

Fact sheet BILAT-UKR

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4. Centre for Innovation and Technology in NRW (ZENIT, Germany)
5. Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI, Austria)
6. Polish Academy of Sciences (PAN, Poland)
7. National Authority for Scientific Research (ANCS, Romania)
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10. National Academy of Sciences (NASU, Ukraine)

General information about BILAT-projects

Background: Reinforcing partnerships of the EU with third countries, in particular in the frame of existing S&T cooperation agreements.

Objectives: Supporting the realization and shapening of the bilateral EU-S&T agreements in practice.

Activities:

- Improving the process of providing information on programs and funding designed to promote cooperation between Europe and specific third countries (websites, database).

- Better identifying and demonstrating mutual interest and benefit in S&T cooperation between Europe and specific third countries as well as setting priorities.
- Sharing best practices via joint fora such as workshops and presenting the state of the art and the prospects for cooperation in particular fields.
- Provide support for the creation of S&T cooperation and for the search of relevant and suitable partners.

Project description

The main objectives of BILAT-UKR are:

- strengthen the S&T cooperation between the EU and Ukraine in particular through a stronger participation of Ukraine in FP7 and other Community programmes and initiatives and through a better link between activities on Member States and Community level.
- improve the framework for enhanced future and sustainable S&T cooperation between the EU and Ukraine and contribute to develop optimum instruments.
- provide support for the working groups set up in Ukraine with the aim to organize a thorough thematic and high level policy dialogue between the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and the European Commission.

The main activities of the project include:

- information gathering and dissemination on S&T in Ukraine, EU and Ukraine S&T programmes, on ongoing cooperation programmes and activities building on existing information tools on Member States/Associated States, Community and Ukrainian level; setting up an EU-Ukraine web-portal building on existing web-based tools on Community level, MS level and in Ukraine.
- Establishing an inventory of existing instruments, regulations, obstacles and best practices, both on bilateral (Member States and Ukraine) and Community level, with a particular emphasis on the needs for a legal frame.
- providing a knowledge base and develop an agenda in three areas: mobility, S&T infrastructure and innovation, in view of possible link of the international dimension of the Specific Programme "People" and "Capacities" to the respective Ukrainian instruments, facilities and strategies.