



**FP7 Project  
"Strategic Cooperation in Ukraine, Belarus  
and EU in Information and Communication  
Technologies"**

(Grand Agreement No 231148)

**Possibilities and Services for  
BY Organizations**



# *Project Identity*

<b>Full Title:</b>	<i>Strategic Cooperation in Ukraine, Belarus and EU in Information and Communication Technologies</i>
<b>Type:</b>	<i>Coordination and Support Action (Support Action)</i>
<b>Duration</b>	<i>January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010</i>
<b>Budget</b>	<i>824.552 €</i>
<b>EU contribution</b>	<i>620.000 €</i>
<b>Partners</b>	<i>10 (6 countries)</i>
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# Who is involved?

	Partner Name	Country
1	International Environment and Quality Services North Greece Ltd	GR
2	Intelligentsia Consultants Ltd	UK
3	ALTEC SA Information and Communication Systems	GR
4	Universitat Politecnica de Catalunya	ES
5	Belarusian Institute of Systems Analysis and Information Support of Scientific and Technical Sphere	BY
6	United Institute of Informatics Problems – National Academy of Sciences of Belarus	BY
7	Belarusian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics	BY
8	Lviv Centre of S&T and Economic Information	UA
9	V.M. Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics of National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine	UA
10	Institute of Artificial Intelligence Problems	UA

# Geographical coverage



# *Project Aim*

⇒ To upgrade the cooperation in the field of ICT R&D between the EU, Belarus and Ukraine in key areas of mutual interest at two levels:

## **Research and industrial level**

- ✓ *Analyse the Bel/Ukr research and industrial ICT domain*
- ✓ *Create a 'pool' of key ICT players*
- ✓ *Advise and consult highly motivated ICT actors*
- ✓ *Create long-term collaborations*

## **Policy level**

- ✓ *Identify and analyse existing and future commonalities and differences in ICT R&D policies*
- ✓ *Support and facilitate ICT R&D policy dialogue*

# *Targeted Countries / Actors / Areas*

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## ⇒ Targeted countries

- ✓ *Belarus and Ukraine*

## ⇒ Targeted groups / beneficiaries

- ✓ *Research organisations*
- ✓ *Industrial actors*
- ✓ *Decision/policy makers, research and development agencies, national ICT associations, etc*
- ✓ *International cooperation support actions / initiatives*
- ✓ *Formal networks (e.g. Enterprise Europe Network – EEN)*
- ✓ *EU ICT research projects and multipliers (e.g. Joint Technology Initiatives, Networks of Excellence in ICT, etc)*

## ⇒ Targeted ICT research areas

- ✓ *All ICT areas of mutual interest among EU and BY/UA*

# East Europe and Central Asia (EECA) cluster

⇒ **The EECA cluster is formed between**

- ✓ *SCUBE-ICT* ([www.scube-ict.eu](http://www.scube-ict.eu))
- ✓ *EXTEND* ([www.extend-ict.eu](http://www.extend-ict.eu))
- ✓ *ISTOK-SOYUZ* ([www.istok-soyuz.eu](http://www.istok-soyuz.eu))

⇒ **Objective**

- ✓ *Maximise impact*
- ✓ *Avoid duplications*
- ✓ *Enhance the competencies in the EECA region as a whole*

country	Russia	Ukraine	Belarus	Kazakhstan	Armenia	Azerbaijan	Georgia	Moldova	Kyrgyzstan	Uzbekistan	Tajikistan	Turkmenistan
ISTOK-SOYUZ												
SCUBE - ICT												
EXTEND												

# Activities - Research & industrial level

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## Three (3) Steps

### - Step 1: Stimulate and Inform

- ✓ *Promotion – publicity campaign, e.g.*
  - ... *distribution of e-Newsletters and press releases*
  - ... *dissemination of research profiles of new in EU supported ICT research activities organisations*
- ✓ *SCUBE-ICT web portal*
  - ... *acting as a virtual gateway to EU-funded ICT research*
- ✓ *Info-days and training workshops*
  - ... *to share insight on emerging opportunities under FP7-ICT Calls for Proposals*
  - ... *to enhance the skills and experiences of competent ICT actors*

