



Workshop on the Enterprise Europe Network (Kiev, Ukraine, 26 February 2015)

## Press-Release

The Enterprise Europe Network Workshop was held on February 26, 2015 at the Hotel Khreschatyk (14, Khreschatyk str.) in Kiev, Ukraine.

The Workshop was organized by the TBI Kharkov Technologies (KT) from Ukraine and the Institute of Technological Research PAN (IPPT PAN) from Poland and was carried out within the activities of the “STI International Cooperation Network for Eastern Partnership - IncoNet EaP” Project which is dedicated to the promotion of the bi-regional policy dialogue in Science, Technology and Innovation between the EU Member States (and Associated countries) and the Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries aiming at the identification of priorities for action especially in respect to the possible cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network (EEN).

The idea of the workshop on the Enterprise Europe Network was to reflect on successful examples of cooperation of the EaP countries with the EEN and to propose ways to extend the network in other EaP countries.

The workshop involved stakeholders from EaP and EU countries, both EEN and non-EEN members, who discussed the issues on existing mutual collaboration, instruments available as e.g. technology transfer data base. In general 55 representatives from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine and Poland participated in the Workshop.

The workshop was officially opened by **Inna Gagauz**, Director of the TBI Kharkov Technologies followed by **Victor Shovkalyuk**, Director of the Department of Innovation and Technology Transfer of the Ministry of Education and Science. In his welcoming speech he emphasized the importance of innovative developments and the crucial role of science and technology for the economy of Ukraine. Then welcoming words were said by **Yegor Dubinskiy**, Advisor of Vice-president of NAS Ukraine, Coordinator of the National Contact Points on EC Programs of Ukraine and by **Valeriy Kolomiets**, Director of the Ukraine EEN Centre of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry.



Then Ms. **Katarzyna Walczyk** from the IPPT PAN, task leader of the IncoNet EaP Project made on-line presentation acquainting the participants with the main purposes of the IncoNet EaP project, highlighting its priorities for joint activities of the EU with EaP countries.

In the next presentations the speakers from EaP and EU countries shared their experience of participation in the EEN. At first, representative of Ukraine Mr. **Nikolay Ushakov** from the Kyiv City Centre for Investment and Development, member of consortium EEN-Ukraine presented problems and achievements of their cooperation with the EEN. In turn, Mr. **Karen Gevorgyan**, representative of the National SME Development Center of Armenia, presented the activities of his organisation, described its cooperation with the Enterprise Europe Network and gave some successful examples.

Ms. **Malgorzata Palysa**, representative of the Polish Agency for Enterprise Development, provided on-line information about purpose and structure of her organisation, the activities of the Enterprise Europe Network in Poland, and on ways to attract researchers and entrepreneurs to the projects of EU.



**Oleksandr Bediukh**, Ukrainian EEN-consortium partner from Kyiv Taras Shevchenko National University presented experience of cooperation of Ukrainian universities with EEN; then followed the presentations of EEN activities and opportunities of COSME Programs in Ukraine and in Moldova given by **Olena Fecenko**, coordinator of the Ukraine EEN Consortium from Institute of Physics of NAS of Ukraine and by **Diana Grozav** from the Center of International Projects, Academy of Sciences of Moldova correspondingly.

Two more Ukrainian organizations, EEN Ukraine consortium members, represented by **Svitlana Zymina** from Kyiv National University of Technologies and Design, and **Oleksandr Morozov** from New International Corporation, Ltd introduced to the participants the problems and prospects of Ukrainian institutes and SMEs in EEN.

The last speech was given by **Vitali Kuzmin** from Innovation association “Republican Centre for Technology Transfer” who shared Belarus experience of preparing application and applying to EEN and presented perspectives for future cooperation.



Each speech was met with interest and followed by a Q&A session, which gave participants the opportunity to gain necessary information.

This Workshop raised the awareness of stakeholders from EaP countries about advantages and opportunities of cooperation with EEN and outlined necessary actions to extend and improve such cooperation.

