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In concrete terms, the EECA cluster joined forces with similar EU-funded initiatives in order to:

- Set up an information stand **[“EECA ICT: ICT cooperation with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, Central Asia”](#)**, a central point of information, where the visitors were able to be informed on the collaboration potential of ICT R&D actors from the EU and EECA region and arrange for personal meetings with potential partners.
- Organise a networking session: **[“Thinking across borders – \(Re\)discover ICT cooperation potential with East Europe & Central Asia and Western Balkan countries”](#)**, where the ICT research excellence in the EECA region was presented while a number of one-to-one meetings among EU and EECA researchers were scheduled.

This special edition of the EECA ICT newsletter gives you more highlights about these and other activities that have taken place during the ICT 2010 event.

Please be assured that the EU-EECA ICT cluster team has been identifying and promoting the ICT competences of specialists from the EECA region and, with your active support, will continue to strengthen EU-EECA ICT R&D collaboration.

Happy reading!

From the editors:

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Many of you have already had the opportunity to interact with the EECA ICT cluster, taking advantage of our various support services, and we are happy to see that the number of ICT specialists involved in the projects’ activities is regularly growing.

In order to allow ICT specialists from EECA countries to attend the ICT2010 event, the EECA Cluster financially supported 50 researchers from the twelve

countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine and Uzbekistan). Exploiting the synergies between the three clustering projects, an internal **[Call for Applicants](#)** was launched to identify those R&D specialists with the strongest ICT collaboration potential from EECA countries, which are motivated to participate in the ICT 2010.

ICT2010 event was a great opportunity for them – but also for other EECA specialists who took part – to promote their research competencies, increase their visibility on the international arena, meet with potential EU partners and understand the research priorities of the FP7-**[ICT 2011-2012 Workprogramme](#)**. Some EECA and EU participants are already well advanced with developing R&D partnerships and proposals for the next FP7 ICT calls.



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Research and innovation in ICT benefits 500 million European citizens and drives the competitiveness of European industry. At ICT 2010, “ICT made in

Europe” demonstrated how new technologies meet the demands of today’s society and economy as well as those that could arise in the future.

The **ICT2010** was a unique gathering point for researchers, business people, investors, and high level policy makers in the field of digital innovation from all over the world. This event **focused on policy priorities such as Europe’s Digital Agenda and the next financial programme of the European Union and was organized around key elements:**



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- The European Commission officially presented its [research priorities](#) for the **2.8 billion EURO** of ICT research funding to be provided in 2011-2012. Currently EU ICT research funding supports around **15,000 of the best researchers** from across Europe every year. The EU ICT budget supports research involving academia (35%) and industry (40%). About 15% of the industry participants are small and medium-sized businesses
- The ICT 2010 conference assessed the potential of ICT solutions to promote sustainable growth in a **low carbon** economy and the constructive impact of **ICT in the daily lives** of citizens and businesses. These themes were discussed and debated by leading figures from business, academia and politics.
- ICT 2010 hosted dozens of [net-working sessions](#). These sessions were designed to facilitate contacts between researchers and innovators, engineers and investors from all fields of digital innovation.
- ICT 2010 demonstrated over **100 exhibits** of the latest advances in digital technologies funded by the EU in seven R&D villages, the Belgian pavilion, the international pavilion, and the SME pavilion.

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The aim of the call was to identify about 50 R&D specialists with the strongest ICT collaboration potential from EECA countries which are motivated to participate in the ICT 2010, and to provide them with personalized support in order to increase the number of ICT partnerships with ICT researchers from European Union under FP7.

The call was announced for applicants on June 30th, 2010 with the deadline on 31 July. Registration of applicants was organized through the EECA web-portal by means of completing an on-line form (<http://www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/ru/ict2010>). As a result of the wide information campaign that involved national mass-media and professional networks of ICT experts, 117 application forms were submitted: 15 from Armenia, 2 from Azerbaijan, 15 from Belarus, 2 from Georgia, 9 from Kazakhstan, 1 from Kyrgyzstan, 7 from Moldova, 22 from Russia, 1 from Tajikistan, 1 from Turkmenistan, 3 from Uzbekistan and 39 from Ukraine.

Since last year considerable interest to participate in ICT Work Programme FP7 has grown among R&D specialists from Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine. It is one of the results of dissemination and awareness raising campaigns organized by the EECA ICT-cluster in these countries.

