



**Extending ICT Research Co-operation  
between the European Union, Eastern  
Europe and the Southern Caucasus**

## **Project Overview**

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# At a Glance

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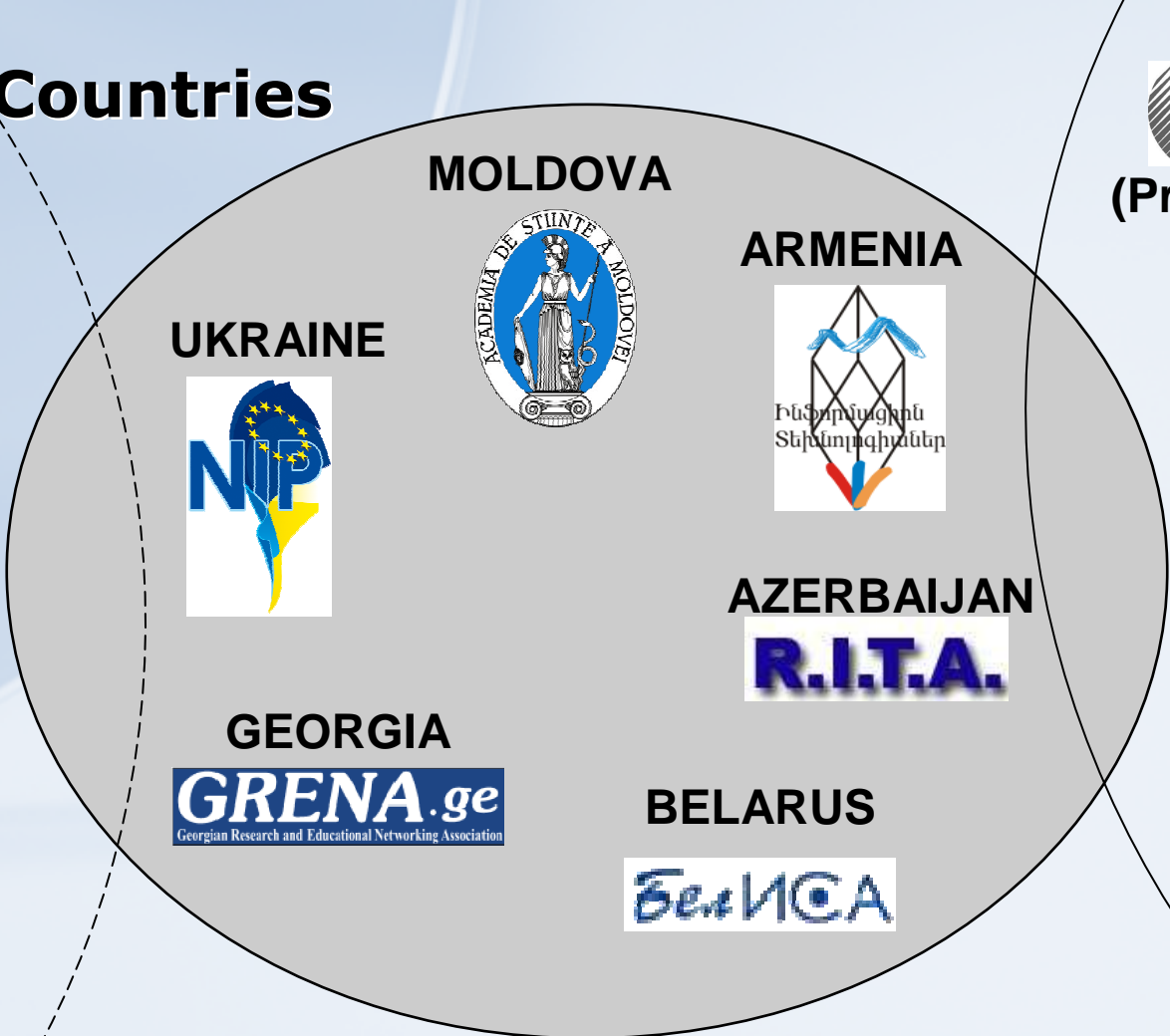
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Extending ICT research co-operation between the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus</b>
<b>Type</b>	<b>Support Action</b>
<b>Start day:</b>	<b>01 January 2009</b>
<b>Duration:</b>	<b>30 months</b>
<b>Consortium</b>	<b>6 EECA countries 2 European countries</b>



