



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE

Scenarios for a Co-ordinated Approach to Sustainable S&T Co-operation with the Eastern Neighbours of the EU

3–4 December 2007

Moscow, Russia

Objectives:

- To discuss the present state of S&T co-operation between MS, AS, Russia and Ukraine including participation in the EU Seventh Framework Programme in the priority areas of common interest;
- To identify good practices, new opportunities and threats;
- To develop concrete plan for future joint activities;
- To identify options for S&T implementation of the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) making better use of its specific instruments;
- To set up a dialogue of policy makers from MS, AS, Russia and Ukraine on key issues of R&D cooperation policy addressing the opportunities and facing remaining barriers.

A **policy maker forum** organised within the conference will be focused on discussion of S&T strategies, instruments and joint actions to achieve optimum coherence between national/bilateral co-operation schemes and the EU research activities and other policies such as the ENP and EU-Russia Four Common Spaces.

The prospects for the EU-Russia-Ukraine S&T co-operation in priority areas of mutual interest will be discussed within **parallel thematic sessions** focusing on specific research areas as follows: **Bio-technology** — Systems biology; **Health** — Infec-

tious diseases; **Nanotechnology** — Nanoelectronics, nanophotonics, nano-materials; **Energy** — Energy efficiency, renewable energies policy.

Researchers, representatives of the European Commission, ministries, funding agencies and research organisations from the Member States, Russia and Ukraine will take part in the conference.

The working languages of the opening **session** and **political forum** are **English and Russian** with simultaneous translation. The working language of all other sessions is **English**.

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Scenarios for a co-ordinated approach to sustainable S&T co-operation with the Eastern Neighbours of the EU (**SCOPE-EAST**) is a **Specific Support Action project** under the **International Co-operation scheme of the EU Sixth Framework Programme** for research and technological development.

The main **SCOPE-EAST objective** is to take sustainable steps in view of an enhanced coordination of the R&D co-operation of interested **EU Member States (MS) and Associated Candidate States (AS) with Russia and Eastern Europe**.

SCOPE-EAST addresses the question of how to achieve optimum coherence between national co-operation policy and the EU R&D cooperation policy and how R&D cooperation can contribute to other policies of the EU such as the European Neighbourhood Policy. In the first phase the target countries of **SCOPE-EAST** are **Russia and Ukraine**.

Objectives:

- To identify strategic research areas of common interest for the EU MS and AS and the Eastern Neighbours of the EU
- To create of a sustainable communication and co-ordination platform of political stakeholders of the EU MS and AS and the Eastern Neighbours of the EU in exchange of information, the discussion and co-ordination of S&T co-operation policies and the preparation of joint actions.
- To facilitate a dialogue on scenarios for a co-ordinated approach to sustainable S&T co-operation with Russia, Ukraine and other Eastern European countries for stakeholders from the science community and policy.
- To develop concrete recommendations for enhancing S&T co-operation.

Duration of the project:

January 2007 — June 2008

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*Opening up the European Research Area to the world means building strategic partnerships with countries outside the European Union in research areas of mutual interest. Reinforcing and coordinating S&T cooperation with **Russia** and **Ukraine** at all levels is a vital contribution to these objectives and paves the way to realize a truly inclusive European Research Area.*

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