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Abstract	In order to disseminate broadly the outcomes and deliverables of BILAT-UKR, a Final Conference was organised in Kiev on January 31 st and February 1 st , 2012. Representatives from Research Institutes, Universities, International and European Organisations in Ukraine, and majors S&T stakeholders attended the event (128 participants).
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**BILAT-UKR FINAL CONFERENCE
JANUARY 31st - February 1st, 2012
ENHANCING THE BILATERAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARTNERSHIP WITH
UKRAINE**

PROGRAMME

*Great Conference Hall of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine
Volodymyrska street, 55 – 2nd floor, KIEV*

Tuesday, 31st of January, 2012

9h30– 10h30	Plenary Session - Welcome address Mr. Grinyov, Deputy Head, State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization Mr. Naumovets, Vice-President, National Academy of Science of Ukraine Mr. Sanders, Research Programme Officer, European Commission Mrs. Bonin, Coordinator of the BILAT-UKR project, Deputy Director Europe of Research and International Cooperation Office, CNRS
<i>10h30-11h</i>	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11h00-12h45	Presentation of the National Contact Points Network Moderator: Mrs Koval – Director of the National Information Point for FP7 in Ukraine
11h-11h10	Presentation of the National Information Point activities and NCP Network Mrs. Koval , Director of the National Information Point for FP7 in Ukraine Co-coordinator of the BILAT-UKR project
11h10-12h30	Presentations of Thematic National Contact Points Mr. Smalko, Health NCP in Ukraine Mrs. Stepanova, KBBE (FAB) NCP in Ukraine Mr. Kulchystkyy, SME and ICT National Contact Point in Ukraine Mr. Shukayev, Environment NCP in Ukraine Mrs. Gagauz, NMP NCP in Ukraine Mrs. Smovziuk, Transport NCP in Ukraine Mrs. Kot, SSH NCP in Ukraine
12h30-12h45	Questions and answers
11h30-12h45	Policy Roundtable - Upon invitation (DANII)
12h45-13h00	Introduction to parallel sessions Mr. Cosnita, Expert, Research and Development Engineering, and Manufacturing for Automation, Equipment and Systems (IPA-SA – Romania)
<i>13h00-14h00</i>	<i>Lunch</i>

14h - 16h	Parallel sessions
Session 1 3 rd floor “Section” Room	European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative and Regional Cooperation Moderator : Mr. Cosnita, Expert, Research and Development, Engineering and Manufacturing for Automation Equipment and Systems (IPA-SA - Romania)
14h05-14h20	Presentation of the European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative Mrs. Rybak, EU Policy Officer, EU Delegation to Ukraine
14h20-14h45	Presentation of the project InnoPolicy, funded under the ENPI Mrs. Shakhbasyan, Center of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer Partner of the ENPI project InnoPolicy partner
14h45-15h	<i>Questions and answers</i>
15h-15h15	Good practices examples for cross-border cooperation Mrs. Mühlenfeld, Senior Consultant, Zentrum für Innovation und Technik in NRW (ZENIT GmbH – Germany)
15h15-16h	Obstacles for cross-border R&D cooperation – Interactive discussion Mrs. Mühlenfeld, Senior Consultant, Zentrum für Innovation und Technik in NRW (ZENIT GmbH – Germany) Mr. Cosnita, Expert, Research and Development, Engineering and Manufacturing for Automation Equipment and Systems (IPA-SA - Romania)
Session 2 1 st floor “White Hall”	European Technology Platforms and Innovation Moderator : Mr. Trojanowski, Programme Manager, Polish Academy of Sciences
14h05-14h25	European Technology Platforms and National Technology Platforms, good practices and chance for effective participation in EU projects Mr. Trojanowski, Programme Manager, Polish Academy of Sciences
14h25-14h35	Presentation of the Russian Technology Platform “Food For Life” Mrs. Legonkova, Executive Secretary, Food for Life Technology Platform, Russia
14h35-14h45	Opportunity for Technology Platforms in Ukraine : example of the Agro-Food Sector Mrs. Boyko, Professor, National University of Uzhhorod
14h45-15h05	<i>Questions and answers</i>
15h05-15h25	EU Programmes for Innovation and BILAT-UKR actions Mrs. Robin, International Innovation Policy Officer, French Ministry for Higher Education and Research, Former BILAT-UKR coordination
15h25-15h45	Lessons learnt from the EU funded innovation support projects in Ukraine, problems to overcome on the way to success Mr. Arkhangelski, Mr. Vlasenko, Technology Commercialization Consultants, European Profiles S.A
15h45-16h	<i>Questions and answers</i>

