EU-Eastern Europe and Central Asia Gateway on ICT Research and Development

# Cluster Presentation

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EU-EECA ICT Cluster is the joint effort of three FP7-ICT support actions (ISTOK-SOYUZ, SCUBE-ICT, EXTEND)
to strengthen the collaboration in ICT research between European Union and Eastern Europe and Central Asia (EECA) countries

# EECA Cluster Overview

The Eastern Europe and Central Asia (***EECA***) ICT cluster is an initiative supported by the European Commission under the Information and Communication Technologies Thematic area of the 7th Framework Programme (FP7-ICT).

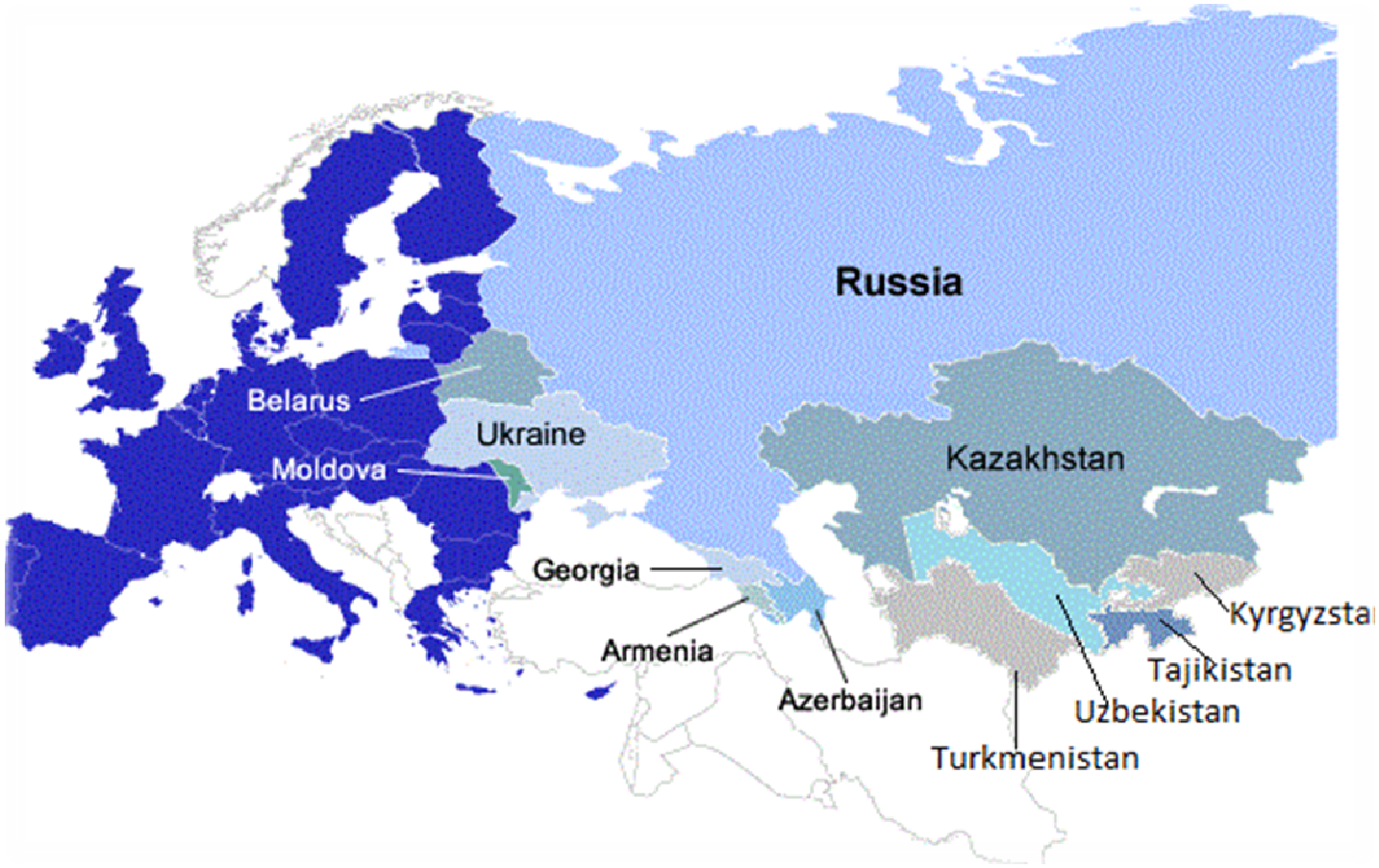
It aims at enabling the exploration of new opportunities for ICT R&D collaboration among researchers from the EU and the EECA countries.