# Activities - Research & industrial level

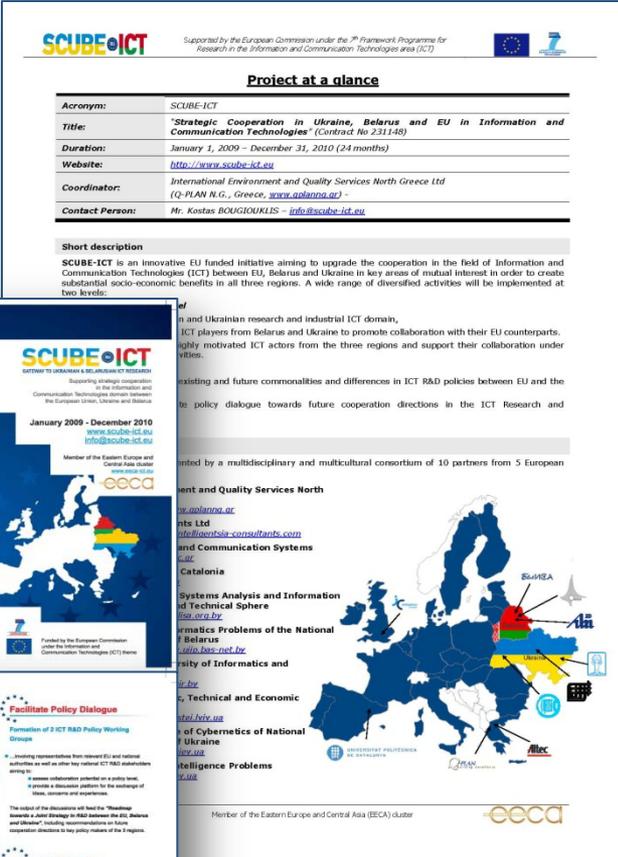
## Promotion – publicity campaign...

⇒ "Project @ a glance"

⇒ EECA newsletter

✓ Joint efforts of the 3 cluster project

⇒ Promotion guide including profiles of Bel/Ukr ICT organisations



**SCUBE-ICT** Supported by the European Commission under the 7<sup>th</sup> Framework Programme for Research in the Information and Communication Technologies area (ICT)

**Project at a glance**

<b>Acronym:</b>	SCUBE-ICT
<b>Title:</b>	"Strategic Cooperation in Ukraine, Belarus and EU in Information and Communication Technologies" (Contract No 231148)
<b>Duration:</b>	January 1, 2009 – December 31, 2010 (24 months)
<b>Website:</b>	<a href="http://www.scube-ict.eu">http://www.scube-ict.eu</a>
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**Short description**

SCUBE-ICT is an innovative EU funded initiative aiming to upgrade the cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) between EU, Belarus and Ukraine in key areas of mutual interest in order to create substantial socio-economic benefits in all three regions. A wide range of diversified activities will be implemented at two levels:

- Research and industrial ICT domain.
- ICT players from Belarus and Ukraine to promote collaboration with their EU counterparts.
- Highly motivated ICT actors from the three regions and support their collaboration under various activities.
- Existing and future complementarities and differences in ICT R&D policies between EU and the three regions and support dialogue towards future cooperation directions in the ICT Research and Development domain.

SCUBE-ICT is implemented by a multidisciplinary and multicultural consortium of 10 partners from 5 European countries:

- International Environment and Quality Services North Greece
- IQ-PLAN N.G.
- Info-Plan Ltd
- Info-Plan Consultants GmbH
- Information and Communication Systems S.p.A.
- ITC Ltd
- Systems Analysis and Information Technical Sphere LLC
- Ukrainian Cybernetics of National Academy of Sciences Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Informatics and Communications
- Technical and Economic Cybernetics of National Academy of Sciences Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Informatics and Communications

Member of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia cluster



**What is SCUBE-ICT?**

SCUBE-ICT is an innovative EU funded initiative, aiming to upgrade cooperation in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) between the EU, Belarus and Ukraine in key areas of mutual interest in order to create substantial socio-economic benefits in all three regions.

To achieve this target, a wide range of diversified activities will be implemented at two levels:

- Research / industrial level
- Policy level

**Stimulate and Inform**

- Information days / workshops
- Informational conferences
- Training seminars

**Support Collaboration**

- Competence Platform
- Networking/gathering events
- National reports for Belarus and Ukraine

**Who can benefit from SCUBE-ICT?**

Any organisation who is interested in EU supported research activities within the ICT domain can benefit from SCUBE-ICT. The designed activities and services address the following target groups:

- Research / academic community
- Research and Development agencies
- Business community
- Policy / decision makers at a national and/or regional level
- Civil Society Organisations (CSOs)

**Facilitate Policy Dialogue**

Formation of 2 ICT R&D Policy Working Groups

- Working committees from relevant EU and national authorities as well as other key national ICT stakeholders aiming to:
- Exchange experiences, practice or policy level
- provide a discussion platform for the exchange of ideas, expertise and experience

The output of the discussions will feed the "Member States in a Joint Strategy in R&D between the EU, Belarus and Ukraine", leading to recommendations on future cooperation directions to key policy makers of the 3 regions.

