



SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME
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EECALink

**Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation
with Eastern European and Central Asian Countries**

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EECALink Project



EECAlink



EECAlink is an FP7 funded coordination action aimed at identification of joint research topics of the EU and EECA countries and at strengthening scientific collaboration among them within FP7.

PROJECT FOCUSES ON:

- EECAlink is a measure of active encouragement of the international cooperation in the Health research field
- Aims to strengthen the **existing bi-lateral scientific collaboration** and links among participating organizations
- Is a pipe-line for communication of the research **priorities of the EECA countries to the relevant EU policy makers**
- **Helps to coordinate future joint research priorities** relevant to the Health Theme
- **Builds capacities** for proposal submission in FP7, in particular those with involvement of the EECA countries





Basic information



- Coordinating institution: **Charles University in Prague**
- Project coordinator: Prof. MUDr. Stanislav Stipek, Dr.Sc.

- Duration of the project: 1.6.2009 – 30.11.2011 (30 months)
- In total 17 partners from 12 different countries
- Financed under FP7 contract No. 223359

TARGET AUDIENCE:

- Policy makers
- Universities and academia partners
- Wider RTD public





EECAlink partners



- ARMENIA: [Center of Ideas and Technologies](#)
- BELARUS: [Institute of Biophysics and Cell Engineering, National Academy of Sciences](#)
- CZECH REP.: [Charles University in Prague, GRANT Garant, Technology Centre AS CR](#)
- GEORGIA: [I. Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University](#)
- HUNGARY: [Hungarian Science and Technology Foundation, University of Debrecen](#)
- ITALY: [Agency for the Promotion of European Research, University of Rome Tor Vergata](#)
- KAZAKHSTAN: [Independent Expert Consulting Board to Promote Scientific Research Activity in Kazakhstan](#)
- MOLDOVA: [State Medical and Pharmaceutical University "Nicolae Testemitanu"](#)
- POLAND: [Cracow University of Technology, Nencki Institute](#)
- RUSSIA: [Faculty of Fundamental Medicine of the Lomonosov Moscow State University](#)
- UKRAINE: [Odessa National I. I. Mechnikov University](#)
- UZBEKISTAN: [Indo-Uzbek Centre for Promotion of Science and Tech. Cooperation](#)





Project priorities



- Encouragement of the international collaboration in Health sector through **systematic support to creation of new research consortia** in preparation of their project proposals
- Identification of **joint research topics of EECA and EU Member States** and communicating them to the EU policy makers
- **Strengthening and broadening of the existing research collaboration** among participating university/academia partners
- **Building up the administrative capacities** of participating EECA countries in the FP7 projects
- **Promotion of FP7 among wider research audience** beyond the consortium
- Stimulation of mutual **exchange of experience and dissemination of good-practice** among the project partners





Project measures



- Analysis of EECA Health research **funding environment** and its comparison to the priorities of FP7 – TP Health
- **EECA national policy sessions** – gaps and overlaps of national and EU research priorities identified in the previous step, will be discussed among relevant policy makers
- Bringing **well selected EECA researchers to the brokerage** events of complementary FP7 funded projects, followed by support to the newly developing consortia
- **Twelve FP7 promotion actions targeted towards wider RTD public**, organized in all project partner countries
- **Final dissemination conference held in Brussels**, together with a brokerage event organised by the consortium and dedicated to the TP Health





Website

<http://www.eecalink.eu/>



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Home

Welcome on the webpage of the project "Promotion and facilitation of international cooperation with Eastern European and Central Asian Countries" (the "EECAlink").

[More about the project.](#)

2nd Project Coordination Meeting

Second project coordination meeting is scheduled for December 2009. The meeting will take place in Rome on 14th to 15th December 2009.