*The **EECA cluster** is the joint effort 3 complementary FP7-ICT support actions:*

*ISTOK-SOYUZ, SCUBE-ICT and EXTEND*

***Web site:***
http://www.eeca-ict.eu/

# EECA Cluster target countries



# What we offer?

**Objective 1**

Increase awareness on EU-funded research activities under the FP7-ICT in the EECA region

- ✓ organisation of ***info-days and training sessions*** in all EECA countries to share insight on emerging opportunities under FP7-ICT
- ✓ setting up a publicly accessible ***Help Desk*** to offer guidance and support related to the procedures of participation in FP7-ICT
- ✓ provision of ***hands-on support*** to EECA researchers towards their involvement in EU-funded projects
- ✓ creation of a ***web portal*** acting as an on-line source of relevant information

**Objective 2**

Improve visibility of ICT R&D teams from EECA countries on the European arena and stimulate collaboration with their EU counterparts

# What we offer?

- ✓ Creation of a publicly accessible on-line database (***Competence Platform***) for the promotion of the research interests and achievements of prominent ICT R&D organisations and experts
- ✓ Organisation of ***networking activities*** in EU and the EECA countries
- ✓ Exploitation of the Cluster partners' **wide network** of contacts in EU
- ✓ Integration of EECA organisations into relevant **European networks**
- ✓ Organisation of a **promotion-publicity campaign** in EU and EECA region

**Objective 3**

Support the policy dialogue between the EU and EECA countries, contributing to the setting up of joint initiatives, enhancing their ICT R&D collaboration

# What we offer?

- ✓ The analysis of the **ICT research priorities** in the EECA countries
- ✓ The identification of key **ICT areas of mutual interest** that may result to substantial socio-economic benefits and impact for all regions
- ✓ The organisation of a series of **policy/consultation meetings** providing an open discussion forum for the exchange of ideas on future indicative action plan to strengthen collaboration between the EU and the EECA region.