<p>Session 3 “Working groups” Room</p> <p>14h05-14h25</p> <p>14h25-14h45</p> <p>14h45-15h</p> <p>15h-15h10</p> <p>15h10-15h25</p> <p>15h25-15h45</p> <p>15h45-16h</p>	<p>Mobility and Infrastructures Moderator : Mrs. Gorokhovatska, Scientific Manager, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine</p> <p>European Mobility programmes in FP7 Mrs. Pikalova, Russian Mobility National Contact Point, Higher School of Economics, Russia</p> <p>Presentation of an ERAWIDE project : “Strengthening Cooperation in Molecular Biomedicine between EU and Ukraine” Mrs. Elskaya, Director of the Institute of Molecular Biology and Genetics, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p> <p>European Infrastructures programmes in FP7 and BILAT-UKR deliverables Mrs. Gorokhovatska, Scientific Manager, National Academy of Science of Ukraine</p> <p><i>The SeaDataNet project : Pan-European infrastructure for ocean and marine data management</i> Mrs. Fichaut, SeaDataNet II, Project Coordinator, French Research Institute for the Exploration of the Sea (IFREMER), France</p> <p>The Upgrade by scene project Mr. Thijsse, Expert, Upgrade Black Sea scene Infrastructures project partner, Marine Information Service (MARIS), Netherlands</p> <p><i>Questions and Answers</i></p>
<p>Session 4 3rd Floor “Yellow Room”</p> <p>14h00-14h15</p> <p>14h15-14h30</p> <p>14h30-15h</p> <p>15h-15h15</p> <p>15h15-16h</p>	<p>National Contact Points services : meetings of EU and Ukrainian NCPs Moderator : Mrs. Koval, National Information Point, Director of the National Information Point for Ukraine (Ukraine)</p> <p>Interactive introduction of participants</p> <p>International cooperation in Horizon 2020 Ms. Francès, European Project Manager, INCO NCP, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)</p> <p>The French NCP system and the NCP activity Mr. Bassava, NCP for NanoSciences and Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)</p> <p>Mr. Weexsteen, National Contact Point for Environment, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS)</p> <p>Searching for partners and setting-up consortia Mr. Bassava and Mr. Weexsteen, (CNRS - France)</p> <p><i>Questions and answers</i></p>

<p>16h15–17h15</p> <p>16h20-16h30</p> <p>16h30-16h40</p> <p>16h40-16h50</p> <p>16h50-17h00</p> <p>17h00-17h15</p>	<p>Plenary session: conclusions of parallel sessions and concluding remarks Moderator: Mr. Cosnita, Expert, Research and Development, Engineering and Manufacturing for Automation Equipment and Systems (IPA-SA - Romania)</p> <p>Report on Session 1 ENPI and Regional Cooperation, Mr. Cosnita Report on Session 2 European Technology Platforms and Innovation, Mr. Trojanowski Report on Session 3 Mobility and Infrastructures, Mrs. Gorokhovatska Report on Session 4 National Contact Points Roundtables, Mrs. Koval</p> <p>Conclusion of the conference Mr. Grinyov, Deputy Head, State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization Mr. Naumovets, Vice-President, National Academy of Science of Ukraine Mr. Sanders, Research Programme Officer, European Commission Mrs. Bonin, Coordinator of the BILAT-UKR project, Deputy Director Europe of Research and International Cooperation Office, CNRS</p>
<p><i>17h15 -18h15</i></p>	<p><i>Cocktail</i></p>

Wednesday, 1st of February, 2012

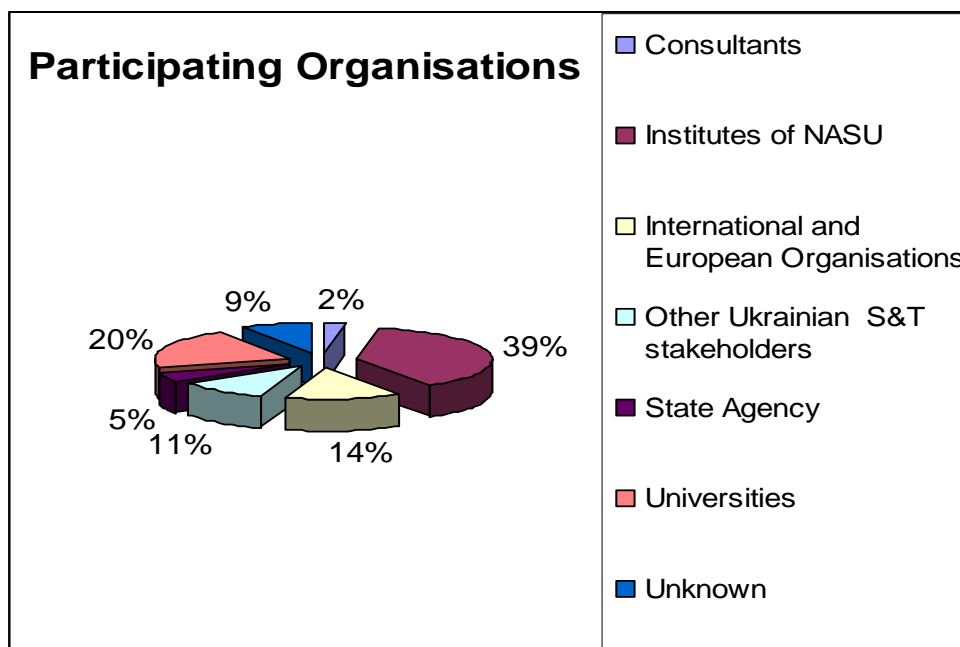
9h – 12h	Parallel sessions
9h30-12h 3 rd floor "Section" Room	Session 1: National Contact Points Round tables European and Ukrainian National Contact Points on the 7 th Framework Programme of the European Union get together to share their experience.
9h30-9h35	Introduction of participants to the Roundtables
9h35-9h45	Presentation of the Russian Mobility NCP activities Mrs. Pikalova, Mobility NCP, Higher School of Economics, Russia
9h45-9h55	<i>Discussion</i>
9h55-11h10	Project Generation and Proposal Writing Mr. Weexsteen, National Contact Point for Environment, French National Centre for Scientific Research
11h10-11h40	Useful tips for a successful proposal Mr. Bassava, National Contact Point for NanoSciences and Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies, French National Centre for Scientific Research
11h-12h	<i>Discussion</i>
9h-12h 3 rd Floor "Working Groups" Room	Session 2: BILAT-UKRAINE Executive Board Meeting Meeting of the BILAT-UKR consortium
12h-13h30	<i>Lunch</i>

