



Platform 4 Eastern Partnership

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Eastern Partnership Platform 4 « Contacts between People »

Covers a wide range of issues which are:

- common to a large number of citizens: education, training, research and innovation, information society, youth, culture and media
- instrumental for the prosperity and stability of our societies and contribute to growth, development and job creation
- support civil society development



Eastern Partnership Platform 4

« Contacts between People »

Offers a balance of

- ✓ reinforced policy dialogue
- ✓ strengthened participation in EU programmes



Revised Work Programme 2014-2017

- ✓ Adopted on 7 June 2016
- ✓ Guided by the joint declarations of the Eastern Partnership Summits
- ✓ Take into account the revised European Neighbourhood Policy
- ✓ Seek to exploit synergies between the different multilateral Platforms (cf. new youth employability panel)
- ✓ Measurable impacts, reinforced focus, flexibility in implementation



Calendar of EaP Platform 2016-2017

	Specific focus	Date	Location
15 th EaP Platform 4	Tackling skills mismatch of graduates from higher education and vocational education and training	7 June 2016	Brussels
16 th EaP Platform 4		November 2016	Brussels
17 th EaP Platform 4		Summer 2017	Brussels
18 th EaP Platform 4	New Workprogramme, tbc	Autumn 2017	Brussels



Panel on Research and Innovation

	Date	Location
4th Panel on Research and Innovation	Second semester 2016	Brussels
<p>One regional event per year and complementing the work of the Panel on Research and Innovation and the activities carried out in the framework of the INCONET EaP on topics such as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issues related to cooperation in the innovation domain - specific S&T capacity issues faced by Eastern Partnership countries 	2017 – annual regional event to be hosted by Belarus	Minsk, Belarus
5th Panel on Research and Innovation	2017	Brussels



Provisional list of events 2016

Title	Organised by	Date	Location
Validation workshop of the Study on Film industries	DG Connect	21 -22 July 2016	Odessa
Conference: "Youth for Rights"	CSF	23 September 2016	Bratislava
Seminars/workshops: eInfrastructures	DG Connect	6-7 October 2016	Tbilisi
Workshop on creative industries, possible focus on creative cities/decentralized cultural policies	DG EAC	2016 (tbc)	Moldova
5 th Meeting of Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions National Contact Points: provision of support to facilitate the participation of EaP representatives	DG EAC	November 2016	Brussels
Seminars/workshops : ICT in Horizon 2020	DG Connect	Autumn 2016	tbd
Seminar on integrity in higher education	DG EAC	Autumn 2016	Brussels
EaP Forum on "Culture and Creative Industries"	Georgia	8-9 December 2016	Tbilisi
Regional Torino Process 2016	European Training Foundation	December 2016	Tbilisi



EaP Platform 4: Higher Education

- ✓ EU Agenda for Modernisation of Higher Education
- ✓ Globalisation and digitalisation require new skills and greater adaptability
- ✓ 3 Key priorities:
 - High-level skills
 - Strengthening the research base
 - Regional development and innovation

Higher education cooperation opportunities

Academic mobility

International
credit mobility

Degree mobility
EMJMD

Academic cooperation

Capacity
Building for HE

Jean Monnet
Activities

A photograph of students in a library or study area. In the foreground, a young woman with long brown hair is sitting at a desk, smiling at the camera. She has her hand to her chin. On the desk in front of her are two desk lamps, a laptop, and some papers. In the background, a young man is standing and looking at a book. To his right, another young woman is standing and looking at papers. The background is a large window with a view of green trees outside.

International Credit Mobility

- 439 EU-EaP projects selected in 2015
- ~4.400 EU-EaP mobilities expected by 2017 (~50% of them with UA)
- In 2016, 886 applications received (22.5% increase); 2nd round open to 10 NAs (€ 1.8 Mio)

Degree mobility – Erasmus Mundus Joint Master Degrees

- Excellence and high level of integration of the joint study programmes
- 85 EaP students + 10 doctoral candidates supported in 2014-2015 (UA accounts for ~50% of scholarships)
- Initial results for 2016 intake: 66 students and 6 doctoral candidates

A group of people are shown from a low angle, looking up at a clear blue sky. They are arranged in a circle, with their arms raised and hands reaching towards the center. The lighting is bright, suggesting a sunny day. The overall mood is positive and collaborative.