# Which tools?

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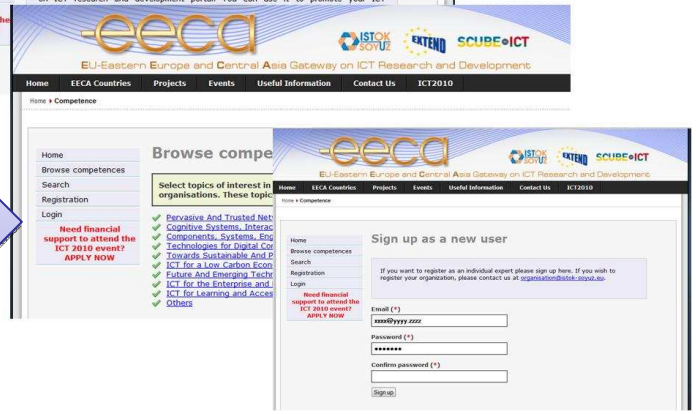
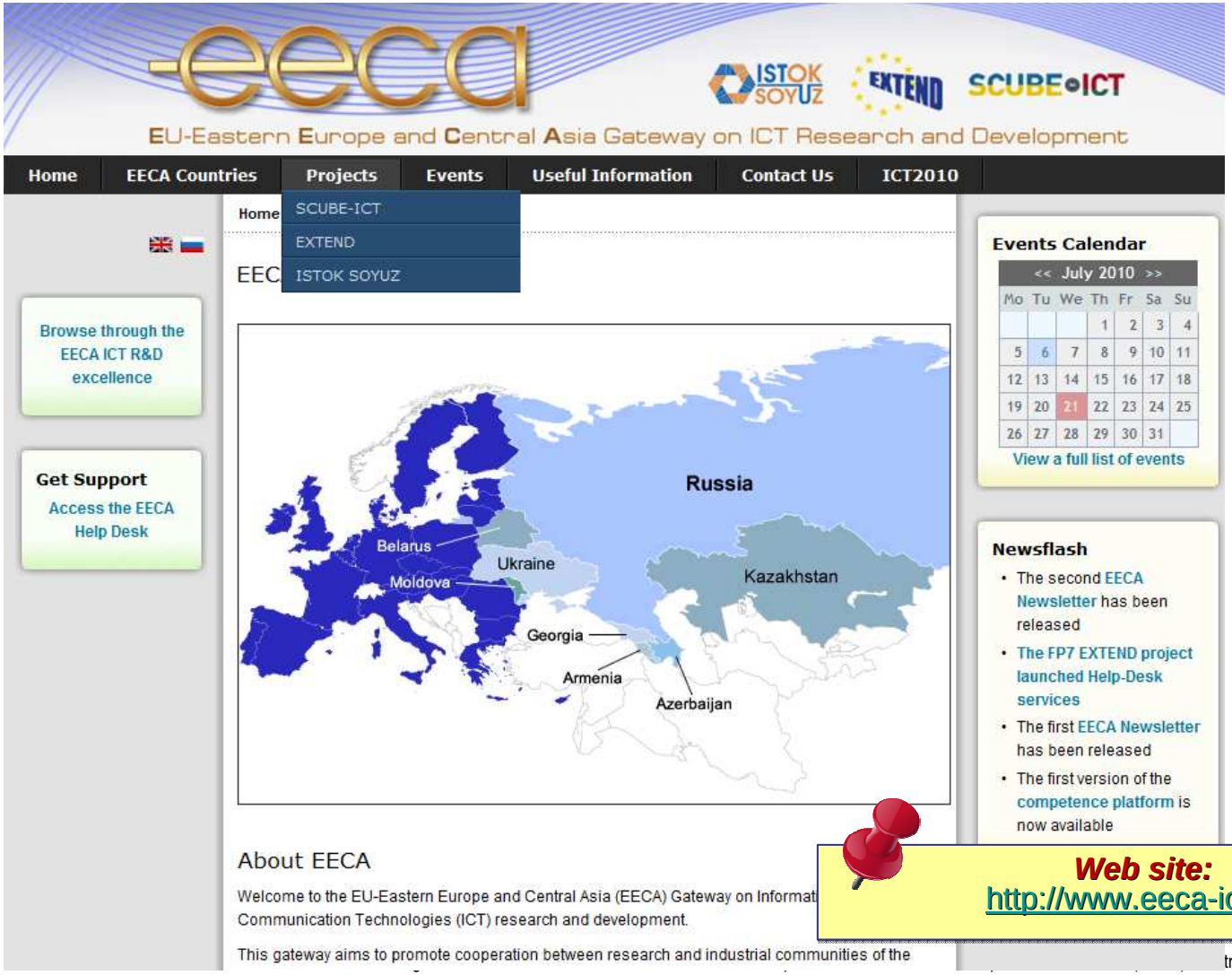
**Help Desk**