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Upcoming Events

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Analysis of EECA funding



Analysis of EECA Health research funding environment and its comparison to the priorities of FP7 – TP Health and Public Health programme

- Sources of the EECA national public financing for priorities in the sector of Health will be **identified by the relevant project partners**, according to the set of predefined criteria – *already passed*
- Funding priorities of the above identified financial schemes will be **compared to the actual priorities of FP7- TP Health programme**, to identify the thematic gaps and overlaps among the individual EECA's and EU's funding priorities – *now being prepared under coordination of the NENCKI Institute*
- Outcome of this analysis will be used as the **background document** for the discussion of the relevant EECA and EU policy makers, carried out at **the national policy meetings**. Each policy meeting will produce a joint working paper, which will further assist to the to EC services in identification of suitable research topics dedicated to the international collaboration in FP7 calls and further also in preparation of FP8.
- Target group: EECA NATIONAL AND EU POLICY MAKERS





Policy sessions



EECA national policy sessions – gaps and overlaps of national and EU research priorities to be discussed among relevant policy makers

- Partners will organise **eight national policy sessions in individual EECA countries where the participants will gather to discuss possible topics of joint interest in the field of Health research, which may be carried out as the future FP calls dedicated to the international cooperation – particularly the EECA countries**
- EECA policy session - ***expert group meeting of up to 5 national experts and the EC officer***. Expected local participants are: programme managers, ministry officials responsible for definition of the national research priorities, funding administrators and other relevant stakeholders
- INPUT - national funding schemes screening done by partners from the EECA countries, compared to the priorities of the EC funding programmes (mutual gaps and overlaps).
- OUTPUT - the meeting will allow discussing and refining of ***the working paper for the final conference***. Aim of the meeting is to find consensus between the background material will be further refined and discussion outcomes will be presented at the conference in Brussels.
- EXPECTED OUTCOME - contribution to the preparation of future calls of the FP7 dedicated to the international collaboration and ***contribution to the preparatory discussion of the Framework Programme 8***.
- Target group: EECA NATIONAL AND EU POLICY MAKERS





Partnering



Bringing carefully selected EECA researchers to the brokerage events of complementary FP7 funded projects

- EECAlink complements to the already funded FP7 coordination and support activities targeting the international collaboration in the field of Health, by **bringing the well selected EECA scientists to the brokerage events**
- Our aim is to collaborate with partner initiatives in two ways: (i) by bringing the scientific participants to these events and (ii) by strengthening their impact through active development of the human resources for the FP proposal preparation and consortium management
- EECAlink consortium uses its capacity to develop a direct link between the two research groups and strengthens this link through the face to face meeting at the brokerage. The participation capacity of the EECA partners is supported by a **travel grant of 200 EUR**, which will be offered to 60 EECA scientists *via our online tool – already developed*
- Finally, the project will also organise one brokerage event in Brussels together with the final conference
- Partners will provide further assistance to the newly created consortia, in partner search and proposal writing
- Target group: EECA and EU RESEARCHERS



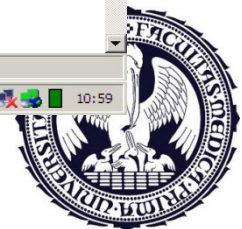


Registration form

http://www.eecalink.eu/?cat=registration_form



The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window displaying the EECAlink registration form. The browser's address bar shows the URL http://www.eecalink.eu/?cat=registration_form. The page features a blue header with the EECA link logo and a navigation menu on the left. The main content area is titled "Registration Form" and contains a section for "I. PERSON AND ORGANISATION DETAILS". This section includes several input fields, each with a red label indicating it is a mandatory field: "Surname, Name, Title of the researcher", "Name of the organisation", "Name of the research unit", "Country", "Web page", "Telephone number/Fax", "E-mail", and "Field of research". To the right of the form is a "Sign In" section with "Login" and "Password" fields and an "OK" button. Below the sign-in section is an "Upcoming Events" button. At the bottom of the page, there are logos for the EECAlink project, the European Union flag, and the Seventh Framework Programme. The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows the Start button and several open applications, including EECAlink, Plocha, Microsoft PowerPoint, and Total Commander. The system clock in the bottom right corner shows the time as 10:59.