FINAL CONFERENCE REPORT

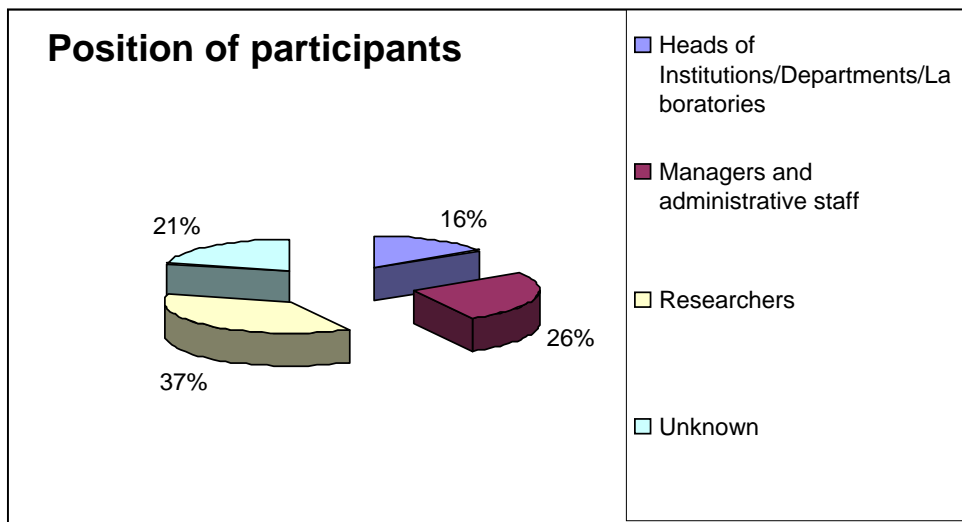
The Final Conference was hosted by the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (NASU). It was open by Mr. Grinyov, Deputy Head of the State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization and Mr. Naumovets, Vice-President of the NASU. Mr. Sanders from the European Commission introduced the EU-Ukraine S&T cooperation topic. Mrs. Bonin, coordinator of the project, introduced the BILAT-UKR project and presented the activities the BILAT-UKR implemented during the past 3 years.

178 persons were registered to the Final Conference and **128** attended the First Day.

