒ Analyzed the Bel/Ukr ICT sectors as well as the EU-Bel/Ukr ICT RTD collaboration potential
- ⇒ Elaborated a set of preliminary actions to enhance EU-Bel/Ukr collaboration
- ⇒ Organised 4 policy/consultation meetings in Bel/Ukr (2 in each country) aiming to discuss/agree *(within the Cluster)*
  - ✓ *On the national ICT R&D priorities that exhibit the highest collaboration potential with EU.*
  - ✓ *On specific actions that could be undertaken to enhance EU-Bel/Ukr ICT RTD collaboration*