The proposals were examined by the EU-EECA Call Committee according to the following key selection criteria:

- Readiness for participation in the ICT 2010;
- Level of the applicant's science-technical qualification;
- Level of engagement of the applicant in elaboration of science-technical priorities of his own organization's development and/or into determination of science policy of his country in ICT sphere;
- Relevance of the applicant's competencies concerning the subjects of the FP7 ICT Work Programme for 2011-2012 and the subjects of the ICT 2010;
- Relevance of the project ideas for realization in the framework of the FP7 ICT Work Programme and partners in EU (actual or potential) for cooperation;
- Applicant's skills in English.
- Participation in the ICT 2010 network session and brokerage event of the EU-EECA ICT-cluster "Thinking across borders - (Re) discover ICT cooperation potential with East Europe & Central Asia and Western Balkan countries"
- Provision of technical facilities of the EU-EECA ICT-cluster exhibition stand "EECA: Caucasus and Central Asia: (Re) discover ICT cooperation potential" as a place for meetings with potential partners and dissemination of own information
- Searching of potential partners for meetings;
- Financial support connected with participation in the ICT 2010 (transport, accommodation and registration fees).

The Call Committee considered the examination results and selected 50 winners.

EECA ICT cluster experts provided hands-on support to the winners:

- Information and organization assistance connected with participation in the ICT 2010
- Preparation of promotional materials such as EECA Promotion Guide, help for presentation development for the exhibition stand, etc.;
- ICT experts from EECA countries took part in the ICT 2010 with the following goals:
 - Active participation/networking in the International conference ICT 2010
 - Promotion of competences and project ideas of ICT teams they were representing
 - Finding partners for formation of real EU-EECA ICT partnerships for participation in FP7 ICT Work Programme.

EECA ICT team on ICT 2010



One of the main tasks of the EECA Cluster is to 'bring' closer the ICT research communities from the EU and the EECA region, and thus enhance their collaboration. The ICT2010 event was a great opportunity to achieve this objective. Therefore, the Cluster partners aimed to

- Highlight the emerging collaboration opportunities between EU and EECA ICT R&D actors;
- Promote the competencies and achievements of EECA ICT research teams, especially in areas which demonstrate mutual benefits for the 2 regions;
- Promote success stories of EU-EECA ICT collaboration;
- Demonstrate the various tools and activities of the EECA Cluster that support EU-EECA collaboration;
- Facilitate personal contacts among researchers from the 2 regions and enable the exchange of ideas on future joint research activities.

The networking efforts of ICT researchers from EECA countries were supported at 2 levels:

- Organisation of an information stand **"EECA ICT: ICT cooperation with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, and Central"**

The EU's most visible forum ICT 2010 "Digitally Driven" gathered over 200 exhibitors, presenting their work in ICT and innovation. The EECA ICT cluster (<http://www.eeca-ict.eu/>) was one of them, with the information stand [EECA ICT: ICT cooperation with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, Central Asia](#). The stand was set up in the International Village zone, by joining 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 to support 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 run on a continuous loop. Also, 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 countries. The EECA ICT stand was the meeting point for EECA researchers and EU actors, seeking EECA ICT excellence, where they discussed possible joint R&D projects and scheduled future meetings.

The EECA ICT stand enjoyed vivid interest from visitors with different backgrounds, who shared experience and exchanged views and ideas.

The EECA ICT stand was one of the efforts provided by the EECA cluster to inspire ICT specialists from both EU and EECA regions to cooperate on future innovative projects and to build new stable partnerships. As a result, twelve letters of intent for partnerships were signed between EU and EECA participants.



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- Organisation of a networking Session "**Thinking across borders – (Re) discover ICT cooperation potential with East Europe & Central Asia and Western Balkan countries**"

The session was organised during the morning of the 2nd day (28/09/2010, 9:00–10:30, room 1122) in collaboration with 4 similar EU-funded support initiatives, namely the [IncoNet CA/SC](#) and [IncoNet-EECA](#) projects which are focused on EU-EECA collaboration and the [WINS-ICT](#) and [ICT-WEB-PROMS](#) projects focused on EU-Western Balkan collaboration. The main objective was to facilitate bilateral meetings among researchers from EU and EECA/WB countries to discuss their research interests and achievements, and investigate their future collaboration potential by setting up joint research activities, especially under the next Calls of FP7-ICT.