**Competence Platform**



# EECA Web portal

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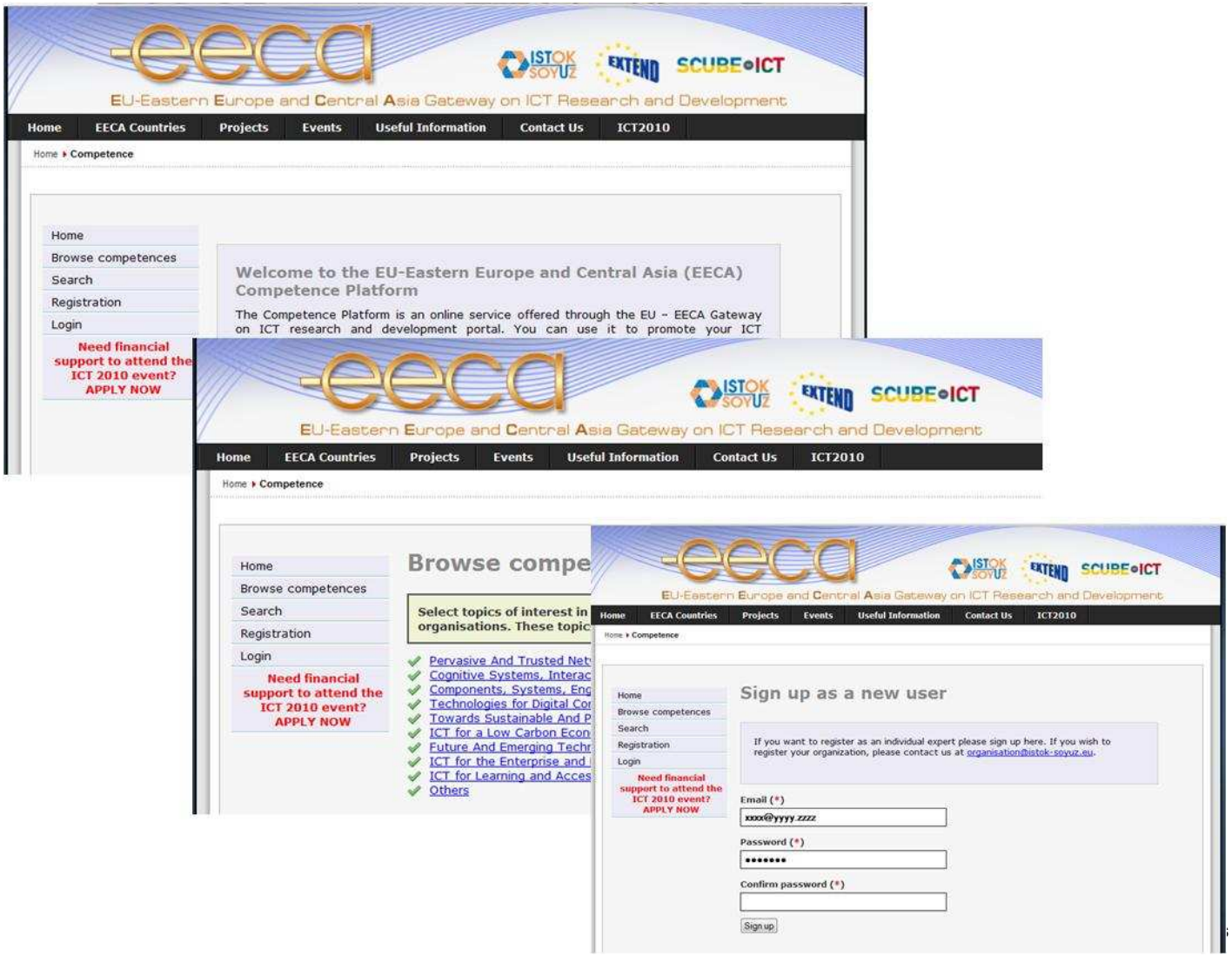
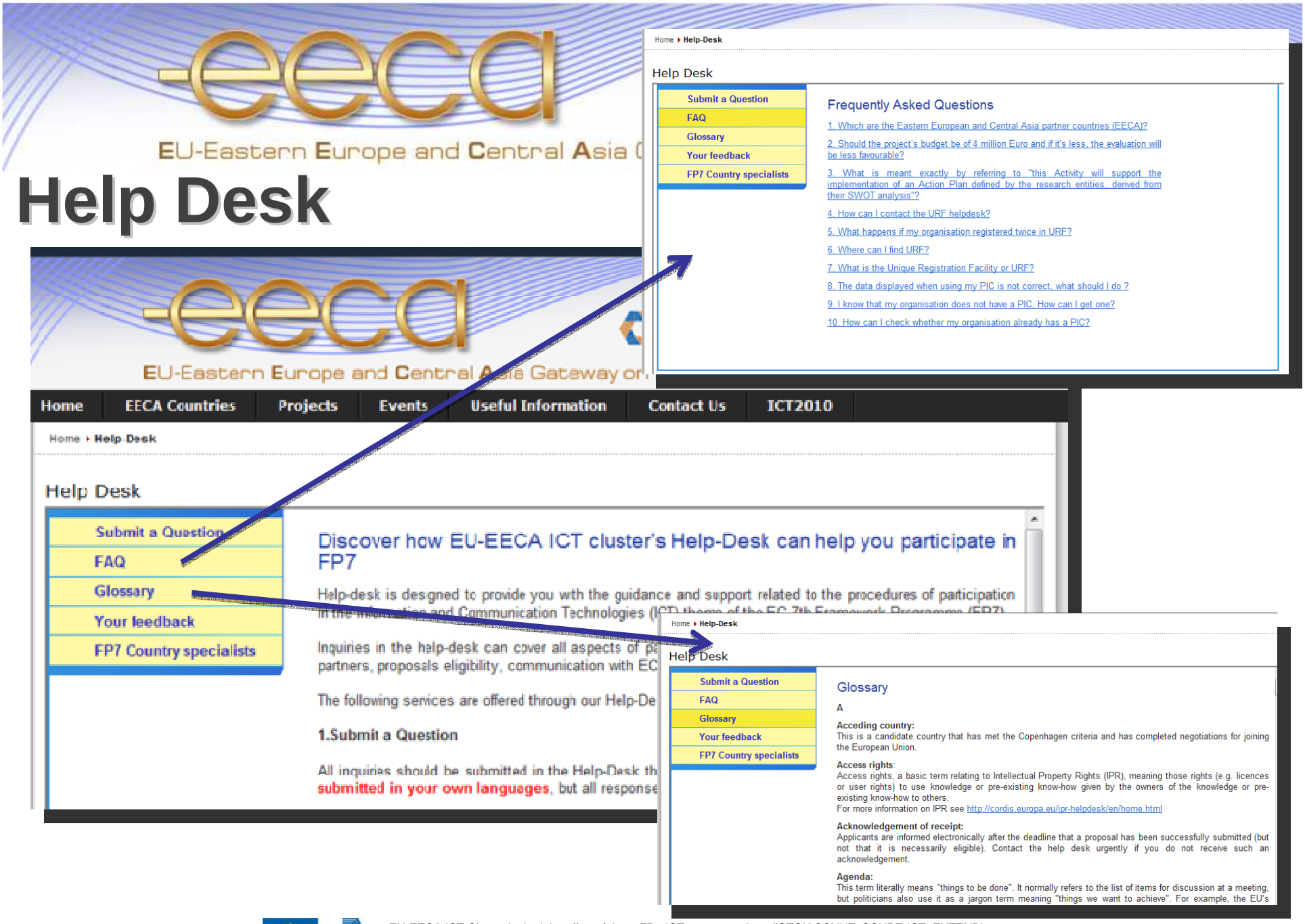
# Competences Platform



