



NEWSLETTER EAP PLUS (23 NOVEMBER 2017) - "WINTER EDITION"

Welcome to the third EaP PLUS Newsletter - the "Winter Edition"!

The EaP PLUS newsletter informs you on a regular basis about the project's activities and recent developments in the EU-EaP cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation.

Under "Highlights" the major news deriving from the project and the EU-EaP Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) sector in general are compiled. The sections "Latest News", "Latest Documents" and "Latest Calls" serve you with different up-to-date information from the project and beyond including articles, reports, open calls for your consideration (EaP PLUS own calls, H2020, etc.). Under "Upcoming Events" we collect various events relevant to both EU and EaP researchers and STI stakeholders and open for participation.

Horizon 2020 - The final Work Programme 2018-2020 presented

This edition of the EaP PLUS newsletter focuses on the launch of the new Work Programme 2018-2020 of Horizon 2020 and the possibilities provided to applicants from the EaP region.

"The European Commission announced on October 27, 2017 how it will spend €30 billion of the EU research and innovation funding programme Horizon 2020 during 2018-2020, including €2.7 billion to kick-start a European Innovation Council. Horizon 2020, the EU's €77 billion research and innovation funding programme, supports scientific excellence in Europe and has contributed to high-profile scientific breakthroughs such as the discovery of exoplanets and gravitational waves" (EC Press Release, Brussels, 27 October 2017)

You can find all relevant information you need to know about the new open calls in Horizon 2020 in this newsletter. Moreover, we introduce to you the H2020 thematic priority SPIRE "Sustainable process industry through resource and energy efficiency", which seeks applications from EaP partners in particular!



Please do not hesitate to send us your feedback at office@eap-plus.eu. Moreover, also you can make use of this newsletter for disseminating your pertinent information among the wide audience of EU and EaP STI stakeholders in our subscriber list. If you wish to include your news in the next edition, please also send us an email.

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**With best regards,
the EaP PLUS Team**

Highlight - new WP 2018-2020 of H2020 is published!



Horizon 2020 - The final Work Programme 2018-2020 presented

On October 27 the new WP 2018-2020 under Horizon 2020 was published. Over the next 3 years, the Commission will seek greater impact of its research funding by focusing on fewer, but critical topics such as migration, security, climate, clean energy and digital economy. Horizon 2020 will also be more geared towards boosting breakthrough, market-creating innovation. The 2018-2020 Work Programme build on the success of Horizon 2020 so far, and takes account of the extensive interim evaluation of the programme. It also responds to the European Commission's political priorities and paves the way for its successor programme. The new features include measures to support market-creating innovation, highly integrated activities called focus areas, emphasis on better dissemination of results and a focus on open access to data. The Work Programme also includes measures to increase simplification (e.g. lump sum funding), to widen participation from less performing countries and to address skills mismatches.

As you might know, all associated countries to Horizon 2020 are fully eligible to participate in any of the open calls in the new WP 2018-2020. From the EaP region, currently these are Armenia, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine.

On the other hand, the new WP 2018-2020 includes two calls in 2018 plus two in 2019 ('SPIRE' calls) that encourage participation from all EaP countries, irrespective of their status in Horizon 2020.

"SPIRE - Sustainable Process Industry through resource and energy efficiency"

<https://www.spire2030.eu/>



SPIRE offers an unique opportunity for the researchers in the EaP countries to participate in consortia for preparing proposals with EU partners under H2020 "Industrial Leadership" (Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing), since the respective calls recommend to EU applicants "to cooperate with the Eastern Partnership countries in particular".

EaP PLUS Coordinator George Bonas (CeRISS): *"It is in the interest of the EU researchers to include scientists from EaP countries in order to fulfil all the recommendations of the SPIRE calls, increasing therefore the chances for acceptance of their proposal. In that context, a pro-active action from the EaP side will result in numerous applications and certainly an enhanced number of funded projects. "*

In parallel, EaP PLUS will implement a series of support actions to raise awareness about SPIRE and the new WP 2018-2020 in the EaP region:

- Information Days in each EaP country, with particular focus on SPIRE calls ([more info](#))
- A Webinar on the SPIRE calls on 23rd November, that the researchers can freely attend ([more info](#))
- Grants to travel in EU for meeting partners preparing SPIRE proposals (A call for these grants was launched on 5 November 2017) ([more info](#))

Please find the respective articles on the launch of the new WP 2018-2020 and

on SPIRE in our news list below.

More Highlights

Find here a selection of particularly interesting news from the EaP PLUS web portal.