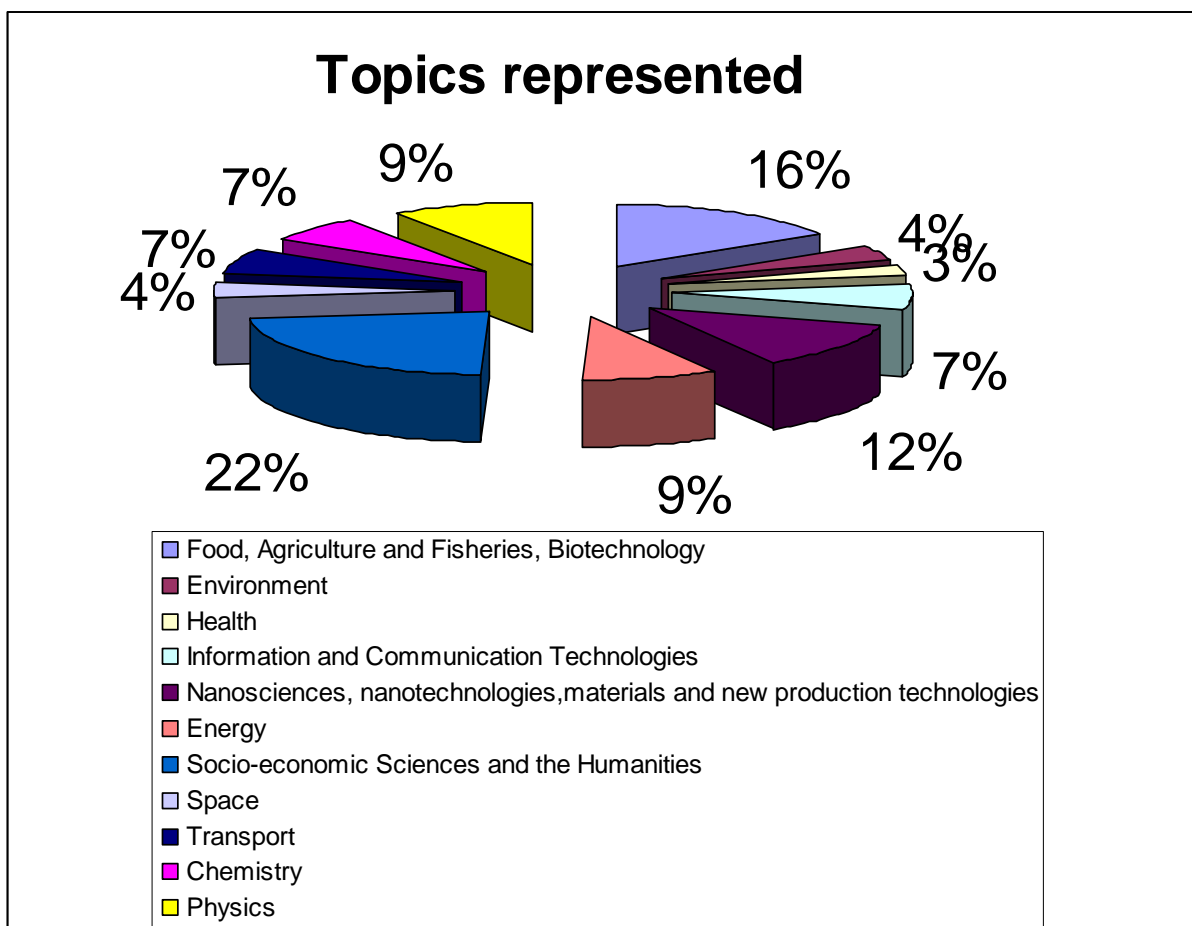
The audience was composed of Research Institutes, Universities, Representatives from the State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization, International and European Organisations (*members of the BILAT-UKR consortium were excluded from this survey), and other Ukrainian S&T stakeholders (Chamber of Commerce, Ukrainian Science Club, Science and Technology support organisations).



The participants were researchers, heads of institutes of the NASU, or laboratories or department, managers and administrative employees.



Among the research community attending the conference, the main FP7 cooperation topics were represented (+ Physics and Chemistry).



FINAL CONFERENCE – DAY 1 – January 31st, 2012

Plenary session

Mrs. Koval, as co-coordinator of the BILAT-UKR project introduced the morning session of the conference. She presented the actions of BILAT-UKR toward the NCP framework and introduced the network of National Contact Points in Ukraine. Nine of the NCPs introduced their activity to the Ukrainian research community:

- Mrs. Sokur, Health NCP,
- Mrs. Stepanova, FAB NCP
- Mr. Kulchystky, SME and ICT NCP
- Mrs. Gagauz, NMP NCP
- Mr. Shukayev, Environment and ICT NCP
- Mrs. Gagauz, Transport NCP
- Mr. Nykyruy, NMP NCP
- Mrs. Smovziuk, Transport NCP
- Mrs. Kot, SSH NCP in Ukraine

See presentations in Annex I.

Policy Roundtable

The Policy Roundtable took place as parallel workshop hosted by Mr. Grinyov, Deputy Head of the State Agency for Science, Innovation and Informatization (DANII) in the meeting room of DANII.

After a short tour de table Ms. Volkova, Chief of the International Department of DANII informed about the system of S&T in Ukraine and its legal fundamentals. She informed about the S&T priorities of DANII which are in the field of ICT, energy and energy saving, efficient environmental management, life sciences and new substances and materials. These priorities correspond with important S&T priorities addressed by the 7th European Framework Programme for RTD (FP7) as well as S&T priorities of most EU Member States. Moreover, they partially correspond with most of the grand challenges which shape the thematic discussion about “Horizon 2020”, the integrated framework which follows FP7 as of 1 January 2014.

One can conclude that a high level of convergence of S&T priorities between the EU and Ukraine exists, which enables a potential for joint approaches to address common priorities of mutual interest and for mutual benefit. It is likely, that thematic and functional priorities will be discussed and further elaborated during the Joint STI Committee Meetings between Ukraine and the European Commission. They should also be regarded as signposts to guide thematic priority setting within future support and coordination projects.

