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Reflections of the Science Community on the Impact of EU-EECA Cooperation

Western View

- a. My background***
- b. Why researchers from EU and EECA cooperate?***
- c. Are there any obstacles for such cooperation?***
- d. Good practices in the cooperation between researchers from EU and from EECA***
- e. After the project***

a. My background

- Professor of chemistry at KTH (Royal Institute of Technology), Stockholm, Sweden
- Coordinator of INTAS project 1997-1999

Project title:

Electron Transfer Processes in Light-Harvesting Oligometallics

with partners from 4 scientific institutions, countries:

- Stockholm, Sweden
 - Paris, France
 - Moscow, Russia
 - Tbilisi, Georgia
- Primary reviewer of INTAS grant applications, for several years
 - Representative of Sweden in INTAS Research Grant Commission, Brussels – for three years

b. Why researchers from EU and EECA cooperate?

- **Seen from the West:**

- *Skilful scientists from EECA, often with excellent scientific background*
- *Do important research, which would not be done otherwise, or postponed*

- **Seen from the East:**

- *Possibility to pursue research at western laboratories*
- *Better salary*
- *Merits*
- *To stay in the West?*

C. Are there any obstacles for such cooperation?

- Lack of adequate contacts/knowledge of each others capabilities
- Very low success rate
- Limited funding

d. Good practices in the cooperation between researchers from EU and from EECA

- Provide good research possibilities
- Involve more scientists in the project, both from the West and from the East
- Honest communication
- Good common publications
- Continue cooperation also after the end of the INTAS project

After the common EU-EECA project

- Cooperation or “brain drain”?
- EU funding for returning EECA scientist?
- EU support for visiting Western labs for EECA scientists
- EU support for conference participation for EECA scientists