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Abstract :

This document represents a summary of the EECA Cluster's participation in the "ICT 2010" event in Brussels.

It presents:

- the ICT 2010 event
- the EECA ICT Call for applications
- the participation of the EECA team and delegation to the ICT 2010 event
- the results of the activity and the feedback from the winners

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1. Introduction

The **Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) ICT cluster** is an initiative supported by the European Commission under the Information and Communication Technologies Thematic area of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7-ICT). It aims at enabling:

- the exploration of new opportunities for ICT R&D collaboration among researchers from the EU and the EECA countries; and
- the diffusion of information about research activities under FP7-ICT.

The EECA cluster is the joint effort 3 complementary FP7-ICT support actions ([ISTOK-SOYUZ](#), [SCUBE-ICT](#) and [EXTEND](#)) that share common objectives and deploy a wide range of activities in the entire EECA region. The **targeted countries** are: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan.

Since the beginning of 2009 the Cluster partners have implemented a wide range of diversified activities aiming to:

- **Increase awareness** on EU-funded research activities under the FP7-ICT in the EECA region
- **Improve visibility** of ICT R&D organizations and specialists from EECA countries on the European arena and **stimulate collaboration** with their EU counterparts
- **Support the policy dialogue** between the EU and EECA countries, contributing to the setting up of joint initiatives enhancing their ICT R&D collaboration

In order to achieve its objectives and to facilitate the promotion of the EECA organisations' ICT competences, the Cluster partners prepared different activities during the Europe's most visible forum for ICT Research and Innovation - ICT 2010 event. These activities included:

- ☑ **Setting up a promotional stand**, where researchers from both the EU and the EECA region had the opportunity to be informed on their collaboration potential, namely the funding 'instruments' to support such international research collaborations, the ICT priority areas in EECA countries, etc. The booth acted as the central point of information and the visitors will be able to browse through the EU-EECA ICT Competence Platform (i.e. on-line database with profiles of ICT actors from the region) and arrange for personal meetings with potential partners, adjusting their time plan throughout 3 days of the ICT 2010 Event.
- ☑ **Organisation of a Networking Session**, where the ICT research excellence in the EECA region was presented and a number of one-to-one meetings among EU and EECA researchers were scheduled.
- ☑ **Distribution of a Promotional Guide of EECA ICT organizations and teams**, to promote their competencies and fields of interest.

In addition to organizing the networking activities, the EECA Cluster offered a unique opportunity for motivated EECA ICT specialists to come to the ICT 2010 event. The EECA team supported the ICT specialists by taking in charge their travel costs and subscription fees for the European event. In order to select the winners, who benefited from financial support, an **on-line Call for applications has been launched**. The EECA team evaluated more than 110 applications and selected the **50 winners** from each country, covered by the Cluster's activities. The winners attended the ICT 2010 event and had the opportunity to meet European specialists working in the ICT field. As a result, 12 Letters of intent for partnership establishment were signed between EU specialists and EECA winners.

2. ICT 2010 Event Overview



The ICT 2010 event

(http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010) is a European biennial event, which aimed to share visions of current and future research trends and explore key policy options. It represented also a **gathering point for researchers, business people, investors and high level policy makers in digital innovation**. It was organised by the European Commission and hosted by the Belgian Presidency of the European Union.

The forum allowed participants from all over the world to **display the latest research trends and projects** in ICT on a surface of more than 10 000 m². ICT 2010 hosted also many networking sessions. These sessions were conceived to facilitate contacts between researchers and innovators, engineers and investors from all fields of digital innovation.

This represented a fantastic opportunity for experts and R&D organizations, working in the field of Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and **looking for partners**, to **network** with like-minded individuals and businesses at the conference and to build partnerships.

3. EECA ICT Call for Applications

3.1. Call objectives

In the framework of the common tasks, **EU-EECA ICT-cluster launched a Call** with the goal to identify prominent ICT specialists from the EECA targeted countries who were interested to participate in the ICT 2010 and to provide them with high level hands-on support.

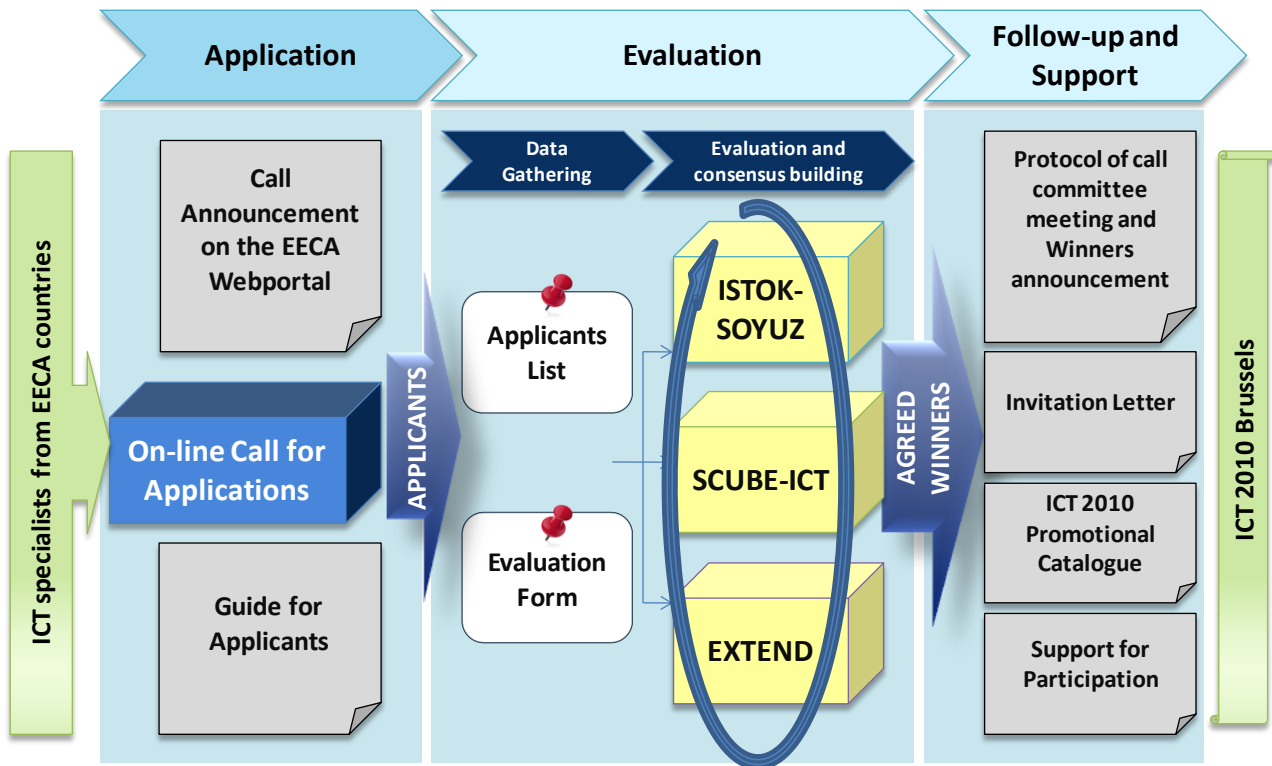
The winners of the Call were provided with hands-on support aimed to support their participation in the ICT 2010 Conference, namely:

- Information and organization maintenance and training in each of the twelve EECA countries, related to the participation in the ICT 2010 event;
- Coaching for direct networking for the ICT 2010 event, provided to all the EECA winners before the opening of the conference on Sunday, 25 September 2010;
- Support for participation in the special network session of the EU-EECA ICT-cluster; during this session it was suggested to the ICT specialists from EU-EECA countries to have the open dialog, opportunities available for exchange of ideas and preparation of real proposals for future calls of FP7¹;
- Use of technical facilities of exhibition stand of the EU-EECA ICT-cluster as a place for meetings with potential partners and dissemination of own information;
- Assistance in searching and establishing contacts with relevant European partners for participation in the FP7 and provision of consultancy support, concerning participation in the FP7 ICT Work Programme;
- Financial support, related to the participation in the ICT 2010.

Moreover, ICT-competencies of the teams-participants of the Call, following their wishes, included into the catalogue of EU-EECA cluster (Promotional Guide), which included descriptions of ICT teams and organizations from EECA countries and was distributed during the ICT 2010. The information for the catalogue was taken from filled applications forms and agreed with the authors.

¹ Work name of network session of EU-EECA ICT-cluster: «**Thinking across borders - (Re) discover ICT cooperation potential with East Europe & Central Asia and Western Balkan countries**»

3.2. EECA ICT Call for Applications Methodology



The figure above represents the EECA ICT call for applications methodology.

The Support team (ST) was formed in May 2010. The three EECA projects took part in the support activities. The ISTOK-SOYUZ Team led the whole process.

The ST had to determine a vision (portrait) of potential participants of the call. Furthermore, the call criteria and an application form were elaborated.

The application form has been presented on the EECA Competence Platform in on-line format (See Annex 1: On-line Call for Application Form). In order to participate in the call, an applicant had to register at the competences platform and fill in an individual on-line Application-form in English.

(<http://www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/ict2010-call-for-applications>).

This form included three sections of questions:

- ✓ Information on the applicant as a specialist in ICT sphere and description of his/her ICT-competencies (**Section “ICT-competencies of the applicant”**);
- ✓ Information on the applicant’s organization (**Section “Description of organization/laboratory/unit”**);
- ✓ Information about participation of the applicant in the ICT 2010 Conference and his/her ideas proposed by the applicant or his/her consortium for FP7 ICT projects (if they are available) **Section “Participation in ICT 2010 Conference”**).

In addition, the support team developed:

- Call Announcement/Guide for applicants (in English and Russian) – see details in the Annex 2. This document included information on the call aims and objectives, who may participate, rules and criteria, explanations how to fill the application form in, contact details for each of the EECA countries.
- Information letter about ICT 2010 (in Russian) – see details in the Annex 3. This letter was oriented for the potential participants of the call and included brief information on the ICT 2010.

The EECA ICT on-line call was announced on 30th of June, 2010 with the deadline on 31th of July, 2010. A wide information campaign was run in the EECA target countries. The main objectives of the information campaign were the following:

- Improve information on the EECA ICT cluster activities.
- Attract attention to the EECA ICT call running.
- Identify R&D teams which possess of competence and potential to participate in FP7 and need for support from the EECA cluster for participation in the ICT 2010.

Information campaign was held by the EECA project partners in their own countries. Call Announcement was presented on the EECA web-portal in the special section “ICT 2010” – see <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/ru/ict2010>.

Control dates of the Call were the following:

- Submitting on-line application form at the EECA competences platform – Deadline July, 31, 2010.
- Examination of the applications and announcement of the Call results – Deadline August, 20, 2010.
- Hands-on support for the Call winners – starting from August, 25, 2010.
- Including descriptions of ICT-competencies of the team members of the Call to the EU-EECA ICT-cluster catalogue (promotional guide) – Deadline September, 03, 2010.
- Participation in ICT 2010 Conference – September, 27-29, 2010.
- Presentation of reports by the Call-winners – October, 18, 2010.

For evaluation of submitted applicants it was organized an Expert Council of ICT-cluster. The tasks of the committee were: to examine the applications, rank the applicants of the call define of the call winners and declare the call results.

Evaluation of applications was carried out in accordance with the rules of the call and elaborated criteria. The EECA experts worked independently in remote mode at the first stage and then concluded by a Consensus building. On the basis of the elaborated rating the Evaluation committee approved by voting the on which experts from the 12 countries should be supported.

Results of the call were arranged as a protocol signed by members of the Expert Council of ICT-cluster (see Annex 4). The winners were announced and the protocol was published on the EECA web-portal. Invitation letters for winners were prepared and distributed by the EECA support team.

During August-September 2010 winners received the high level hands-on support aimed to support their participation in the ICT 2010 Conference. A Practical Guide for the EECA winners was elaborated by the ISTOK-SOYUZ project and validated by the clustering projects SCUBE-ICT and EXTEND. The Guide included key information about ICT 2010, EECA promotion stand; Networking Session; Promotional Guide and practical recommendation for preparation in the ICT 2010 with check-list of steps that winners should do in order to take advantage of the participation in the ICT 2010 and the EECA-cluster’s activities – see details in the Annex 5.

3.3. Evaluation and selection of winners

All the applications, received by the EECA ICT Cluster were evaluated by the Evaluation Committee of ICT-cluster **based upon the following key selection criteria, agreed with the EC project officer:**

- Readiness for participation in the ICT 2010;
- Applicant’s skills in English;
- High level of the applicant’s science-technical qualification;
- High level of engaging of the applicant into elaboration of science-technical priorities of his own organization development and/or into determination of science policy of his country in ICT sphere;
- Availability of the applicant’s competencies concerning the subjects of the FP7 ICT Work Program for 2011-2012 and the subjects of the ICT 2010 Conference;
- Availability of the project ideas for realization in the frames of the FP7 ICT Work Program and partners in EU (actual or potential) for cooperation;
- Level of the applicant and his team network communication with foreign partners.

The Proposal was supposed to present information sufficient for evaluation by the noted criteria.