Ms. Volkova also referred to several other activities of DANII in the field of eGovernment, such as the open source initiative of DANII and the upgrading of the information and library system. Young scientists are also in the focus of DANII, especially in terms of international mobility, establishing of linkages to diaspora and of providing incentives to keep young scientists in the Ukrainian research and innovation system.

One can conclude that innovative models of brain circulation, re-integration of emigrated Ukrainian researchers in the domestic system and a general enhancement of attracting also foreign researchers to work for a certain time in Ukraine and to establish closer links with their Ukrainian colleagues are issues which will concern Ukrainian S&T policy makers also in the future and which will also impact the EU. For the latter issue, an ACCESS4EU component should be considered in a forthcoming future support and coordination projects.

After this presentation, Mr. Sanders, Research Programme and Project Officer for the BILAT-UKR project in the European Commission (DG Research and Innovation) presented the latest development at EU level. He specifically addressed (i) the steps undertaken to complete the European Research Area as single European market for research within the EU, (ii) the manifold instruments available within the current FP7 and (iii) he shortly gave an outlook towards Horizon 2020. Moreover, he referred to the importance of R&D for the knowledge economy and for innovation in particular. He referred to a wide spectrum of innovation activities, which does not only include the dominant notion of product and process innovation. In particular he mentioned also the importance of standard and regulations as trigger for innovations.

One can conclude that innovation as core element of knowledge economies is a concern of many countries, which also connects S&T policy making in the EU and Ukraine. Exchange of information on this topic and on the instruments applied to foster innovation and the identification of joint activities to increase cooperation in innovation for mutual benefit, are considered as potential issues for an upcoming S&T dialogue, eventually to be addressed by the still running INCO-NET EECA project (e.g. in the Policy Stakeholder Conference planned in Kiev in April 2012) and/or in future support and coordination projects.

Ms. Bonin, Deputy Director for Russia/NIS from CNRS and co-ordinator of BILAT-UKR informed about the work done under this project by showcasing the work and recommendations of the working groups implemented under BILAT-UKR (e.g. on infrastructure, innovation, mobility, technology platforms). She also referred to the difficulties in establishing a sound NCP system in Ukraine. Her main message was that significant progress could be achieved, but that the potential for intensifying scientific relations between Ukrainian and EU researchers is not yet exploited at optimum scale. The present BILAT-UKR project could generate some momentum, but it is coming soon to an end (February 2012).

Mr. Schuch, Managing Director from the Austrian based Centre for Social Innovation, who moderated the Policy Roundtable, resumed that a follow-up project has been submitted to the EC, but that a funding decision is pending. He stressed that within the instrumental portfolio of FP7, which is - in his opinion - a very well structured and comprehensive portfolio allowing tailor-made applications, matching-funds schemes become more and more important in international S&T cooperation. He explicitly referred to the ERA-NET scheme and the twinning-scheme and invited the Ukrainian side to reflect these instruments for enhanced future bilateral use between the EU and Ukraine.

*One can conclude that the present internationalisation portfolio provided by the EC in FP7 offers a wide range of instruments, which – despite some remarkably successes (e.g. ERA-WIDE scheme) – are not yet fully exploited for the mutual benefit of Ukraine-EU S&T cooperation. Especially Ukrainian participation in some thematic European ERA-NETs in the priority fields stipulated by DANII, could be beneficial for all involved parties. The BILAT-UKR consortium offers – provided that the follow-up project BILAT-UKR*AINA will be selected for funding –to create a framework for exchange between Ukrainian stakeholders and EU Member State Stakeholders in this respect.*

Mr. Zayet, Deputy-Director of STCU, informed about the activities of STCU, its governance system and the future challenges the Centre is confronted with. He also referred to successful joint calls and the necessity to further create spaces for interactions between Ukrainian and EU researchers. Specifically he informed about the participation of Ukrainian researchers at an important international trade fair in Germany to support also technology transfer and innovation.

One can conclude that international S&T cooperation between EU and Ukrainian researchers has to be further supported to reap the existing potentials. Especially at the level of younger researchers from both sides additional efforts for networking have to be taken. These could be in form of participation in brokerage events, thematic workshops, joint trainings or other meaningful platforms. To sustain such relations not only thematic mutuality should be supported, but also generic issues concerning joint project preparation, international project management, and project-cycle

management (incl. technology transfer and exploitation) should be addressed by future activities to stimulate and safeguard the cooperation.

The very vivid discussion, which followed these interventions centred on the following exemplary aspects, which are of utmost importance for international S&T cooperation in general and which stimulated food for thought for future EU-Ukraine activities in particular:

- development of the EEN (Europe Enterprise Network) in Ukraine to stimulate cross-border technology transfer and innovation activities;
- creating enhanced reciprocity in terms of participation of EU and Ukrainian scientists in public R&D programmes;
- facilitation of visa application procedures for Ukrainian scientists to travel to Schengen countries;
- extension of international peer review procedures;
- cooperation towards the creation and operation of joint centres of excellence;
- enhancing bilateral cooperation at the level of research institutes (e.g. by using ERA-WIDE);
- establishing bilateral cooperation between the EU and EU Member States and the European Commission at the level of coordinated research funding (e.g. by using ERA-NETs);
- placing S&T as national priority within ENPI to increase the scope of activities hereunder for the benefit of S&T.