# Consortium

## EECA Countries

Member of the Eastern Europe and Central Asia cluster



## GREECE



(Project Coordinator)

## European Union

## ROMANIA

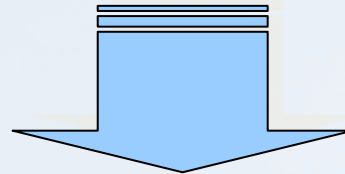




# Motivation

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**Research communities in the Region  
are not sufficiently aware of the opportunities offered  
by the Framework Programmes of EU**



**Very low participation rate  
of the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries  
in the ICT work-programme**



# Objectives

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- Mapping of ICT research landscape of EECA countries to identify the critical mass needed to improve the participation in the competitive environment of FP7
- Train and familiarise the EECA organisations with EC's cooperation framework and culture
- Identify the areas most interesting for the development of such a cooperation.



# Expected Impact

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- Facilitate the formation of strategic partnerships between the EU, the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries.**
- Wider diffusion of European information society initiatives in the Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus countries.**
- Spreading excellence, exploiting results, disseminating knowledge.**



# The Work Packages

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**WP1 - Mapping of key ICT research actors and capabilities**  
(M1 – M30, CEIS), D1.1, D1.2, D1.3

**WP2 - Development of recommendations on future ICT research co-operation**  
(M8 – M30, PLANET), D2.1, D2.2, D2.3

**WP3 – ICT Training and Help-Desk Services**  
(M1 – M30, PLANET), D3.1, D3.2, D3.3

**WP4 – Network Facilitation and Dissemination**  
(M1 – M30, ASM), D4.1, D4.2, D4.3, D4.4

**WP5 – Project Management**  
(M1 – M30, PLANET), D5.1, D5.2, D5.3





# Deliverables due/submitted in the 1<sup>st</sup> Reporting Period (10)

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- Work Package 1**
  - *Deliverable 1.1 – Method for mapping ICT research actors and capabilities*
  - *Deliverable 1.2 – Initial version of landscape of key ICT research actors & capabilities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova*
- Work Package 2**
  - *Deliverable 2.1 – Consultation Process Plan*
  - *Deliverable 2.2 – Consultation Document (x6)*
- Work Package 3**
  - *Deliverable 3.1 – Set-up of Help Desk services*
- Work Package 4**
  - *Deliverable 4.1 – EXTEND Website*
  - *Deliverable 4.2 – EXTEND Dissemination Strategy*
  - *Deliverable 4.3 – Report on EXTEND Opening Regional Conference*
- Work Package 5**
  - *Deliverable 5.1 – First Periodic Report*



# Accomplished Milestones

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## ☐ Month 12: Milestone 1

- Mapping of key ICT research actors and capabilities completed, *Documented in D1.2 “Landscape of key ICT research actors & capabilities in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Moldova”*.

## ☐ Month 6: Milestone 4

- Delivery of the opening EXTEND Regional Conference in Moldova, *Documented in D4.3 “Report on EXTEND Regional Conference & material”*



# EXTEND Key Achievements

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- Launching of the Project's Web Site**
- Organization of the Opening Conference**
- Launching of the Help-Desk Service**



# EECA cluster projects (ISTOK-SOYUZ , SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND )

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## Cooperation MoU

- **Common data base for the organisations and experts from the EECA countries (EECA Competence Platform)**
- **Common methodology and taxonomy** for national reports and mapping of organizations
- **EECA Portal**
- **EECA Newsletter**



# Extending ICT Research Co-operation between the European Union, Eastern Europe and the Southern Caucasus

**Thank you...**