► **Selection criteria, weighting and scoring:**

Criteria for selection of winners	Scores*	Weights
1. Applicant is ready for participation in the ICT 2010	from 0 to 2	0,15
2. Applicant has high ICT R&D qualification at international science-technical level and high degree of recognition by the national and international research community	from 0 to 2	0,10
3. Applicant has high level of influence in shaping the research directions/priorities of his/her organisation and/or is involved in the ICT R&D policies formulation process in his/her country	from 0 to 2	0,15
4. Applicant has ICT competences correspondence with objectives of FP7 ICT WP	from 0 to 2	0,20
5. Applicant and its team have a good international networking level	from 0 to 2	0,15
6. Applicant has available ideas for FP7 ICT Calls and has indentified potential partners from EU for FP7 ICT Calls	from 0 to 2	0,25

**Scoring: 2-Full correspondence with the criteria, 1-Partly correspondent with the criteria, 0-No correspondence with criteria*

The evaluation form, illustrated below and used by the EECA Evaluation Committee, can be found in Annex 6.

ICT cluster EU-EECA Call for the supporting of R&D teams participation at the ICT 2010 event (including travel cost coverage)													
Evaluator:		XXXX											
Applicants						2 - Full correspondence with the criteria, 1 - Partly correspondent with the criteria, 0 - No correspondence with criteria						Additional criteria (without weight): yes / no	Recommendations and Comments of an expert about the application:
#	Surname	First Name	Org	Country	City	1. Applicant is ready for participation in the ICT 2010	2. Applicant has high ICT R&D qualification at international science-technical level and high degree of recognition by the national and international research community	3. Applicant has high level of influence in shaping the research directions/priorities of his/her organization and/or is involved in the ICT R&D policies formulation process in his/her country	4. Applicant has ICT competences correspondence with objectives of FP7 ICT WP	5. Applicant and its team have a good international networking level	6. Applicant has available ideas for FP7 ICT Calls and has identified potential partners from EU for FP7 ICT Calls	Total	
						Weight	0,15	0,1	0,15	0,2	0,15	0,25	
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2													
3													
4													
5													

► **Selected winners:**

The winners selected were informed by mail. The protocol, including the selected EECA specialists and addendum to this protocol (Annex 4), which announced four additional winners, selected from the reserve list) was provided and published on the EECA web portal. The complete list of winners of the EECA call is available in the following table:

N°	Country	Name	Organisation
1	Armenia	Yuri Shoukourian	National Academy of Sciences
2	Armenia	Gurgen Khachatryan	American University of Armenia
3	Armenia	Hrachya Astsatryan	Institute for Informatics and Automation Problems
4	Armenia	Gevorg Margarov	State Engineering University of Armenia
5	Moldova	Olga Popcova	Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova
6	Russia	Petr Skobelev	Knowledge Genesis Group
7	Russia	Dmitry Martyshkin	"Open Code" LLC.
8	Russia	Vadim Shishkin	Ulyanovsk State Technical University
9	Russia	Sergey Pozdnyakov	Saint-Petersburg State Electrotechnical University
10	Russia	Igor Maslov	St-Petersburg State Polytechnical University
11	Russia	<u>Yulia Danilova</u>	<u>NCIT UNIPRO</u>
12	Russia	Oleg Granichin	Sankt-Petersburg State University
13	Russia	Dmitry Maslov	Ivanovo State Power University
14	Russia	Alexander Arzamastayev	Tambov State University
15	Russia	Lev Shchur	Department of High Performance Computing, Scientific Center of Chernogolovka
16	Russia	Yakov Korovin	Scientific research institute of multiprocessor computer systems of Southern Federal University
17	Russia	Boris Yatsalo	INPE NRNU MEPhi (Obninsk Institute of Nuclear Power Engineering National Research Nuclear University MEPhi)
18	Russia	Mikhail Livshits	Samara State Technical University
19	Russia	Maria Shdanova	LABORATORY OF NETWORK TECHNOLOGIES, Ltd
20	Russia	Yuri Mazur	Lebedev Institute of Precision Mechanics and Computer Engineering (IPMCE)
21	Kazakhstan	Fuad Hajiyev	Kazakh-British Technical University
22	Kazakhstan	Ravil Muhamedyev	International IT University
23	Azerbaijan	Adalat Pashayev	Kiber Ltd Company
24	Ukraine	Anatoliy Anisimov	Kiev National Taras Shevchenko University, Faculty of Cybernetics
25	Ukraine	Igor Galelyuka	V.M.Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics of NAS of Ukraine
26	Ukraine	Anatoliy Gladun	IRTC, International Research and Training Centre of Information Technologies and Systems
27	Ukraine	Oleh Matviyukiv	Lviv Polytechnical National University
28	Ukraine	Andrii Melashchenko	V.M.Glushkov Institute of Cybernetics of National Academy of Science of Ukraine
29	Ukraine	Sergii Sarapuloff	International lab. on Microelectromechanics Technologies Ukraine's National Technical University "Kyiv Polytechnical Institute" (KPI)
30	Ukraine	Volodymyr Shekhovtsov	National Technical University "Kharkiv Politechnic Institute", Department of Computer-Aided Management Systems
31	Ukraine	Sergiy Shukayev	National Technical University of Ukraine "Kiev Polytechnic Institute"
32	Ukraine	Vjodomyr Kolodiaznyi	Kharkiv National Automobile and Highway University
33	Ukraine	Gordienko Iurii	"Kyiv Polytechnical Institute" (KPI)

34	Ukraine	Kateryna Solovyova	Kharkiv National University of Radio Electronics
35	Georgia	Tamar Lominadze	Georgian Technical University
36	Belarus	Sergey Ablameyko	Belarusian State University
37	Belarus	Uladzimir Anishchanka	United Institute of Informatics Problems of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus (UIIP NASB)
38	Belarus	Vladimir Basko	"Infopark" Science and Technology Association
39	Belarus	Victor Dravitsa	Centre for System Identification
40	Belarus	Sergei Enin	NGO "Information Society"
41	Belarus	Sergey Gaponenko	National Academy of Sciences
42	Belarus	Sergei Kilin	Stepanov Institute of Physics National Acad of Sci. Belarus
43	Belarus	Vassili Kovalev	United Institute of Informatics Problems
44	Belarus	Rauf Sadykhov	Belarussian State University of Informatics and Radioelectronics
45	Belarus	Vladimir Saetchnikov	Belarusian State University
46	Belarus	Serguei Filatov	Heat and Mass Transfer Institute
47	Uzbekistan	Fatima Adilova	Institute of Mathematics&ICT, NASTashkent
48	Turkmenistan	Charyyar Amansahedov	Academy of Sciences of Turkmenistan
49	Tadjikistan	Mirzo Akramov	Tajik Technical University
50	Kyrgyzstan	Akjol Djenaliev	N.Isanov Kyrgyz State University of Construction, Transport and Architecture

Each of the three clustering projects supported different participants. The table below provides the details, regarding the funding repartition of the EECA specialists, between the projects:

Project	Target number	Targeted countries
SCUBE-ICT	17 researchers	Belarus and Ukraine
ISTOK-SOYUZ	26 researchers	Ukraine, Russia, Belarus, Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan
EXTEND	7 researchers	Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova
TOTAL 50 researchers		12 countries

4. Participation to ICT 2010: EECA ICT networking activities

In order to facilitate the promotion of the EECA organizations' ICT competences, the Cluster partners prepared a wide range of activities during the Europe's most visible forum for ICT Research and Innovation -the ICT 2010 event.



