



Stakeholders Conference
“EU – EECA S&T cooperation: The way forward”
Athens, Tuesday 16 and Wednesday 17 June 2009

Programme

Monday, 15 June

20:00 Cocktail reception at Divani Palace Acropolis Hotel

Tuesday, 16 June

9:00-9:30 Registration

9:30-9:45 *Opening Remarks*
Dr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou, Director General, International Centre for Black Sea Studies

9:45-10:30 Plenary Session I: “EU-EECA: Perspectives”
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Moderator: Dr. Dimitrios Triantaphyllou

9:45-10:00 *“Strengthening the international dimension of the European Research Area and fostering the strategic co-operation with EECA countries”*
Ms. Mary Minch, Director, International Cooperation Directorate, Research Directorate General, European Commission

10:00-10:15 *“A view from Eastern Europe on the EU-EECA cooperation”*
H.E. Maksym Strikha, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Education and Science, Ukraine

10:15-10:30 *“A view from Central Asia on the EU-EECA cooperation”*
H.E. Sayat Nusupov, Vice-Minister, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Republic of Kazakhstan

10:30-11:00 *Coffee break*

11:00-13:30 Plenary Session II: “The current landscape”

Moderator: Dr. Olga Meerovskaya, National Coordinator of NCPs, Belarusian Institute of System Analysis and Information Support of S&T Sphere

11:00-11:30 *“EU-EECA S&T cooperation: current state and perspectives”*
Dr. Vladimir Mayer, Director, CNRS office in Moscow

11:30-12:00 *“EU-EECA bilateral cooperation policies: Practice examples”*
Mr. Michael Schlicht, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
Ms. Liliana Proskuryakova, State University – Higher School of Economics, Russia

12:00-12:30 *“Community framework for S&T cooperation with EECA”*
Dr. Yves Maisonne, Scientific Officer, DG Research, European Commission
Dr. Heiko Prange-Gstöhl, Policy Officer, DG Research, European Commission

12:30-13:00 *“Reflection of the science community on the impact of EU-EECA cooperation”*
‘Eastern’ view (Prof. Michael Zgurovsky, Rector, National Technical University of Ukraine)
‘Western’ view (Prof. Julius Glaser, School of Chemistry, Royal Institute of Technology of Sweden)

13:00-13:30 Open Discussion

13.30-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:45 Parallel WORKSHOP A (Policy issues)

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Omer Anlagan, Vice-President, TUBITAK

Rapporteur: Dr. George Bonas, S&T Advisor of the ICBSS, IncoNet EECA Project Coordinator

In-depth mutual learning on S&T cooperation policy strategies and trans-sector policy coordination serving national objectives and responding to global challenges – Where is the common ground?

14:30-15:10 *Presentations to kick-off the debate:*

“Input from the CREST Working Group”

Dr. Joern Sonnenburg, International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany

“Input from SCOPE-EAST and IncoNet EECA”

Dr. Anna Pikalova, State University - Higher School of Economics
Mr. Klaus Schuch, Centre for Social Innovation

15:10-15:45 Open discussion

15:45-16:15 Coffee break

16:15-17:00	Continuation
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16:15-16:30 *Summary of conclusions*

Dr. George Bonas

16:30-17:00 Open discussion

14:30-15:45	Parallel WORKSHOP B (Scientists' view)
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Moderator: Dr. Tigran Arzumanyan, Head of International S&T Programmes Department, National Academy of Sciences of Armenia

Rapporteur: Prof. Dr. Ion Tighineanu, Vice-President, Academy of Sciences of Moldova

How to enhance the EU-EECA S&T cooperation in Basic and Applied Research? Highlighting Good Practices, identifying Barriers, and making proposals to move ahead.

14:30-15:30 *Presentations to kick-off the debate:*

Dr. Evangelos Papathanassiou, Hellenic Centre for Marine Research
Dr. Armen Saghatelian, Director of the Center for Ecological-Noosphere Studies of the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia
Dr. George Jaiani, Director of Institute of Applied Mathematics of Javakhishvili State University
Prof. Sergey Tsyganov, Head of Goal-oriented Research Division, Russian Foundation for Basic Research

15:30-15:45 Open discussion

15:45-16:15 *Coffee break*

16:15-17:00 Continuation

16:15-16:30 *Summary of conclusions*
Prof. Dr. Ion Tighineanu

16:30-17:00 Open discussion

20:00 *Dinner*

Wednesday, 17 June

9:30-11:15 **Plenary Session III: "The way forward"**

Moderator: Amb. Tedo Japaridze, Alternate Director General, ICBSS

Panel: Moderators and Rapporteurs of the Workshops

9:30-10:30 Presentation of the conclusions of the Workshops and discussion:
Workshop A: Dr. George Bonas
Workshop B: Prof. Dr. Ion Tighineanu

10:30-11:15 Open Structured Discussion
What are the future common challenges and related objectives?
How should the respective optimum frame for EU-EECA S&T cooperation look?
How can policy contribute?

11:15-11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45-12:15 Conclusion of the Conference

11:45-12:05 Summarizing the conclusions of the Workshops and of the discussion

12:05-12:15 Concluding remarks

12:30 *Lunch*