**Advise and Consult**

Elaboration of Joint Action Plans

- For a selected number of highly competent and interested researchers and decision makers existing in cooperation with EU-ICT organisations. The aim is to provide a practical "road map" towards the formation of a concrete research network
- Identifying potential sources of collaboration
- Highlighting research opportunities under FP7 and identifying specific actions for a successful implementation.

# Activities - Research & industrial level

Promotion – publicity campaign...

⇒ **“Getting Started with EU ICT Research” training guide, including practical information on:**

- ✓ *Emerging opportunities under FP7-ICT Theme (2009-2010)*
- ✓ *Rules for participation in EU-funded research projects*
- ✓ *Financial and administrative issues regarding project implementation*
- ✓ *Proposal preparation and evaluation process*
- ✓ *Networking tips*



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# Activities - Research & industrial level

## Web Portals

The screenshot shows the SCUBE-ICT website homepage. At the top, it features the SCUBE-ICT logo with the tagline 'GATEWAY TO UKRAINE & BELARUS ICT RESEARCH' and the EECA logo with 'www.eeca-ict.eu'. A navigation menu includes Home, About Us, Countries, Cluster, Events, News, Contact Us, Useful Material, and Useful Links. On the left, there is an 'Events Calendar' for March 2010, an 'EECA Directory' section, and a 'Newsflash' section. The main content area is titled 'Welcome to SCUBE-ICT' and contains a map of Europe highlighting Belarus and Ukraine. Below the map, it states: 'SCUBE-ICT is an EU funded support action project focusing on boosting strategic partnerships between information and Communication Technologies (ICT) researchers and industrial actors from Ukraine, Belarus and the European Union. Click on Belarus or Ukraine on the map below to receive more information or find out more about us or download the SCUBE-ICT @ a glance'. At the bottom, it mentions: 'SCUBE-ICT has formed a Cluster with the EU-funded projects EXTEND and ISTOK-GOYUZ targeting the East Europe and Central Asia region (EECA Cluster). Project Coordinator: Q-PLAN N.G. – specialists in project management and co-ordination.'

[www.scube-ict.eu](http://www.scube-ict.eu)

The screenshot shows the EECA website homepage. At the top, it features the EECA logo with 'EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia Gateway on ICT research and development' and the year '2007-2013'. A navigation menu includes Home, EECA Countries, Projects, Events, Useful Information, and Contact Us. On the left, there is an 'EECA Projects' section with logos for SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND, and ISTOK-GOYUZ, an 'EECA Directory' section, and a 'Help-Desk' section. The main content area is titled 'EECA' and contains a map of the EECA region highlighting countries like Belarus, Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, and Kazakhstan. Below the map, it says 'About EECA' and '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 EECA region by providing information about three European Union (EU) funded projects whose goal is to boost strategic partnerships between ICT actors.' At the bottom, it says '© 2009' and 'This project is funded by the EC under the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) Theme'.

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# Activities - Research & industrial level

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## - Step 2: Support Collaboration

- ✓ *National & Opportunities reports for Belarus and Ukraine*
  - ... to give background information necessary to boost collaboration
  - ... to provide to EU / Bel. / Ukr. actors solid and comprehensive information on the ICT R&D priorities and collaboration opportunities in EU, Belarus and Ukraine
  
- ✓ *On-line Competence Platform*  
[www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/competence](http://www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/competence)
  - ... to promote the research competences of BY/UA ICT actors
  - ... to support the identification of suitable partners
  
- ✓ *Networking / partnering events*
  - ... to create a communication interface facilitating personal contacts and the exchange of ideas

# Activities - Research & industrial level

## On-line Competence Platform

- ⇒ Based on the ISTOK-Ru on-line database
- ⇒ Fully integrated into the EECA portal

The screenshot shows the EECA Competence Platform website. The header is purple with the EECA logo and the text "EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia Gateway on ICT research and development". A navigation menu includes Home, EECA Countries, Projects, Events, Useful Information, and Contact Us. The main content area displays a welcome message: "WELCOME TO THE EU-EASTERN EUROPE AND CENTRAL ASIA (EECA) COMPETENCE PLATFORM". Below this, it states: "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 competences and to find information about your potential partners - ICT experts and organizations of the EECA region and Europe." A link "Read more" is provided. A sidebar on the left contains a menu with Home, Browse competences, Search, Registration, and Login.