These activities included:

- **Setting up an exhibition stand (responsible ISTOK-SOYUZ)**, where researchers from both the EU and the EECA region had the opportunity to be informed on their collaboration potential, namely the funding 'instruments' to support such international research collaborations, the ICT priority areas in EECA counties, etc. The stand acted as central point of information and the visitors were able to browse through the EU-EECA ICT Competence Platform (i.e. on-line database with profiles of ICT actors from the region) and arrange for personal meetings with potential partners, adjusting their time plan throughout 3 days of the ICT 2010 Event.
- **Organisation of a Networking Session (responsible SCUBE-ICT)**, where the ICT research excellence in the EECA region was presented and a number of one-to-one meetings among EU and EECA researchers were scheduled.
- **Distribution of a Promotional Guide of EECA ICT organizations and teams**, to promote their competencies and fields of interest and other materials (Responsible: ISTOK-SOYUZ for CD-Rom distribution, SCUBE-ICT for USB sticks distribution).



4.1. Exhibition stand in the international village

The information stand was set up in the International Village zone by the EECA ICT Cluster, in particular by the ISTOK-SOYUZ project team with joint forces with two other EU-funded projects (INCO CA/SC (<http://www.inco-casc.net/>) and EU-RU.Net (<http://www.eu-ru.net/>)).

The EECA ICT information stand was conceived to facilitate the promotion of the EECA organisations' competences in the ICT domain. The EECA projects' findings and results were highlighted. The stand allowed researchers and other visitors to acquire information about the existing collaboration potential and the funding "instruments" that aim at supporting such international cooperation. The information presented was available also for "take away" on USB sticks and CD-ROMs.



During the three days of the event, presentations of around fifty EECA organisations and their cooperation potential were running on a loop. Success stories of EU-EECA ICT collaboration were presented to the interested visitors.

The EECA ICT "booth" enabled participants to get acquainted with interactive tools, such as the **EU-EECA ICT Competences platform** and the **EECA ICT Helpdesk**. In addition, the constant presence of the project partners on the stand, allowed face-to-face exchange and direct question-answers and feedback from representatives of 12 EECA counties.

This was the first time that such number of EECA specialist attended EU event.

The EECA ICT stand was the meeting point for EECA researchers and EU actors, seeking after EECA ICT excellence, where they discussed possible joint R&D projects and scheduled future meetings. It enjoyed vivid interest from visitors with different backgrounds, who shared experience and exchanged views and ideas.

The information stand "**EECA ICT: ICT cooperation with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, and Central Asia**" was one of the efforts provided by the EECA cluster to inspire ICT specialists from both EU and EECA regions to cooperate for future innovative projects and to build new stable partnerships.

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The following description of the stand was previously submitted to the ICT 2010 web site (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/ict2010/item-display.cfm?id=3109):

“New developments in Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asian countries (EECA) mean new co-operation opportunities for EECA and EU scientists.

EECA research excellence is being sought after by foreign partners in sectors such as nanoelectronics technology, supercomputers, GRID technologies, networks, software, components and e-health. This information stand will exploit the results of five EECA projects (ISTOK-SOYUZ, SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND, IncoNet CA/SC, and EU-RU.NET). It will draw attention to EECA ICT competencies, disseminate information on the teams, give an overview of the science and technology information platform incrEAST and the EU-EECA ICT competence platform, and present the EECA ICT helpdesk. The exhibit will also serve as a meeting point for visitors interested in co-operation with EECA ICT actors and thus help strengthen EU-EECA ICT partnerships.”

4.2. Networking session

The ISTOK-SOYUZ project team took part in the Networking session (Responsible: SCUBE-ICT) **“Thinking across borders - (Re) discover ICT cooperation potential with Eastern Europe & Central Asia and Western Balkan countries”** (http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/cf/ict2010/item-display.cfm?id=2908). The aim of the event was to enhance co-operation between researchers from the EU and Eastern European & Central Asian (EECA) and Western Balkan (WB) countries. The floor was given to researchers to present and promote their ideas, and bilateral meetings between researchers from EU and EECA/WB countries were held to discuss future joint research activities. The session hosted also the award ceremony of the Western Balkan countries’ ICT idea competition. Six winners were rewarded for their excellent ICT research ideas and given the opportunity to present their proposals. The session was jointly organised by seven EU-funded actions: ISTOK-SOYUZ, SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND, WINS-ICT, ICT-WEB-PROMS, IncoNet CA/SC and IncoNet-EECA. The organisation of the session was coordinated by the SCUBE-ICT project.

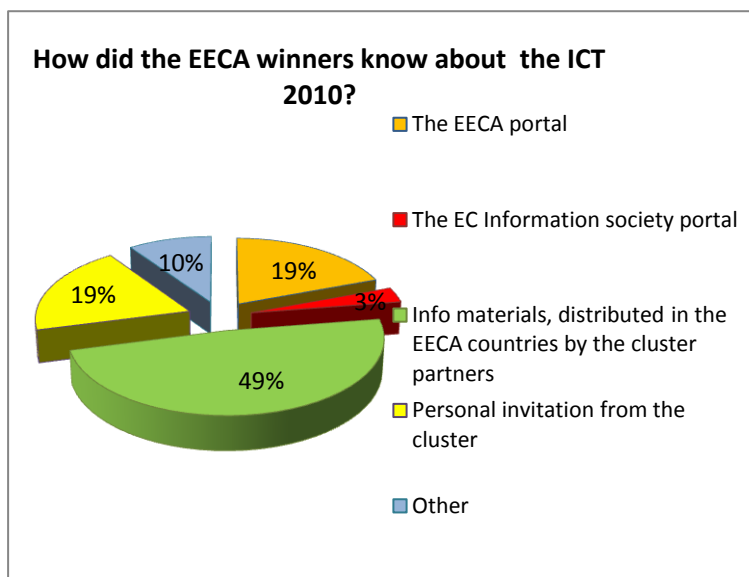
The ISTOK-SOYUZ partner, Nikolay Pakulin (ISPRAS, Russia) presented **“Thinking across borders” - the EU-EECA collaboration experience”**.



5. Results and winners feedback

The EECA participants, who attended the ICT 2010 event, had the opportunity to meet potential European partners and to establish contacts with them. They were asked to provide letters of intent for future cooperation. As a result **12 letters of intent for partnership** between EECA participants and European specialists were signed and a lot more non-formalised agreements were done.

Furthermore, the EECA cluster team decided to evaluate its work, by requesting the winners to provide a prompt feedback about the received support. A special feedback form was prepared by the ISTOK-SOYUZ project team and sent to the winners, supported by the whole EECA ICT cluster. An example of the feedback form is provided in Annex 7.

