



Project Final Event Information letter

The final conference presenting the main results of the FP7 project "Information Society Technologies to Open Knowledge for Eastern Europe and Central Asia" (ISTOK-SOYUZ) will be held on June 7, 2011 in Delegation of European Union to Russia

The **ISTOK-SOYUZ** Project www.istok-soyuz.eu - a special support action co-funded by the FP7 ICT programme of the European Commission - was initiated by eight partners from seven countries (**Germany, France, Russia, Belarus, Ukraine, Armenia and Kazakhstan**).

From the start on 1 January 2009, ISTOK-SOYUZ project:

- promoted the **EU ICT** programme, raised awareness about benefits of mutual collaboration and identify **ICT landscape and potential for R&D ICT collaboration** between European Union and 12 addressed countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA);
- expanded **EU-Russian ICT research community** to 4 targeted countries (Ukraine, Belarus, Armenia and Kazakhstan) through opening the FP6 ISTOK project' competence platform to these countries and implementing pilot actions, as well as networking & brokerage events aiming to increase visibility of cooperation opportunities;
- provided support for more than **100 teams** from targeted countries, which led to **25 FP7 ICT proposals** submitted jointly with researchers from Europe.

The project activities have been done in collaboration with national stakeholders and other relevant co-operation projects in order to exploit synergies and maximize the impact.

Clustering approach www.eeca-ict.eu/ involving two other **FP7 projects** started in parallel with ISTOK-SOYUZ - **SCUBE-ICT and EXTEND** – has been applied (in particular for the specific activities in Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan, Ukraine), in order to increase the benefit for the joint EU – EECA research from the support actions of three projects.



Conference participants will be representatives from European Union, Russia, Armenia, Belarus, Kazakhstan and Ukraine from

- public and private organizations specialized in ICT,
- innovation infrastructure,
- ministries and agencies, policy makers in ICT,
- partnerships' projects.

Conference agenda will include

- project results of ISTOK-SOYUZ and clustering projects;
- recommendations on cooperation strategy between the EU and the countries of Eastern Europe and Central Asia in the context of the new **Digital Agenda for Europe 2020** and national initiatives, in particular on the development of **Russian technology platforms**;
- FP7 success stories coming from project activities;
- methodological and training materials developed in framework of ISTOK-SOYUZ project.

Date and time: June 7, 2011, 10:00 - 14:00

Place: Delegation of European Union to Russia (Moscow, Kadashevskaya naberezhnaya,14/1)

ISTOK-SOYUZ Conference organising committee



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Draft agenda
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9:00 -9:30	Registration and welcome coffee
9:30 – 10:00	Opening Session
	<p>Introduction and welcome words.</p> <p>Representatives of the</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ <u>EU Delegation in Russia</u> - Manuel Hallen, Minister Counsellor, S&T ○ <u>RF Ministry of Economy</u> - Artem Shadrin, Head of the Department of Strategic Management and Budgeting ○ <u>Russian Academy of Science</u>, - Vladimir Ivanov, Deputy General Scientific Secretary of RAS Presidium ○ <u>RF Ministry of Education and Science</u>, - Igor Protsenko, Head of the Department of International Integration
10:00 – 11:30	Main ISTOK-SOYUZ and Partnering projects results. Project assessment by the stakeholders. Success stories
10:00 – 10:30	<p>ISTOK-SOYUZ and Partnering projects results, recommendations for the EU-EECA collaboration.</p> <p>Svetlana Klessova, project coordinator</p>
10:30 – 10:40	<p>EXTEND: consultation process and the main findings for the EECA countries</p> <p>Tofiq Babayev, Azerbaijan ICT NCP</p>
10:40 – 10:50	<p>EXTEND: FP7 Help Desk and its services</p> <p>Tatyana Lyadnova, Belarus ICT NCP,</p>
10:50 – 11:05	<p>Support to the ICT R&D EECA countries teams: ISTOK-SOYUZ experience</p> <p>Gennady Pilnov, Executive director, RTTN</p>
11:05 – 11:20	<p>Success story of EECA team in FP7 ICT R&D project</p> <p><i>Representative of organization getting support from ISTOK-SOYUZ</i></p>
11:20 – 11:35	<p>EECA ICT teams in Proposers' day, Budapest: the lessons learnt</p> <p>Nikolay Pakulin, ISPRAS</p>
11:35 – 12:00	Coffee Break



12:00 – 13:30	Session 2. Perspectives of EU-Russia/EECA cooperation in ICT R&D
12:00 – 12:15	The role of ICT oriented European Technology platforms in EU R&D landscape formation <i>Dr Manuel Hallen, Minister Counsellor, S&T, EU Delegation to the RF</i>
12:15 – 12:30	New initiative on Russian Technology Platforms creation. Example of ICT RTP initiative and prospects of EU-RU cooperation between RTP and relevant European Technology Platforms <i>Alexander Petrenko, Representative of RTP in ICT sphere</i>
12:30 – 12:45	Priorities of the Russian Academy of Sciences R&D centers in ICT R&D and role of EU-RU cooperation <i>Dr Vladimir Ivanov, RAS Presidium</i>
12:45 – 13:00	New EU EECA initiative on Bringing ICT Policy dialogue to an Upper level for Reinforced EU-EECA Cooperation. <i>Dr Marat Biktimirov, Director, The national association of research and educational e-Infrastructures “e-ARENA”</i>
13:00 – 13:15	The role of innovative infrastructure in EECA R&D teams support for participation in EU R&D programs; example of Enterprise Europe Network – Russia <i>Anton Yanovsky, Team Leader, EEN-Russia</i>
13.15 – 13:40	The opportunities of the next FP7 ICT Calls in 2011-2012. Future of EU R&D programme “after FP7” <i>Jean-Charles Point, JCP Consult, France</i>
13:40 – 14:00	Comments, questions and answers
14:00	Lunch

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