News

- **Posted on October 30, 2017**

[New H2020 Work Programme 2018-2020 published: Commission to invest €30 billion in new solutions for societal challenges and breakthrough innovation](#)

- **Posted on October 23, 2017**

[New Horizon 2020 WP encourages applications from EaP researchers in many fields \(e.g. SPIRE\)](#)

- **Posted on October 23, 2017**

[EaP PLUS General Assembly Meeting in Vienna from October 10-11](#)

Documents

- **Posted on September 15, 2017**

[EaP PLUS Deliverable: Conclusions of the conference "Sharing experiences from association to H2020"](#)

Calls

- **Posted on October 16, 2017**

[EaP PLUS cluster grant scheme for Georgia relaunched: call for applications](#)

- **Posted on November 5, 2017**

[Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings for proposal applications in H2020 \(focus: SPIRE\) – 2nd call - Apply now!](#)

Latest News



[EaP PLUS High-Level Seminars on Research and Innovation Policy](#)



EaP PLUS has just completed its 2nd high-level seminar on R&I policy in Athens, following an event alike in Vienna in October

[EaP PLUS was presented at CEI Ministerial Conference on Science and Technology in Minsk](#)



The conference took place on October 26 and focused on "Biotechnology for Healthy and Active Life in CEI Region"

[Closing of the festival of Science and Innovation 2017 in Georgia](#)



The Festival of Science and Innovation 2017 was officially closed in Georgia on October 10, 2017

[H2020 EaP PLUS Project Scientific Diaspora Workshop in Armenia](#)



On September 27, 2017, the EaP PLUS Project Diaspora Workshop on "Promoting cooperation between researchers in Armenia and Diaspora in ICT and Related Fields" was organised at the National Academy of Sciences of Armenia

[EaP PLUS supported the conference "FROM INNOVATIVE IDEAS TO SUCCESSFUL BUSINESSES" on September 21 in Minsk](#)



EaP Panel on R&I hosted the conference "From innovative ideas to successful businesses: promoting the national systems of early stage financing of innovative companies in Eastern Partnership countries"

[Second RDI webinar "Innovation strategies and innovation management" draws over 40 participants](#)



Innovation Strategies and Innovation Management

The second RDI webinar "Innovation strategies and innovation management" took place on the 7th of September 2017. Guest speaker Peter Häfner explained the broad issues related to innovation management in a 90-minute webinar.

[Series of upcoming national Erasmus+ info days in the EaP countries](#)



In autumn 2017 in all countries in the EaP region Erasmus+ info days will be organised by the local National Erasmus+ Offices (NEO).

[Archive of EaP PLUS newsletters published!](#)



EaP PLUS publishes its newsletter quarterly. All published newsletters (Spring, Summer) can be viewed and downloaded on our website

Visit regularly our [News area](#) on the portal to keep informed.

Upcoming Events

[Invitation to join the third EaP PLUS RDI webinar!](#)
(December 1, 2017)



EaP PLUS will hold the third webinar focused on research and innovation on the 1st of December 2017. This webinar will explore the topic of Exploitation strategies in R&I collaborative projects (e.g. Horizon 2020) with key speakers Svetlana Klessova from France and Alexandra Petkevich from Belarus.

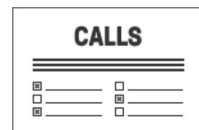
[Space International Information Day & Brokerage Event, Warsaw 13-14 December, 2017](#)
(Dec 13–14, 2017 - Warsaw, Poland)



COSMOS2020 - the Network of Horizon 2020 SPACE NCP - and the Polish National Contact Point for Research Programmes of the EU with support of the European Commission are organizing an event dedicated to the upcoming SPACE 2018-2020 Calls under Horizon 2020.

Visit regularly our [Event area](#) on the portal to keep informed.

Latest Calls



[EaP PLUS cluster grant scheme for Georgia relaunched: call for applications](#)
(Submission Deadline: December 4, 2017)

EaP PLUS Cluster Grant Scheme

The EaP PLUS project relaunches the grant scheme for Georgia for a period of 1,5 month! The call is open from October 17th 2017 to December 4th 2017. EaP PLUS offers 1 grant of up to 10.000€ to a Georgian cluster or cluster-like legal entity or organisation. The grant covers the expenses of the cooperative activities between Georgian and EU clusters. Read more about the eligibility criteria on our website.

[Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings for proposal applications in H2020 \(focus: SPIRE\) – 2nd call - Apply now!](#)
(Submission Deadline: May 31, 2018)

The EaP PLUS Team happily announces the 2nd round of the Call for Grants for networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings. This grant for networking financially supports the participation of local **researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of H2020 project proposals.** The 2nd round of the scheme will give special priority to **applications concerning SPIRE** calls which are explicitly encouraging participation from EaP countries.



[SPIRE Call: Processing of material feedstock using non-conventional energy sources \(IA\)](#)
(Submission Deadline: February 22, 2018)



Proposals are expected to develop technologies applying non-conventional energy sources to processes of high industrial interest. Activities should start at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 4 and achieve TRL 6 at the end of the project. The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU between EUR 6 and 10 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude

submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts. **Read more on the EaP PLUS website!**

[SPIRE Call: Energy and resource flexibility in highly energy intensive industries \(IA 50%\)](#)
(Submission Deadline: February 22, 2018)



The challenge is to establish synergistic integration at a regional level among different production sectors leading to optimisation of production system as a whole and logistics, especially in terms of the supply of energy and raw materials. This should reduce emissions and environmental impact, while maintaining competitiveness and job security. Proposals should include multiple demonstrators, including retrofitting of industrial installations, in a highly energy and resource intensive industry-relevant environment. Activities should start at Technology Readiness Level (TRL) 5 and achieve TRL 7 at the end of the project.

The Commission considers that proposals requesting a contribution from the EU between EUR 8 and 12 million would allow this specific challenge to be addressed appropriately. Nonetheless, this does not preclude submission and selection of proposals requesting other amounts. **Read more on the EaP PLUS website!**

Find more funding opportunities on our web portal by clicking [here](#).



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