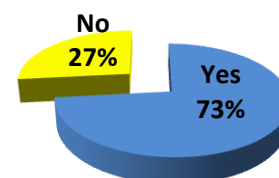


According to the feedback provided by the EECA winners, almost half of them learnt about the ICT 2010 event from the EECA ICT cluster information materials, distributed in each of the covered by the cluster countries. Some of the winners received the necessary information through the EECA web portal; others were personally invited to participate or had other sources, such as national contact points or collaborators. Only 3% of them knew about the event thanks to the EC Information society portal. This can be explained by the fact that EECA specialists are not used to use the European sources of information. This

also demonstrates the need of awareness raising campaign and networking guide for the non-EU specialists. During the project implementation it became clear that in the EECA countries there is no lack of motivation, but the ICT specialists are not always aware of the opportunities offered by the EU – funded programmes, especially FP7. It is important to increase the promotion of the FP7 programme and provide them with further support.

All the winners, who gave their feedback, mentioned that they attended the event in order to share experience, establish contacts and find new partners. They found the EECA cluster call very useful and assessed the support provided as significant. For 73% of the winners the participation in the EECA ICT call and the attendance of ICT 2010 was the first on site networking activity and direct hands-on support with the EU EECA clustering projects. This is an achievement for the ISTOK-SOYUZ project as it means real integration of new EECA ICT specialists to the project activities for the first time. The figures above demonstrate an increase of the information coverage capacity and enlargement of the project's network.

Was this the first on site networking activity and direct support form the EECA cluster?



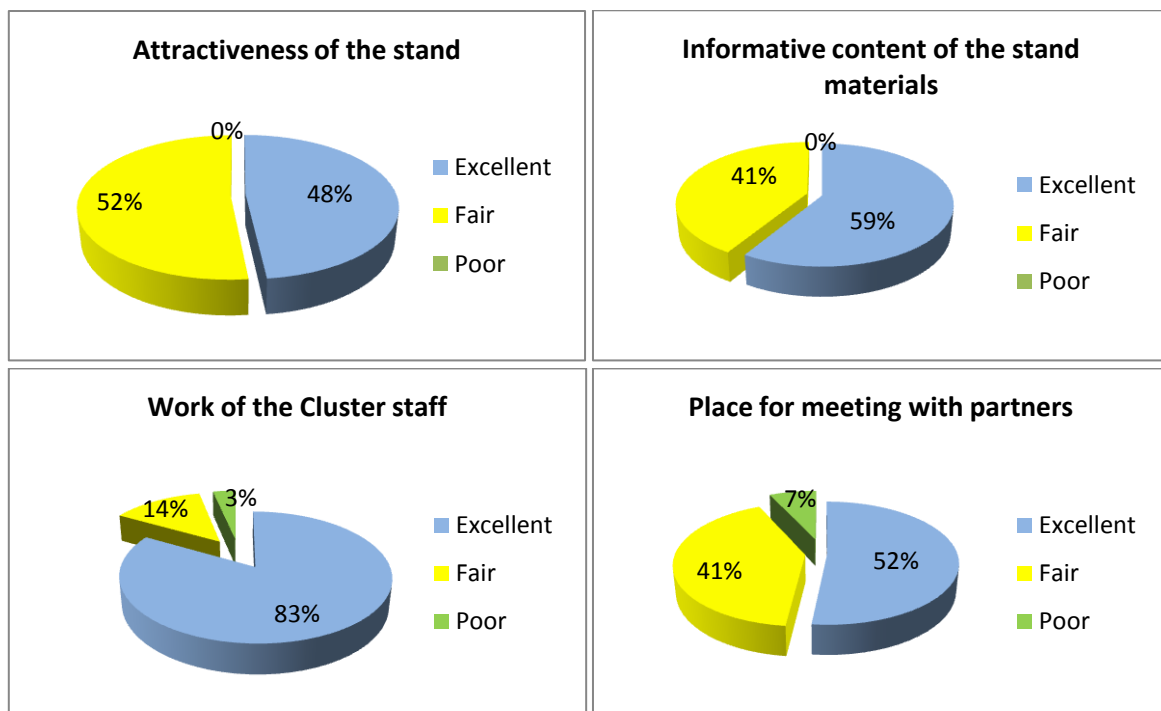
The EECA cluster provided an organisation and information support to the winners in order to prepare them for the ICT 2010, which was evaluated as good or very good from the beneficiaries.

Thanks to the support, the winners were able to schedule their participation in networking sessions or to identify stands of interest for them. A few winners had already identified preliminary contacts with EU partners and scheduled the concrete face-to-face meetings.

All the respondents found the ICT 2010 activities and programme interesting and fruitful for their practice and research. They took part in the Networking session, organised by the cluster. Most of them promoted their teams and project ideas and had the chance to meet with partners from EECA/WB and EU. The winners evaluated the exhibition stand according to four criteria:

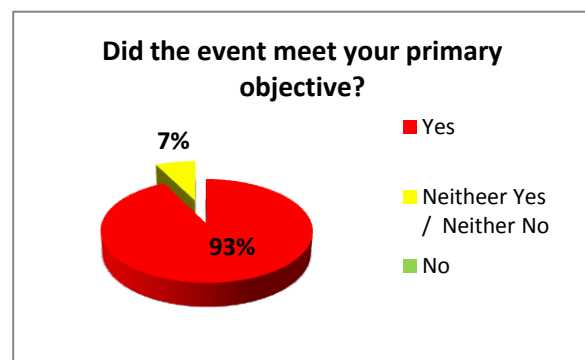
- ✓ Attractiveness of the stand
- ✓ Informative content of the stand materials
- ✓ Work of the cluster staff
- ✓ Place for meeting with partners.

Most of the respondents judged the Information stand excellent or fair.



To sum up, for 93% of the participants, who provided feedback, the primary objectives of attending the event, were met. Almost all of the winners underlined their interest to be informed and to benefit from further support, provided by the EECA cluster. Some of the participants would request consultancy support, concerning proposal preparations, partners search and recommendations. Others reported to be more interested in financial support or information about other similar events and activities.

In addition to the feedback forms, the ISTOK-SOYUZ team collected some impressions from several EECA winners (See Annex 8).



