



# ener2i ENErgy Research to Innovation

Reinforcing cooperation with European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) countries on bridging the gap between energy research and energy innovation



http://www.ener2i.eu/





## ener2i – project mission

- Improve knowledge transfer and innovation support in the field of renewable energies (RES) and energy efficiency (EE)
- Stimulate linkages between research and innovation with effective knowledge transfer methods (brokerages, etc.)
- Establish sustainable cooperation between research and innovation actors across EU and ENP countries
  - Address EE and RES in the business sector, improving the innovation performance of business in EE/RES





### ener2i – basic facts

- Project Coordinator Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI),
   Vienna, Austria
- Duration 36 Months, October 2013-September 2016
- Kick-off meeting 14-15 October 2013, Vienna, Austria
- EaP target countries Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova
- EU partners Austria, Hungary, Germany; (and Netherlands, Norway and others through eseia network)





## ener2i – basic facts

• Implemented by a consortium of 11 partners, including:

research organisations in the energy and innovation fields,

innovation funding agencies,

service providers, and

SME support agencies

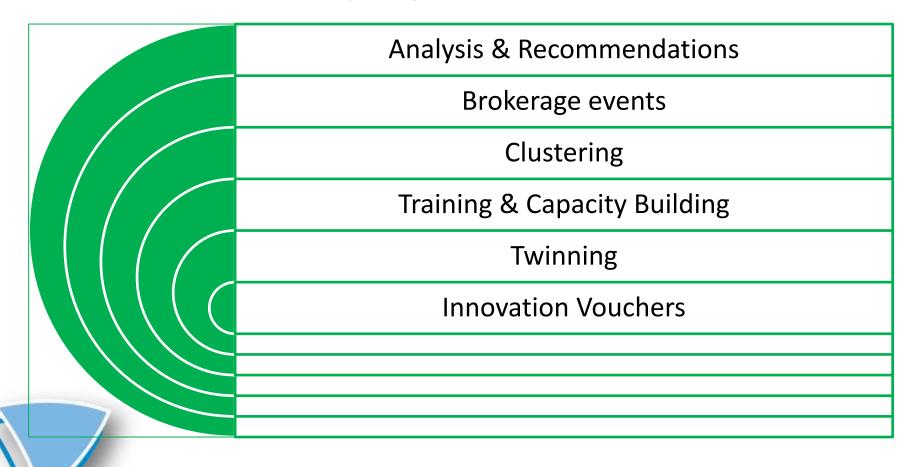
Project Budget – around € 1 million, supported in the
 EU's 7th Framework Programme for RTD (FP7)







## Main project activities







Draft country reports on EE/RES in AM, BY, GE, MD prepared,

Discussed at local expert workshops organised in 2014:

BY 19 March, GE 27 March, MD 4 April, AM 11 June









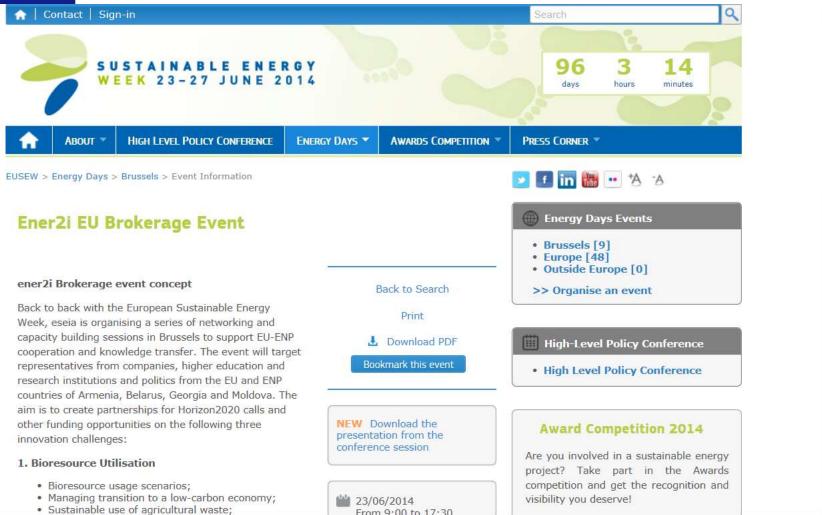
- ener2i EU brokerage event: Brussels, 23 June 2014
   during EU Sustainable Energy Week 10 travel grants à
   €600 allocated to EaP experts, IncoNet EaP participates
   with another 6 travel grants for EaP experts
- ener2i EU brokerage event: Brussels, 2 December 2014
  for preparation of H2020 and COST proposals; small
  group of participants targeted