Session 1. European Neighbourhood Policy Initiative and Regional Cooperation

Around 25 participants, most of them representing UA research institutions, including one participant from Lvov and one from Odessa, attended to Session 1 concerning the topic of ENPI and regional cooperation, moderated by Mr. Daniel Cosnita, IPA.

The session was divided in two parts:

- Inputs from the speakers
- Moderated discussion on the obstacles for cross border cooperation.

The first session started with a tour de table followed by a general presentation of the ENPI programme by Mrs. Rybak, working for the EU Delegation in Ukraine. This was followed by a concrete UA example given by Mrs. Shakbasyan from the Centre of Intellectual Property and Technology Transfer within the UA National Academy of Science.

At her turn, Mrs. Claudia Mühlenfeld, ZENIT, presented concrete examples of cross-border cooperation from the German-Dutch border region. Its exemplary character lies in the good running cooperation based also on a long tradition; this border being practically the one that invented the INTERREG concept.

As a conclusion to the first session Mr. Daniel Cosnita described in more depth both the ENPI programmes as well as the thematic priorities in which UA border regions are eligible and outlined following points:

- When talking about innovative regional cooperation projects, it is not the big scale innovations that should be kept in mind but the finding of innovative solutions to concrete cross-border problems;
- It is often so that regions lying alongside the border do not have the same level of technical, scientific and socio-economic development, which represents a serious obstacle in developing joint successful projects;
- Examples from elsewhere and Western Europe in particular should be adapted to the concrete problems in place and not transferred one to one.

In the second part of the sessions participants have been asked to express their opinions on the obstacles encountered in the international cooperation between UA and neighbouring countries. At

this point it is worth being mentioned that this issue has already been addresses by BILAT UKR via a questionnaire based analysis which is reported under D2.11. There, 3 main barriers are being identified, i.e. personal, administrative and institutional ones.

Summarising the results of the moderated discussions which have been very vivid and raised a lot of interest from the UA participants having to be prolonged into the coffee break time, 3 categories of obstacles could be outdrawn:

- At the level of relevant authorities (ministries etc) problems such as a still not adapted legal and institutional framework and a top down approach in the definition in the priorities of international cooperation for Ukraine could be mentioned;
- At the level of the project development, the lack of project management skills, including the financial management have been identified;
- At the level of the scientific community, a still rather low interest for the international cooperation could be mentioned as well as cultural barriers.

The identified problems and the proposed measures to be taken are being summarised in the following table:

Level	Problem	Action
Authorities	Legal and institutional aspects	Lobby of the S&T community towards the competent national authorities
	National co-financing of projects	
	Top down definition of priorities/ programmes not flexible	
Project level	Lack of training and information	Providing more trainings and information seminars;
	Lack of best practice examples	Project generation seminars;
	Project management	Intensive “project English” courses
	Language problems (EN)	
Scientific community	Low interest for international cooperation both on institutional and individual level	Raising awareness seminars; Attracting young researchers into international cooperation activities;
	Cultural problems	Uses of inter-cultural mediators

Session 2. European Technology Platforms and Innovation

The session on European Technology Platforms and Innovation was very successfully performed. There were more than 30 participants (more than initially expected), representatives of universities, research institutes as well as public authorities and private companies which was of key importance in the discussion summarizing the whole session. The session was moderated by Krzysztof Trojanowski (representative of Polish Academy of Sciences). All presentations and discussion were translated into English/Ukrainian.

The objective of this session was to present National Technology Platforms and National initiatives of other countries (Poland, France), Ukrainian efforts (Technology Platforms, national, regional and local initiatives, efforts, results and obstacles) and possibilities of Innovation Programmes available and open for Ukrainian organizations. The following topics were presented:

1. European and National Technology Platforms-Good Practices for effective participation in EU projects (Krzysztof Trojanowski)
2. Technology Platforms-Russian experience (Kvasha Tatjana Konstantinovna)
3. Technology Platforms-Aerospace Technology (Spartak Dobrovolsky)
4. Opportunity for Technology Platforms in Ukraine: example of Agro-food sector (Nadia Boyko)
5. EU Programmes for Innovation and BILAT-UKR actions (Virginie Robin)
6. EU Innovation Support Projects (Vladimir Arkhangielski)
7. Commercialization of Ukrainian Technologies, Inno-Enterprise: Bridging the gap between research and production (Vitalij Vlasenko)

The combination of different presentations, first on European and National Technology Platforms in EU countries and Ukraine, secondly Innovation and transfer of research results to practical applications gave a good opportunity for thorough discussion on Ukrainian situation in terms of effective EU research programmes participation (chances, opportunities, problems and evident obstacles that must be overcome).