6. EECA clustering projects' tasks repartition

Task/ Activity	ISTOK-SOYUZ	SCUBE-ICT	EXTEND
Organisation of the EECA ICT call for applications	+++	+++	+
Elaboration of the EECA call application form	+++		
Validation of the EECA application form		+++	++
Call announcement on the EECA portal	++	+++	
Technical set up of the on-line application form on the competences platform	+++ (Development of the form)	++ (Integration of the form to the EECA portal)	
Elaboration of a Guide for Applicants in English and Russian	+++		
Elaboration of Information letter in Russian	+++		
Promotion of the call to local ICT actors (distribution of the Guide for Applicants and information letter to national ICT R&D communities)	+++	+++	+
Evaluation of the applications and consensus building	+++	+++	+++
Collection of data	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Armenia	+++		+++
Evaluation of the applications – Azerbaijan			+++
Evaluation of the applications – Belarus	+++	+++	+
Evaluation of the applications – Georgia			+++
Evaluation of the applications – Kazakhstan	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Kyrgyzstan	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Moldova			+++
Evaluation of the applications – Russia	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Tajikistan	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Turkmenistan	+++		
Evaluation of the applications – Ukraine	+++	+++	+
Evaluation of the applications – Uzbekistan	+++		
Elaboration of protocol and addendum to the protocol	+++		
Elaboration of the ICT 2010 EECA ICT R&D Promotional Catalogue (web tool) including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ information and documents on EU-EECA ICT R&D collaboration potential ▪ national ICT sector reports ▪ success stories of EU-EECA ICT R&D collaboration ▪ information on the winners of the EECA Call ▪ information on the EECA Cluster contact points in the 	++	+++	+


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region			
Development of the html version of the Catalogue as a 'stand-alone' tool to be distributed with CDs or USB memory sticks.		+++	
Creation of the Catalogue's content	+	+++	+
Preparation of 500 CDs that were distributed through the exhibition booth as well as to the participants of the networking session	+++	+	
Preparation of 100 USB Sticks that were distributed to selected key ICT R&D actors throughout the event		+++	
Financial Support for participation	+++ (28 winners)	+++ (16 winners)	+++ (6 winners)
Logistical support	+++	++	++
Support for VISA invitations	+++	+	+
Flight and accommodation booking	+++	+++	+++
Set up and animation of the stand	+++	+	+
Logistics relative to the stand organisation	+++		
Provision of promotional materials	+++	++	+
Coordination with the two other projects EU-RU.NET and IncoNet CA/SC	+++		
Organisation of the Networking session during the ICT 2010 event	+	+++	+
Promotion of the networking session at the ICT 2010	+++	+++	++
Preparation of the agenda and logistics		+++	
Development of a web tool to facilitate registrations (promote organisations' research profile and ideas) and the setting up (request and confirm) bilateral meetings		+++	
Development of the bilateral meetings schedule		+++	
Coordination with the other four projects co-organisers of the session		+++	
Collection of feedback from the participants of the session		+++	
Collection of feedback for participants	+++	++	++



7. Annexes

Annex 1: On-line Call for Application Form

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ICT 2010: call for application

The EECA Cluster offers a unique opportunity for motivated ICT researchers from Eastern Europe and Central Asia countries to have their travel costs and subscription fees for ICT 2010 covered. The current on-line Call for Applications has been launched in order to select the winners, who will benefit from financial and other support to take all advantages from ICT-2010 event.





ИКТ – кластер EU-EECA предоставляет уникальную возможность для мотивированных ИКТ-исследователей из стран Восточной Европы и Центральной Азии для участия в конференции ИКТ 2010. Объявленный ИКТ – кластером EU-EECA конкурс должен выявить победителей, которым будут предоставлены


финансовая поддержка – покрытие транспортных расходов и регистрационного взноса, другие формы поддержки для эффективного участия в конференции.. Заявки следует подавать on-line через специальный инструмент на портале ИКТ – кластера EU-EECA.

You are starting to fill up the application form for coverage of the travel and participation fees for ICT 2010.

The following online application form is to be completed in three steps:

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Your public profile is available at the following URL:
<http://eecd.istok-soyuz.eu/experts/hristozova-gergana>

Edit your competences

Profile

Lastname (*)

Firstname (*)

Title (*)

Position

Organisation (*)

City (*)

Country (*)

Experience (*)

ICT Competences classification (taxonomy)

Please tick the relevant box(es) below corresponding to your ICT specialisation. A list will appear when you click on a category below.

- Pervasive And Trusted Network And Service Infrastructures
- Cognitive Systems, Interaction, Robotics
- Components, Systems, Engineering
 - Very advanced nanoelectronic components: design, engineering, technology and manufacturability
 - Smart components and smart systems integration
 - Flexible, Organic and Large Area Electronics and Photonics
 - New paradigms for embedded systems, monitoring and control towards complex systems engineering
 - Computing systems
 - Core and disruptive photonic technologies
- Technologies for Digital Content and Languages
- Towards Sustainable And Personalized Healthcare
- ICT for a Low Carbon Economy
- Future And Emerging Technologies
- Others
- ICT for the Enterprise and Manufacturing
- ICT for Learning and Access to Cultural Resources

If you wish, you can detail your ICT competence profile





Which ICT competences (knowledge, skills, technologies, know-how...) could you offer to potential ICT partners? Please briefly describe them (you can use key words) (*)

Competences in managing eC-funded
Coordination and Support Actions
addressing the needs of different eC
sectors.

If you have relevant publications in International Journals, please indicate titles of these
journals and years of publications (if you wish, please indicate titles of articles) (*)

no

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Your Department/Laboratory/Unit

Main information

Name (*)

Department/Laboratory/Unit

If you work on a large organization (large enterprises, university, research center, etc) please mention the specific department/laboratory/unit you are part of.

Type of organisation (*)

City (*)

Country (*)

Organisation's profile

Profile

Keywords of expertise (*)

Number of employees

Number of researchers

Website (*)

Contact information

You may include the contact details of the head of your department/laboratory/unit.

Firstname

Lastname

Email

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The information that you provide in the next fields will not be published. It will be accessible only for the EECA cluster team, which will evaluate the applications.

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You have a research idea and/or a technology offer/request?

YES NO



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I have a research idea and/or a technology offer/request for ICT FP7 Calls

Please give short explanation about it (title, short abstract, partners) (*)

Status of the idea (the idea has been discussed with European partners, the concept of idea is developed, consortium partners are identified...)

Type of partner(s) sought (type of organization, required skills and expertise)

If you are going to meet with your partners for discussion of the future projects in the framework of the ICT event, please specify this information (name, country, organization)

What are the keywords for networking sessions and exhibition stands that you would like to visit and to take part in during ICT event 2010? (*)

Attach a file (Maximum 1000000)

I registered as a participant of the ICT-event 2010 in Brussels?

Partners

Have partners from EU and will meet them at ICT 2010

Potential partners identified but no discussions done yet

No partner identified yet

Your partners: names, countries, organisations

What support/assistance do you need for ICT2010?