During the first part of the session:

- **Mr B. FABIANEK** (Scientific/Technical Project Officer from the DG Information Society and Media, Unit F.3 "Emerging Technologies and Infrastructures – GEANT and eInfrastructures") outlined the European Union's strategy for international Science and Technology cooperation;
- **Mr Nikolay PAKULIN** (researcher from the [Institute for System Programming Russian Academy of Sciences](#)) outlined the EU-EECA ICT R&D collaboration; and
- **Ms Ira VATER** (project manager from the [European Business Associates SRL](#)) presented the six winners of the "Western Balkan Countries' ICT Idea Competition", namely the ICT research ideas from the Western Balkan countries that resulted from the competition (www.ict-web-proms.eu/competition).



Overview of the session



Mr Iakovos DELIOGLANIS
(project manager – Q-PLAN North Greece)

The 2nd part of the session was devoted to bilateral meetings among researchers from the 3 regions. Overall, more than 120 researchers from the three regions attended and approximately 40 face-to-face meetings were carried out.

EECA Participants' impressions

ICT2010 participants from EECA countries give their personal impression about this 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 programmes in field of ICT in the 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.



Belarus: Prof. Dr. Sergey Gaponenko, Head of the Laboratory of Nano-optics at the B.I.Stepanov Institute of Physics, National Academy of Sciences of Belarus

The main reasons for participation were understanding of the priorities, expected impact and evaluation criteria of the ICT projects in FP7 in the new Work Programme. As a result of meetings and consultations (more than 10 contacts during the ICT'2010 Event) with top rank experts I understood that we are in a position to develop/join consortia for at least two ICT projects: SME oriented FET project on electro-optical modulators for Si-based photonics and STREP project on novel



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nanophotonic solutions for display devices. Additionally, the ICT'2010 exhibition was extremely impressive, interesting and useful. Contacts during exhibition made definite impact on motivation and justification for the two abovementioned project proposals writing.



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.

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.



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.



Kazakhstan: Prof. Ravil Muhamedyev, International 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 from 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.



Moldova: Dr. Svetlana Cojocar, 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.



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.



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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 EECA ICT cluster 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 ISTOK-SOYUZ project 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, 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 the further help of EU-EECA ICT cluster, and we hope to get it very much.



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, antToxidant 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.

What next – FP7 ICT Work Programme 2011-2012

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The legal text of the call defines the necessary specifications to prepare and submit a proposal, i.e. research theme, funding instruments used, address and other technical means for submission, deadlines etc. Proposals that do not meet the specifications in the call are disqualified.

The Work Programme helps mobilise the necessary resources around key ICT research challenges and objectives. It continues to focus on a limited set of challenges with mid-to-long term goals that require trans-national collaboration, in addition to the FET scheme. Each challenge is addressed through a limited set of objectives that form the basis for Calls for Proposals. Each objective specifies the set of outcomes targeted by the research work and their expected impact on industrial competitiveness and on addressing policy and socio-economic goals.

With a budget to support more than 15.000 researchers per year, and its clear impact on furthering collaboration and partnership, ICT in FP7 has an increasingly essential role in reinforcing Europe's underlying innovation capacity,

helping industry explore new avenues and take higher risk with higher returns.

Deadlines of the new Workprogramm:

- Duration: July 2010 - 2012
- Budget: app. 2,5 Mrd. Euro

The legal basis for the Calls currently opened (2011 'Factory of the Future', 'Energy-Efficient Buildings' and 'Green Car' PPPs, 2011 Future Internet PPP, 'FET Flagship Initiatives', EU-Russia coordinated call, FET Open) and for calls to be opened before March 2011 ('SME initiative on Digital Content and Languages') is the ICT Work Programme 2011 available under the Cordis Calls page. The remaining Calls (Call 8, Call 9, 2012 PPP

Calls) to be published later in 2011 and in 2012 will be based on a new financing decision that will be requested at the appropriate time.

Please take assistance from EECA ICT help-desk <http://www.eeca-ict.eu/index.php/helpdesk> which is designed to provide you with the guidance and support related to the procedures of participation in the Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) theme of the EC 7th Framework Programme. Enquiries to the help-desk can cover any aspect of participation in FP7 i.e. detailed information on open Calls, finding partners, proposals eligibility, communication with EC, etc.