Capacity building



Twelve FP7 capacity building actions targeted towards wider RTD public

- EECALink consortium will organize in total **12 capacity building events in all project** partner countries, dedicated to the national wider research audience
- Each individual event will be composed of three, FP7 specific, topics chosen in each country on basis of the needs of the local audience
- All capacity events will share the same pattern of **training topics** and will **focus on the following areas:** (i) improved understanding of FP7 (eg. *introduction of the current call*), (ii) *project administration* (eg. financial rules, reporting to the EC, consortium management) and (iii) *country specific topic* (eg. complementarily among Structural funds programmes and other EC funding, *national possibilities of co-financing of FP7 projects, complementarily of the EU and national law*).
- Participation of the local audience is free of charge (**costs of the events are covered by the EC grant**), dedicated to local actors (researchers, partners from private and public sector), training goal is to raises awareness as well as capacity for participation in the EU funded research.
- Target group: WIDER RTD PUBLIC IN PARTICIPATING COUNTRIES





List of Capacity building events



- Ukraine: June-July 2010
- Czech Rep.(CUNI).: June 8-9, 2010
- Uzbekistan: April 2011
- Hungary (DE): June 2010
- Armenia: October 21-22, 2010
- Poland (CUT): October 2010
- Kazakhstan: May 17, 2010
- Belarus: September 2010
- Russia: May 20-21, 2010
- Georgia: November 2010
- Moldova:May 21-22, 2010
- Italy (URTV), End 2010

- *For further details on Capacity building events, please refer to your folder*





Conference



Final dissemination conference, held together with own brokerage event, dedicated to FP7 TP Health

- Two day event, adjacent to the EC announcement of the FP7-TP Health call, which allows the interested stakeholders to travel to Brussels, to visit both events at one travel occasion
- DAY 0 – official EC announcement of the FP7-TP Health call
- DAY 1 – introduction of the outcomes of the policy discussions, carried out at the national levels within the EECA policy sessions (presentation of the outcome of individual EECA working papers)
- DAY 2 – brokerage event dedicated to the actual call in the FP7-TP Health. Particular attention will be paid to the participation of researchers from international cooperation partner countries, in particularly those of the EECA
- Target group: WIDER POLICY PUBLIC IN BRUSSELS





Cooperation



- **Capacity buildings events** organized by all project partners are open and free of charge / Health-NCP-Net trainings
- We offer travel grant to the EECA researcher in order to enable them to participate on brokerage events organized by other projects. – information sharing, contacts sharing.
- Cooperation on organization of brokerage in Brussels, dissemination
- Proposal follow up to newly established consortia





Contacts



Thank you for your attention !

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Project structure and decision making

– Project Coordination Committee

- Representatives of partners acting as WP leaders + Project manager
- Operative body of the consortium, meets every six months
- Decision making rule 2/3 of votes
- All partners will be informed in writing (minutes)

– Project Advisory Body

- Representatives of all consortium partners, elected chair
- Decisive body of the consortium, meets via teleconference every three months
- Proposes agenda of the PCC meeting and accepts its minutes
- Decision making rule of simple majority of votes





Work packages



- **WP1** represents a **communication platform** for project partners. An online platform to exchange best practices concerning the FP7 project administration will be created.
- **WP2** major task of this WP is to carry out the comparative **analyses** of EECA national research funding environment. Major objective of this WP is to achieve the effective communication of opportunities for future joint calls in Health sector.
- **WP3** represents a set of tools (tasks) aimed at direct support to creation of FP7 research **consortia** with participation of EECA scientists. The consortium aims to offer a direct support to the development of FP7 proposals resulting from these networking actions.
- **WP4** comprises of a series of **training** and best-practice exchange activities aimed at practical readiness of participating university/academia partners and local wider research public for administration of FP7 projects.
- **WP5** represents a set of **promotion and dissemination activities** carried out in participating countries and in Brussels (project final conference).