# *Activities - Research & industrial level*

*Info-days , trainings, networking / partnering events*

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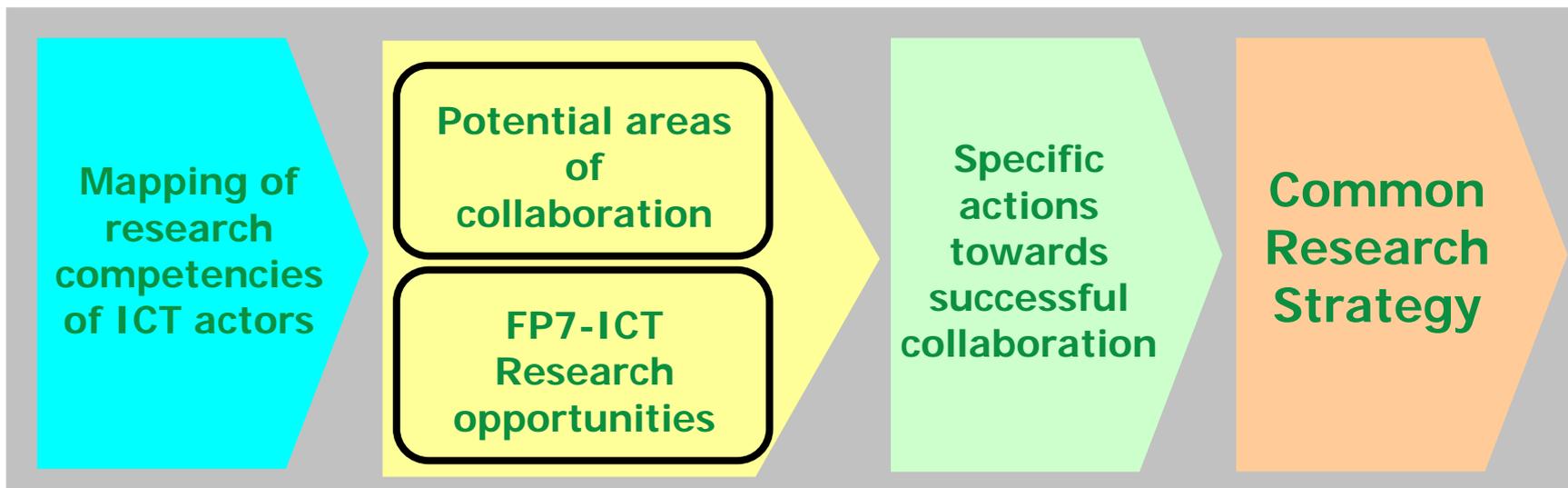
- ✓ *SCUBE-ICT promoted and supported Belarusian researchers attend to the "Delegation Tour" organised by ISTOK-SOYUZ on 22-27/06/2009 in Moscow (RU)*
- ✓ *SCUBE-ICT events: 25-26/6/09 in Belarus and 2-3/7/09 in Ukraine*
- ⇒ **Organisation of the consultation workshops in Bel/Ukr – EXTEND / SCUBE-ICT**
- ⇒ **Organisation of networking / training event in Ukraine – SCUBE-ICT / ISTOK-SOYUZ**
- ⇒ **Organisation within the ICT 2010 event (27-29/9/2010, Brussels, BE) – all projects**

# Activities - Research & industrial level

## Step 3: Advise and Consult

### ✓ *Joint Action Plans*

- ... for a selected number of highly competent BY/UA ICT actors wishing to collaborate with EU ICT organisations*
- ... to suggest specific actions towards the formation of a common research strategy*



# Activities - Policy level

## Facilitate Policy Dialogue (in cooperation with EXTEND Project)

### ✓ Support ICT R&D Policy Working Groups

*... involving representatives key ICT research stakeholders from the European Union, Belarus and Ukraine*

### ✓ Organization of policy workshops

*... to facilitate an open consultation process for ICT R&D policies in the three regions*

## Roadmap towards a Joint Strategy for ICT R&D

Including recommendations on future cooperation  
directions to key policy makers

# *Find out more*

## Contact us



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