Call Identifier	Call Title	Publication Date	Deadline
FP7-2011-ICT-FI	"Future Internet"-2011	20.07.2010	02.12.2010
FP7-2011-ICT-GC	"ICT for Green Cars"-2011	20.07.2010	02.12.2010
FP7-2011-NMP-ENV-ENERGY-ICT-EeB	"Energy-efficient Buildings" – 2011	20.07.2010	02.12.2010
FP7-2011-NMP-ICT-FoF	"Factories of the Future" – 2011	20.07.2010	02.12.2010
FP7-ICT-2009-C	FET Open scheme	19.11.2008	07.12.2010
FP7-ICT-2011-7	ICT Call 7	28.09.2010	18.01.2011
FP7-ICT-2011-C	FET Open	20.07.2010	12.03.2013
FP7-ICT-2011-EU-Russia	JOINT ICT EU – RUSSIA 2010	20.07.2010	12.11.2010
FP7-ICT-2011-FET-F	FET Flagship Initiative	20.07.2010	02.12.2010

Useful info for those who could not participate in the ICT2010



In order to facilitate the promotion of the EECA organisations' ICT competences on ICT2010, the Cluster partners prepared a **Promotional Guide of EECA ICT organizations and teams**. You may download the whole pack of information <http://www.scube-ict.eu/usbcrelease.zip>, 75 mb) which includes:

- Information about EECA ICT cluster
- National reports on ICT sectors in all EECA countries
- EU-EECA collaboration potential:
 - Promotional Guide with the research collaboration profiles of EECA organisations



Useful info for those who could not participate in the ICT2010

- Recommendations on the ICT R&D cooperation priorities between the EU and EECA countries
- Reports on emerging opportunities for EU-EECA collaboration in the ICT field
- A catalogue of European Technology Platforms (ETP) and Networks of excellence (NoE), which expressed underlined interest in collaboration with EECA organisations, working in the ICT field
- The EECA ICT Cluster contact points in the region
- The "Getting started with EU ICT research" training guide, providing useful information on research proposal preparation and project implementation
- Success stories of EU-EECA collaboration

In addition you can find a lot of useful material from ICT2010, including presentations, videos, etc. from the ICT2010 portal http://ec.europa.eu/information_society/events/ict/2010/index_en.htm

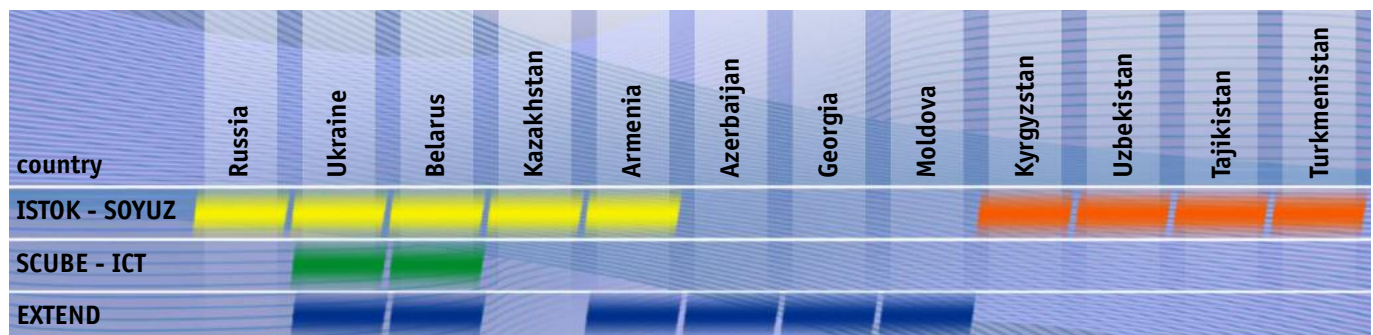
We prepared also 2 PHOTO galleries (thanks to Gennady Pilnov from RTTN for the nice photos), covering EECA ICT team participation in Networking session <http://picasaweb.google.com/g.pilnov/NetworkingSessionICT2010?feat=directlink#>

and Information stand "EECA ICT: ICT cooperation with Eastern Europe, Southern Caucasus, and Central Asia" <http://picasaweb.google.com/g.pilnov/OnTheICT2010Exhibition#>

Help to strengthen EU-EECA ICT community

Do you have experience to share? Seminars or conferences to promote? Suggestions for EU-EECA R&D collaborative priorities? Partners to be searched? Send us your ideas and suggestions.

Contact: info@eeca-ict.eu



Projects presence in EECA countries

Project Acronym	ISTOK-SOYUZ (co Number 231665)	SCUBE-ICT (Co Number 231148)	EXTEND (Co Number 231137)
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Start – End Date	01/2009 – 06/2011	01/2009 – 12/2010	01/2009 – 06/2011
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