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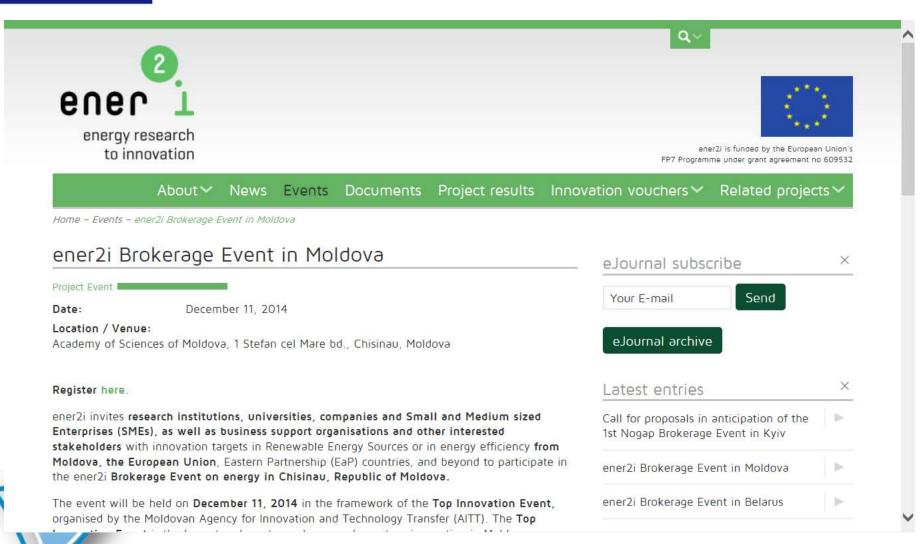
ener2i Local brokerages & trainings in EaP countries
 Belarus: 14-15 October 2014, linked to Energy Expo in Minsk: <a href="http://tc.by/exhibitions/energyexpo2014/">http://tc.by/exhibitions/energyexpo2014/</a>

 Moldova: 10-11 December 2014, linked to Top Innovation event in Chisinau <a href="http://ener2i.eu/object/event/29">http://ener2i.eu/object/event/29</a>









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- Innovation Voucher Competition (IVC)
   concept for Innovation Vouchers developed, call
   documents and electronic submission system prepared
- Innovation Voucher Belarus
   http://www.ener2i.eu/innovation\_vouchers/belarus
   competition launch: 19 May 2014
   submission deadline: 15 August 2014
   award ceremony: 14 October, at ener2i brokerage
- Innovation Voucher Moldova competition launch: 11 December 2014 (indicative)

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### **Ener2i Innovation Vouchers**

- 24 innovation vouchers of €4,000 each, 6 vouchers per each EaP country (AM, BY, GE, MD)
- allocated to SMEs, including start-ups, in the EaP countries as a result of a merit-based competition
- Bring businesses and research organisations in direct contact – SME will have to cooperate with research organisation





### ener2i Innovation Vouchers

- Candidates apply for vouchers by submitting a EE / RES problem to be solved with research support
  - Consortium description (SME & research partner) (1/2 page)
  - Problem description, innovative idea and solution (1 pages)
  - Implementation and financial plan on voucher usage (1 1/2 pages)
- Evaluation of proposals by a jury composed of experts from the EU and local partners (4+2)
  - IV award ceremony at ener2i brokerage & training events in each EaP country





#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!

More information: http://www.ener2i.eu/

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