Several examples of Ukrainian progress concerning FP7 participation, National Technology Platforms, technology transfer has been presented. Many activities were initiated within last 2 years to large extent due to activities of Bilat-Ukr project. One of the best examples is the National Technology Platform of Agro-food sector which constitutes the strong basis for research-industry cooperation within Ukraine as well as with European Platforms and organizations.

There are a few considerable obstacles in National Technology Platforms creation and good performance – it was discussed during “question and comments” part of the session. One of the main problems is the lack of governmental programmes supporting such “bottom-up” initiatives, there are several foreign models (e.g. Polish) which can be an example (at least the logic and some important items of the system). One of the positive aspects is the creation of the NCP network in Ukraine which should play a vital role in creation and cooperation with National Technology Platforms and can be used as an interface with cooperation with their counterparts in Europe.

Session 3. Mobility and Infrastructures

The session was attended by 20 persons and was moderated by Marina Gorokhovatska. It embraced issues related to the formerly prepared inventories, analytical reviews and held workshops. All of mentioned items together with already elaborated and in process preparing roadmaps are the parts of WP3 of the project. Thus the relations between development of Ukrainian and EU research infrastructures strong links and at the same time suggest / improve mechanism of research mobility were the main topic to discuss.

Information on European Mobility programmes in FP7 and Russian experience in their implementation presented by **Anna Pikalova** followed the number of questions about real forms of support short-term and especially long-term training in EU states according to Russian national legislation, about possibility of co-funding such programmes, financial rules and so on.

Comparing with Russian approach, the presentation of the project “**Strengthening Cooperation in Molecular Biomedicine between EU and Ukraine**” as the winner of the ERA-WIDE FP 7 Call made by Prof. Anna Elskaya, showed the evident links between mobility of scientists and the ways of intensification cooperation in dedicated field.

The discussion about target groups and involving the young scientists into project-related activity was interesting.

As no new calls on Research Infrastructures are foreseen till the end of FP 7 the accent of presentations **”European Infrastructures programmes in FP7 and BILAT-UKR deliverables”**. **Mrs. Fichaut** and **Mr. Thijsse** presented two infrastructures projects with Ukrainian participation and best practices to bring together Ukrainian and European experience and capacities. Both of European experts appreciated highly the Ukrainian input in database forming in frame of the ongoing projects. The information about real scales of created databases, their using for large-scale projects and existence after closing of each projects were of great interest for participants.

The main conclusions of this session are those:

- ◆ There are not so many contacts and too much information in rather new areas of cooperation, so all the speakers had brought some new ideas that caused discussion and would serve to developing cooperation;
- ◆ New contacts and new vision from abroad towards Ukrainian capacities will encourage our scientists;
- ◆ All would use all the opportunities to present in the best way the possibilities of every joint project, every initiative because still we have lack of information about details;
- ◆ The mutual interest to develop both direction (mobility issues and access to infrastructure) is a good point for the next steps.

The session was interesting and successful. The session lasted for 15-20 min. more after the planned end time because of the active discussion.

Session 4. National Contact Points services: meetings of EU and Ukrainian NCPs

The Session was very interactive, with the representatives of the different FP7 NCPs of Ukraine and France. It was attended by 22 participants :

- ten from the Ukrainian NCPs: Olga Gorokhovatska (Health NCP), Sergey Shukaev (ICT NCP), Ivan Kulchytsky (ICT/SME NCP), Inna Gagauz (Nano NCP), Vladimir Potyak (Nano NCP), Iryna Bylan (Nano NCP), Aurika Murava-Sereda (Env. NCP), Anna Gudkova (Transport NCP), Aleksandr Galagan (Cosmos NCP), Olena Koval (INCO/Legal/Mobility NCPs),
- three from the French NCPs: Nathalie Frances (INCO NCP), Subbaro Bassava (Nano NCP), Antoine Weexsteen, (Environment NCP),
- BILAT-UKR coordinator Martine Bonin (CNRS)
- representatives of the Higher Education and Academic Institutions of Ukraine.

The session started with an interactive introduction of participants which was followed by three invited presentations. The first presentation was the introduction of International cooperation in Horizon 2020 by Ms. Francès, European Project Manager, INCO NCP, (CNRS). The second intervention was the presentation of the French NCP system and the NCP activity, by Mr. Bassava, NCP for NanoSciences and Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS) and Mr. Weexsteen, National Contact Point for Environment, French National Centre for Scientific Research (CNRS).

Within the third presentation Mr. Bassava and Mr. Weexsteen, (CNRS - France) shared their experience and presented useful tools of partners search, ways and rules of consortia building.

Session feedback allowed time for further discussions of points raised and sharing of ideas amongst participants and addressed the issues related to more NCPs networking as well.