Please let us know your skills in English (*)

Annex 2: Guide for applicants of the EECA Call (in English and in Russian)

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Annex 3: Information Letter (in Russian)

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Annex 4: Protocol and addendum to protocol

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Annex 5: Guide for winners (in Russian)

Annex 6: Evaluation Form

ICT cluster EU-EECA Call for the supporting of R&D teams participation at the ICT 2010 event (including travel cost coverage)

Evaluator: XXXX

Applicants							2 - Full correspondence with the criteria, 1 - Partly correspondent with the criteria, 0 - No correspondencce with criteria						Additional criteria (without weight): yes / no		Recommendations and Comments of an expert about the application:	
#	Surname	First Name	Org	Country	City	Email	1. Applicant is ready for participation in the ICT 201	2. Applicant has high ICT R&D qualification at international science-technical level and high degree of recognition by the national and international research community	3. Applicant has high level of influence in shaping the research directions/priorities of his/her organization and/or is involved in the ICT R&D policies formulation process in his/her country	4. Applicant has ICT competences correspondece with objectives of FP7 ICT WP	5. Applicant and its team have a good international networking level	6. Applicant has available ideas for FP7 ICT Calls and has identified potential partners from EU for FP7 ICT Calls	Total	Good level of English of the applicant (capacity to make conversations in English, etc)		Applicant is located in EECA country and represent an organization located in EECA country
<i>Weight</i>							0,15	0,1	0,15	0,2	0,15	0,25				
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Annex 7: Information from the EECA ICT winners: Feedback form and Participants' report

- A. Example of the EECA Participants' feedback form

- B. Example of the EECA Participants' reports

Annex 8: EECA Participants' impressions from the ICT 2010 event

Armenia: Gevorg Margarov, Head of Information Security and Software Development Department, State Engineering University of Armenia

The main reasons for participation in the ICT 2010 were associated with a desire to join the research programs in field of ICT in framework of FP7. The primary objectives for attending this event were to meet with leading experts in the field of ICT and explore the latest achievements in this field and to discuss practical issues of cooperation with potential partners as well as our own project "Multilayer Security Structure of Digital Library with Steganographic Storage of Confidential Content".

The main result is a number of advanced research contacts with international ICT R&D teams and discussion valuable observations with potential partners that may contribute to the improvement of our project. It was established more than 10 effective contacts with researchers from different countries who can be partners for joint projects. We can only hope that further expansion and deepening of these contacts may have grounds to re-growth in joint projects.

As support from the EU-EECA ICT cluster we would like to have a methodical and organizational assistance.

Georgia: Dr. Tamar Lominadze, Professor at the Georgian Technical University

The conference ICT 2010 – "Digitally Driven" was the first international event organized by European Commission, which I've participated. I was impressed with the scale of the conference, and the diversity of the topics discussed and activities conducted there.

All the conference events were very well organized. Starting with the pre-conference preparations, everything was done to support the participants in achieving their main goal: to prepare for new FP7 calls and to find right partners for future projects.

For me, especially important and helpful was a networking session, where I had an opportunity to meet face-to-face with some of the future collaborators. At those meetings we discussed the main direction of R&D activities conducted at our institutions and specify fields of our possible cooperation. I've established several very important new contacts, which I hope, will result in the successful joint projects.

In parallel with the conference there was carried out very interesting exhibition. We had a possibility to see "in action" the recent developments of the researchers in the field of ICT.

And in conclusion, I would like to express my thankfulness to EU-EECA ICT cluster, which financed my participation in the conference. Without their support it would be impossible for me to take a part in this event. I hope very much that my institution and I will take an advantage of the opportunity and turn these new contacts into the successful new projects.

Kazakhstan: Prof. Ravil Muhamedyev, Intenational IT University

The ICT-2010 meeting was not only interesting for me, but also very useful for my R&D team. I understood the strategy of planning R&Ds for my team for next years, including the specific directions of R&Ds and approaches for establishing contacts with colleagues/teams/partners from EU and other countries. Within the ICT meeting I established about 12 contacts with specialists fro Western and Eastern Europe, and Asia, including also new useful contacts from former SU countries. I had a possibility to promote my team through bilateral meetings, talks within/after sessions, and exhibitions; a booklet with R&D of my team prepared to ICT-2010 was also useful for this.

After the ICT-2010 I made corrections in the plans of our R&D and pointed out several directions within our team for subsequent elaboration.

Kyrgyzstan: Akjol Djenaliev, Director of Centre of International Relations, Department of Geodesy and Geoinformatics

The main reason of my participation in the ICT 2010 was to familiarise with the Cooperation and Research Programmes of FP7 and to represent Kyrgyzstan at the ICT 2010 event for further integration into the scientific-research projects within new calls of FP7.

First my impression was the high level organised event, second - attractiveness of the exhibition stands and third - modern developments of the technology.

For participation in the event the preliminary detailed plan was created at the web site of ICT 2010 in my profile. The preliminary contacts with the potential EU partners have been established and scheduled for Face-to-Face meeting within the networking session. And also some of EU partners who are in the field of my research interest were agreed by email to meet during the ICT event.

I established 4 effective contacts with EU ICT R&D teams which agreed for applying project proposal. It should be mentioned, the exhibition stand of EU-EECA ICT cluster was nice meeting point, where I have met many partners.

Moldova: Dr. Svetlana Cojocaru, Director of the Institute of Mathematics and Computer Science of the Academy of Sciences of Moldova

The event offered possibilities to get know about last ICT elaborations and implementations. It was very interesting and useful to discuss with implementations' authors and to find people with the same interests as mine.

By creating Information Society Profile, offered by the website of the event, the participants had the opportunity to find people interested for them, to fix meetings with them and to establish cooperation contacts. This instrument assisted me very much in establishing collaboration contacts.

Using "Your Agenda" facility the participants created their own programme. It helped me a lot, because there were so many Conference and Networking sessions and it was impossible to participate in all of them.

During the Network session "Thinking across borders – (Re)discover ICT cooperation potential with EECA and WB countries" the Face-to-Face meeting with researchers from Serbia and Georgia were scheduled.

I have established new business contacts with researchers from Ukraine, Greece and Serbia.

In addition, I have received the proposal of cooperation for participation in EU FP7 project from Romanian R&D institution.

In conclusion I would like to thank the EU-EECA ICT cluster which financed my participation in the ICT 2010 event "Digitally Driven" for exceptional opportunity of establishing contacts for future ICT R&D collaboration.

Russia: Prof. Oleg Granichin, IT Research Institute of Saint-Petersburg State University

Information Technology Research Institute is focused on the mathematical methods, algorithms and software development. On ICT 2010 event I would like to present the number of ICT competences of my team such as Cognitive Systems and Robotics, New paradigms for embedded systems, Language Technologies and Future and Emerging Technologies. I elaborated a detail plan for my participation in the event which is covered the number of plenary sections, networking meetings and exhibitions stands.

My most interesting impressions from the event are the great scale of the event, competences of EC officials in the ICT problems, series of meeting with European colleges. On ICT2010 I have established many

effective contacts, received useful information about next ICT Work Programme for the 2011-2012 period and got a possibility to promote my team project ideas.