Capacity Building

- Joint and Structural Projects
- 23 projects selected in 2015 involving ~90 HEIs from EaP
- 148 intra-region and 90 cross-regional applications submitted in 2016 call (results expected in July)

Jean Monnet Activities



**31 Jean Monnet Activities
selected in EaP**



EaP Platform 4: Youth

- ✓ Strong focus of the 2015 ENP review
- ✓ Youth Employment and Employability dialogue to be set up under the EaP Platform 2 – synergies with Platform 4
- ✓ New initiatives: EU4Youth, Erasmus+ Virtual Exchanges
- ✓ Set of measures on Addressing radicalisation leading to violent extremism (Commission Communication of 14/06/2016)
- ✓ EaP events: CSF Conference in Sept 2016, Youth Forum in 2017

Opportunities for young people



- **Erasmus+ mobility, exchanges, voluntary service and policy dialogue**
- **In 2015, nearly 7000 young people and youth workers from EaP supported under Erasmus+ Youth strand**



EaP Platform 4: Research and Innovation

- ✓ Association Agreements to Horizon 2020
 - Georgian Association Agreement signed on 29 April 2016, provisionally applicable as from 1 January 2016
 - Armenian Association Agreement signed on 19 May 2016, entry into force will follow ratification
- ✓ GE and AM Launch events: 30-31 May in Tbilisi and 2-3 June in Yerevan
- ✓ Policy Support Facility: MD - document being finalised; UA - launched

H2020 Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Research training, mobility,
networking and career
development

So far, 128 MSCA fellowships
awarded to EaP researchers

43 EaP research institutions
involved in MSCA projects
(mainly RISE); € 4.87 Mio EU
contribution



EaP Platform 4: Information Society

- ✓ [E@P.Connect](#) project to connect electronically all EaP countries through GÉANT network
- ✓ Enable researchers and students to participate in collaborative work with their peers in Europe
- ✓ First milestone achieved in Q1 2016: AM and GE connected
- ✓ First EaP E-Infrastructure Conference to take place in Tbilisi on 6-7 October 2016



EaP Platform 4: Culture

- ✓ Towards an EU strategy for international cultural relations (Joint EEAS and Commission Communication of 08/06/2016)
- ✓ 3 work streams to advance international cultural relations with partner countries:
 - Supporting culture as an engine for sustainable social and economic development
 - Promoting culture and intercultural dialogue for peaceful inter-community relations
 - Reinforcing cooperation on cultural heritage



Culture: EU Programmes

- ✓ Creative Europe: 3 EaP countries joined the programme (GE, MD, UA)
- ✓ Eastern Partnership Culture Programme II implemented since January 2015 (3 years; € 4.9 Mio)
- ✓ COMUS project to develop local development strategies for the historic centres of 9 EaP cities



EaP Platform 4 of 7 June 2016

Focus on Skills development

- ✓ New Skills Agenda for Europe (Commission Communication of 10/06/2016)
- ✓ 3 key priorities:
 1. Improving the quality and relevance of skills formation
 2. Making skills and qualifications more visible and comparable
 3. Improving skills intelligence and information for better career choices



EaP Platform 4 of 7 June 2016

Focus on Skills development

- ✓ Focus of the EaP P4 meeting: tackling skills mismatch in HE and VET
- ✓ Common objectives:
 - Improved quality and relevance of education and training
 - Skills to better match labour market needs
 - Available information for better career choices



Further information

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Eastern Partnership Platform 4 on the web :

http://ec.europa.eu/dgs/education_culture/international/eastern_en.htm

Information about European Neighbourhood Policy

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/about/directorate-general/index_en.htm

and in particular on Eastern Partnership

http://ec.europa.eu/enlargement/neighbourhood/eastern-partnership/index_en.htm

under the website of the European External Action Service

http://eeas.europa.eu/eastern/index_en.htm