

NoGAP Final Conference, 27-28 July 2016, Cluj-Napoca, Romania

We are pleased to invite you to the **NoGAP** Final Conference "Knowledge Transfer Community to bridge the gap between research, innovation and business creation". The event is organized by the Technical University of Cluj-Napoca and the German Aerospace Center and will take place from **27th to 28th July**, in **Cluj-Napoca**, **Romania**.

NoGAP (<u>www.no-gap.eu</u>) is an EU-funded project aiming to promote the cooperation of the EU and its Members States/Associated Countries with the Eastern Partnership Countries (namely: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) on bridging the gap between research and innovation. **NoGAP** contributes to taking advantage of the innovation potential of SMEs based on a better cooperation with researchers, transferring and using knowledge resulting from research.

The Final Conference of the **NoGAP** project will present an overview of its activities, which aim at fostering the transfer of technology in the energy sector. Activities included trainings for researchers, companies and multipliers as well as

twinnings between EU and Eap countries, analytical work and networking and brokerage events.

Together with other relevant projects, synergies for the cooperation in science,

technology and innovation in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and with partners from EU Member States will be discussed.

Sessions are going to center around examples of country experiences in the transfer of technologies in the energy sector. The presentation of funding schemes will open up new opportunities for stakeholders from all over the region and the EU. The conference aims at identifying good practice that can be applied in other countries and industries.

Networking among stakeholders will be facilitated as well.

Please let us know if you accept this invitation. If you want to attend, please complete the online registration form, which can be found at https://secure.pt-dlr.de/pt-conference/conference/NOGAP_2016.



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NoGAP created a team and a Network



The **preliminary agenda** is available here: <u>Agenda_FE_v3_preliminary.pdf</u> **More informations**, Oliver Rohde, DLR, Germany, <u>Oliver.Rohde@dlr.de</u>

The overall objective of the NoGAP project

The overall objective of the project is to reinforce cooperation with Eastern Partnership countries to develop a <u>'Common Knowledge and Innovation Space'</u> on the societal challenge <u>'Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy'</u>.

The **NoGAP** consortium is composed of 13 organisations from 6 countries of which 3 are EU members (Germany, Romania, Slovakia) and 3 are members of the Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia). In order to improve mobility between research, business and innovation, interrelated tandem relations between research organisations and innovation support services are established.

Within the NoGAP project we wanted to:

- identify the main drivers and obstacles of closer links between academia and the market in the field of secure, clean and efficient energy in the Eastern Partnership Region
- develop a best practice methodology to enhance successful commercialisation of research results and to improve the management of these results

- develop innovation support services to foster existing and establish new strategic partnerships
- assess the opportunities for the establishment of sustainable Technology Transfer Centres (TTC) in the participating partner countries on the basis of existing structures and good practice
- improve the competencies of researchers, entrepreneurs and multiplicators by organising trainings
- develop a list of pilot activities to foster mutually beneficial public-private-partnerships between EU and Eastern Partnership countries in the energy sector
- create and organise twinnings between the regions
- promote networking between EU and Eastern Partnership countries.

General conclusion on the project

NoGAP bridges the gap between research and innovation and contributes to taking advantage of the innovation potential of SMEs based on a better cooperation with researchers, transferring and using knowledge resulting from research.



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Knowledge transfer between public research and industry in EaP countries is very unsystematic and is not based on models or methodology but on ad hoc solutions, non-generalize, and not intended to be able to be adapted to other purposes. Often, the result of research is not used because it is not known by the ones they are intended for.

The overall objective of the project was to reinforce cooperation with Eastern Partnership countries and we created a strong and sustainable Network that cooperate and network (during the project).

NoGAP pursues the objective by generating offers and requests and expressions of interest from partners in Eastern Partner countries, and matching them with partners in other countries, during the brokerage events. The events was complemented by training measures for researchers,

entrepreneurs and multiplicators to disseminate knowledge about issues of innovation management in the countries of the Eastern Partnership.

Best practices, transfer of knowledge, partnerships created, projects deposed under Horizon 2020 / Erasmus, great number and the quality of the Innovation Audits / Technology Offers and Request / Expression of Interest / Business Plans, are some of our results after the implementation of the **NoGAP** project.





As result of the project, our partners from Ukraine and Belarus were introducing as Enterprise Europe Network partners

Information about open calls in topics relevant to energy was disseminated through various channels, e.g. the Newsletters, News.

Together with other relevant projects, synergies for the cooperation in science, technology and innovation in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and with partners from EU Member States will be discussed during the **NoGAP** Final Conference. We are sure that the project and the created Network will be active for more years and will multiply the results and assuring the sustainability of the project in benefit of the Region.

More.... <u>http://ipacv.ro/doc/projects/nogap/General%20conclusion%20on%20the%20project.pdf;</u> <u>http://www.no-gap.eu/</u> Daniela Chiran, Steinbeis-Europa-Zentrum, Karlsruhe, Germany, <u>chiran@steinbeis-europa.de</u>

Data base of Technology Offers, Technology Requests and Expression of Interest

NoGAP is constantly collecting technology offers, technology requests and expressions of interest for cooperation in the field of secure and sustainable energy. Please find a selection of the profiles currently available. **More....** http://www.no-gap.eu/en/1600.php

News & Events

Here you will find current information about **NoGAP** related events and activities. For more general information, please visit <u>www.incrEAST.eu</u>, our info portal on EU-Eastern Partnership cooperation in science, technology, innovation, and research policy dialogue.

More.... http://www.no-gap.eu/en/209.php

Other Projects in STI

Here you will find links and a list of other web resources that offer useful information regarding the EU-Eastern Partnership cooperation in Science, Technology and Innovation. http://www.no-gap.eu/en/1541.php





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