I think that my participation at ICT 2010 allows me more carefully prepare the new proposals to FP7. I going to evaluate established contacts receive feedback on my proposals from my new ICT colleagues and prepare the proposal "New paradigm of computational models" for ICT FP7 Call 8-3-2 with my previous and new partners.

I need in all possible support from EU-EECA ICT cluster for participation of my team in ICT FP7 Work Programme. In particular, I need in deep consultations concerning participation in ICT FP7 Calls and organization assistance in the future meetings with my partners.

Russia: Petr Skobelev, Founder and President of Knowledge Genesis Group Ltd

Our company is developing innovative multi-agent technology and solutions for real time allocation, scheduling and optimization of mobile resources (taxi, trucks, etc). The main reason for attending ICT 2010 was to learn more on main EU IT trends, get best practices in preparing proposals, find partners for new FP7 calls and consortiums. We presented a few new concepts of adaptive p2p network of schedulers for factories and transport as well as new personal task scheduler for mobile users.

I developed detailed plan and visited a number of lectures and network sessions to get full picture of EU developments in our domain of smart scheduling systems, got much clear picture how to write proposals, established about 15 new VIP contacts for future cooperation on FP7 projects and had chance to promote our ideas and results of developments.

As a result my team got validation of our ideas on professional level of EU top experts. For example, I have visited excellent lecture of Prof. Markram Henry based on "Blue Brain Project" (Digital Roadmap of Future) and had very interesting discussion on new generation of software based on self-organization and evolution. As a result we were invited to take part in his FET Flagship initiative. Two signed Letters of Intent for Partnership with Cologne University (Germany) and Almende (Netherlands) on Factories of Future are attached.

Next steps are to project overview, discuss project objectives and list of participants, find and involve industry leaders, prepare define roles and budgets in projects.

We are planning to prepare a few project proposals on factories of future and intelligent transportation in the framework of ICT Work Programme 2011-2012.

We are happy to get hands-on support from ISTOK-SOYUZ project for building consortiums and preparation of a proposal.

Tajikistan: Mirzo Akramov, Chair of computer-based-system of information processing and management of Tajik Technical University

The participation in the ICT 2010 was important for our university which conducts researches in the field of Cloud Computing, Internet of Services and Advanced Software Engineering. The event opened possibilities to share our experience and find partners for future ICT projects.

I registered as a participant of Brokerage event of Network sessions "Thinking across borders – (Re)discover ICT cooperation potential with EECA and WB countries". My profile was opened for other participants. As a result my information had led to three effective bilateral meetings with representatives from Portuguese University, French SME and Ukrainian R&D institute.

I would like to thank the EU-EECA ICT cluster which organized my participation in the amazing event where I find new abroad partners for future ICT FP7 projects.

Ukraine: Prof. Kateryna Solovyova, Kharkov National University of Radio Electronics

Kharkov National University of Radio Electronics is one of the leading Universities in ICT sphere in Ukraine. Our Center has been suggested a new unique systemological cognitive knowledge-oriented methods, models and technologies of the noospheric stage of science development. The main reasons for me attending in ICT 2010 were to get acquainted with the main trends of ICT in Europe, to present my organisation and our project idea "ICT Innovation and Research on The Basis of the Systemological Knowledge Systematization" in order to find perspective partners for cooperation within the 7th and the 8th FP of EU.

I elaborated a detail plan for my participation in the ICT 2010 event in advance. First of all, I planned to visit the following ICT 2010 actions: Main Event Start "Welcome to Brussels: crossroads to the future" (September 27), Networking Session "Thinking across borders" (September 28), "Face2Face Meetings at Ideal-Ist (September 28), Networking Session "Ideal-Ist" (September 29), Main Event End "Closing Plenary" (September 29). I also had many preliminary contacts with my EU partners as I communicated with them by mail in order to set our common meetings time and place at ICT 2010.

Resulting from the participation in ICT 2010 event I have made agreed and signed 6 letters of intent for partnership with the foreign partners from Belgium, Italy, and United Kingdom.

The ICT 2010 event met my primary objectives. The event was very interesting, creative and useful for me and for our organization. Thank you the EU-EECA ICT cluster for great organization and information support, and we will do the best for evolution established contacts and participation in ICT Framework Programme. We know that our results will be much better with further help of EU-EECA ICT cluster, and we hope to get it very much.

Ukraine: Prof. Anatoliy Anisimov, Faculty of Cybernetics of Taras Shevchenko Kyiv National University

The main reason and objectives to attend ICT-2010 were to understand specifications for participation in FP7 and to find information about possible consortium partners for our three projects devoted to ontological natural language processing, optical computing and security of bank technologies.

The main result achieved in frames of ICT 2010 is information about possible partners and learning the rules for the participation in ICT FP-7 call. A lot of contacts have been established. At present it is difficult to evaluate their effectiveness but I do think that 2 or 3 of them can give roots for future collaboration. I did my best to promote my team competence and project ideas.

My 3 the most interesting impressions from the event are the following:

First, EU is very serious on the developing united international teams for breakthrough in ICT. The evidences of this are speeches of highly ranked representatives of EU Commission done at the ICT 2010 and the impressive budget of FP-7. For sure this is the chance for Ukraine to accelerate its technological development.

Secondly, Strong support of perspective research that cannot give immediate impact on technology but promise great advances in the future is displayed. An example is the substantial support of quantum computations and FET part of the ICT FP-7.

The third impression is the huge quantity of people and organizations from different countries willing to participate at the event. Sometimes it seems difficult to find the right place in this heap.

Uzbekistan: Prof. Fatima T. Adilova, Head of laboratory of Institute of mathematics& ICT, National Academy of Sciences of Uzbekistan

The basic areas of applied studies of our institute are focused on the development & implementation of decision-making systems using of multiparameter data processing based on HPC. The ICT 2010 event “Digitally Driven” was useful to understanding of ICT general trends development, to determine possibilities of our team for collaboration with European teams, the programmes and Calls in which we can take part with our ICT competences.

The ICT 2010 provides us meetings with the leading experts in ICT sphere, discussions of different problems with potential partners interested in our subjects. The most interesting impressions from the event were Network sessions “Thinking across borders – (Re)discover ICT cooperation potential with EECA and WB countries” and “Virtual Physiological Human”, ICT exhibition.

I promoted the following two project ideas of our institute: ALLADIN: “Grid-bAsed Virtual LABORatory for Development of new hepatoprotector, antioxidant and antiarrhythmic drugs” and GAVROSH: “Grid-bAsed Virtual Laboratory for EC-Central Asia Collaboration in Struggle with dangerous infections (HIV/AIDS case studies)”. As a result four key contacts were established in means of future collaboration: R&D institutes from Spain and Belarus, University from Poland and Health&Grid Association from France. We are going to continue discussion about joint participation in 8 and 9 ICT FP7 Calls in area of telemedicine, bioinformatics, and development of GRID infrastructures.

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