# Help Desk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Frequently Asked Questions
1. Which are the Eastern European and Central Asia partner countries (EECA)?
2. Should the project's budget be of 4 million Euro and if it's less, the evaluation will be less favourable?
3. What is meant exactly by referring to "this Activity will support the implementation of an Action Plan defined by the research entities, derived from their SWOT analysis"?
4. How can I contact the URF helpdesk?
5. What happens if my organisation registered twice in URF?
6. Where can I find URF?
7. What is the Unique Registration Facility or URF?
8. The data displayed when using my PIC is not correct, what should I do ?
9. I know that my organisation does not have a PIC. How can I get one?
10. How can I check whether my organisation already has a PIC?
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Help-desk is desgned to provide you with the guidance and support related to the procedures of participation
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partners, proposals eligibility, communication with EC
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Acceding country:
This is a candidate country that has met the Copenhagen criteria and has completed negotiations for joining the European Union.
Access rights:
Access rights, a basic term relating to Intellectual Property Rights (IPR), meaning those rights (e.g. licences or user rights) to use knowledge or pre-existing know-how given by the owners of the knowledge or pre-existing know-how to others.
For more information on IPR see http://cordis.europa.eu/ipr-helpdesk/en/home.html
Acknowledgement of receipt:
Applicants are informed electronically after the deadline that a proposal has been successfully submitted (but not that it is necessarily eligible). Contact the help desk urgently if you do not receive such an acknowledgement.
Agenda:
This term literally means "things to be done". It normally refers to the list of items for discussion at a meeting, but politicians also use it as a jargon term meaning "things we want to achieve". For example, the EU's

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