The BILAT-Ukr Coordinator Martine Bonin proposed to initiate the Web-Conferences between the EU and Ukrainian NCPs and promote more actively the Advisory Network established within the current BILAT project to enhance networking, develop successful partnerships and information support.

The interaction between EU and Ukrainian NCP was very lively and technical questions were raised about:

- the creation of consortia
- how to find a good coordinator
- administrative and financial issues

CONCLUSIONS OF THE EVENT

During the last plenary session of the conference, each moderator presented the conclusions of the session they moderated :

- Daniel Cosnita (IPA-SA) for Session 1
- Krzysztof Trojanowski (PAN) for Session 2
- Marina Gorokhovatska (NASU) for Session 3
- Olena Koval (NIP) for Session 4

Klaus Schuch reported on the conclusions of the Policy Roundtable to the plenary session. Martine Bonin concluded the conference.

FEEDBACK

A follow-up survey was sent to all participants after the meeting. 12 questionnaires were completed and sent back. The following comments were received to the questionnaire:

1. **Expectations :**

- new information about FP7 and S&T cooperation, (12 answers)
- establish new contacts with participants (8 answers)
- hear about best practices (2 answers)
- meeting EU experts and the European Commission (2 answers)
- to meet the National Contact Points (2 answers)

2. **Satisfaction** on the overall content:

- Very satisfied : 9 answers over 12
- Mostly satisfied : 3 answers over 12

3. **New contacts were taken from the conference:** Yes. 12 answers over 12

The participants met new people to develop future collaborations thanks to this event.

4. **New ideas** taken from the Conference:

- Transborder cooperation and examples of EU Countries (4 answers)
- Technology Platforms opportunities in Ukraine and European examples (5 answers),
- S&T policy and use of EU experience,
- Importance of regular international contacts and cooperation
- The Ukrainian Researchers participation skills in the EU mobility schemes
- Ongoing projects under the infrastructures programme (2 answers)

5. **Use of the ideas** communicated in the conference in the future:

- very practical use
- will apply the principles for new projects with current partners and will search new collaborations (3 answers)
- to lobby a faster reaction of governmental institutions to possibilities open by EU-Funded programmes
- use while working with Ministries and State Agency
- will create a technology platform in ICT in Ukraine

- use of a cultural mediator in the international projects

6. **Advice** for future events:

- Involve participants from side of business who are supposed to be recipients of marketable research outputs of cooperation based on international R&D programmes/projects.
- Have a simultaneous translation (English/Ukrainian/or Russian)
- Leave more time for open discussion
- Inviting speakers in main sessions rather than parallel sessions
- To announce the event also in the EU Universities
- To invite representatives of companies who need the help of scientists to solve their scientific problems

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Session 1. National Contact Points Roundtable

The session was aimed to get together EU and Ukrainian National Contact Points on the EU 7th Framework Programme and thus provide for them the possibility to share their experience. The Session was attended by 25 persons who registered and put their signatures in the participants' list (in fact, there were 36 persons), including: 9 UA NCPs, 2 EU NCPs, 1 RU NCP and 13 participants of the Final Conference.

The following presentations were made at the Session:

- **The Russian Mobility NCP activities**
Ms Anna Pikalova, Mobility NCP, Higher School of Economics, Russia
- **Project Generation and Proposal Writing**
Mr Antoine Weexsteen, National Contact Point for Environment, French National Centre for Scientific Research
- **Useful tips for a successful proposal**
Mr Subbarao Bassava, National Contact Point for NanoSciences and Nanotechnologies, Materials and New Production Technologies, French National Centre for Scientific Research

Each presentation was followed up by questions and comments. As pointed out at the discussion that was important that NCPs from the EU countries, Russia and Ukraine and Ukrainian researchers, who attended the Roundtable, had a good opportunity to discuss issues related to participation in FP7 and share both experience and contacts details.

The main issues discussed were the following :

- How to join consortia? The partner search tools in Europe still needs to be improved.
 - o One way forward : the EC could support third countries NCPs to attend conferences in Brussels, or organize videoconference. These conferences are indeed the main channels to find and join consortia.
 - o A reliable and practical network is needed (improvement of cordis)
- The NCPs also discussed technical legal and administrative issues on concrete cases
- The issues of societal impact, technology transfer, ethics and gender issue was also raised. These criteria are indeed not taken into account enough in Ukraine when writing a proposal. The proposals are designed around research only. However, these issues are required by the European Commission and this should be understood to get more successful proposals.
- The project proposal writing session showed that it would be interesting for researchers and NCPs to get a common practice on proposal writing and especially on technical parts: Gantt diagrams, Perth, Person Months.

Session 2. BILAT-UKR Executive Board meeting

See D5.1.5 Executive Board Meeting in Kiev

Annex I. Participants List

See document D5.1.5 Annex I

Annex II. Presentations

See all presentations uploaded on <http://www.bilat-ukr.eu/en/197.php>