

**1 Editorial**

There is a wide opening of the European Research Area to the world as a result of accelerating globalisation of research and technology and the emergence of new scientific and technological powers. A special emphasis is given to collaboration with neighbouring countries in global challenges with the overall objective to establish a borderless 'broader ERA', which would benefit from other elements of the European Neighbourhood Policy.

The NIS-NEST project's activities support the on-going dialogue and the strengthening of the co-operation between the NIS countries, the European Commission, the Member States and Associated States, in order to achieve added value results specifically in the fields of high risk research.

**2 The NIS-NEST project news:
The NIS-NEST FP7 Information Day and Workshop in Belarus**

An FP7 information day followed by an FP7 workshop aiming to practical advice on proposal preparation & project management, and support the participation of the scientific community in FP7, was realized in Belarus (Minsk) on 28-29 February 2008.

During the FP7 information day, representative from the INCO Unit of the European Commission, Mr Genovese delivered presentation on FP7 and opportunities for participation of Belarusian researchers and Mr Klaus Pendl, representative from the ICT Unit of the European Commission, delivered presentation on Belarus – EU ICT collaboration opportunities. The Coordinator of FP7 Contacts in Belarus as well as representative from the Idealist7fp project supported and delivered relevant presentations. Belarusian researchers- partners in FP6 funded projects presented their experience of collaboration with scientists from EU countries and highlighted the advantages of Belarus- EU collaboration in FP7. During the FP7 workshop, most of the participants had previous experience of participation in the Framework Programmes and expressed considerable interest in collaboration with EU scientists and research organizations from EU Member States within FP7 as well.

The agenda and presentations from the FP7 workshops are available in the NIS-NEST website in the following link:

http://www.nisnest.gr/opencms/opencms/nisnest/Project_Events/new_project_event_w5.html





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**The NIS-NEST project news:
The NIS-NEST Project and the SCOPE EAST International
Conference "Scenarios for a Co-ordinated Approach to Sustainable**

The SCOPE-EAST International Conference was organised on 3 and 4 December in Moscow. During this Conference, the prospects for the EU-Russia-Ukraine S&T cooperation in priority areas of mutual interest were discussed within parallel thematic sessions focusing on specific research areas as follows: **Biotechnology** — Systems biology; **Health** — Infectious diseases; **Nanotechnology** — Nanoelectronics, nanophotonics, nano-materials; **Energy** — Energy efficiency, renewable energies policy.

During the Workshop for Nanosciences and Nanotechnologies and Nanophotonics, Dr Sergey Kozyrev, Director of CAS/ St Petersburg Polytechnic State University and partner in the NIS-NEST project, delivered a presentation on “ The Need and Opportunity for Environmental Dialogue on Impact of Nanotechnology on Environment, Health and Safety (EHS)”

For additional information please visit:

http://www.scope-east.net/?p=conference_w_nano_ag



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**The NIS-NEST project news:
The NIS-NEST Project and the RUSERA-EXE project seminar on EU-
Russia research cooperation**

A seminar on opportunities and challenges for EU-Russia research, technology and development (RTD) cooperation took place in Vienna, Austria, on 30 January to 1 February. More than 200 representatives of the academic, research and business community attended the international seminar including the Scientific Counsellor of the EC Delegation to Russia, Mr R. Burger as well as the FP7 Contact Points from Russia, the RUSERA-EXE FP7 Regional Information Points and Coordinators of FP6 funded projects such as the SCOPE-EAST and the NIS-NEST project.

For more information

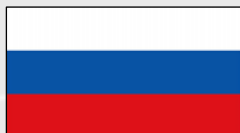
please visit: http://www.rusera-exe.ru/news_en.php





3 News and Events

June, 16-18 2008: NanoBio2008, the Second Saint-Petersburg **International Conference on NanoBiotechnologies** will be held on at the State Polytechnical University. This event will provide the international forum for exchange of information and expertise in the area of Nanobiotechnology and will be an ideal platform for experts from around the world to interact, network and exchange ideas.



All practical information is available on the NanoBio2008 website :
<http://www.spbcas.ru/nanobio/Nanobio08>
Contacts : nanobio08@spbcas.ru

May 28-30, 2008: conference on “**Chemistry, physics and technology of the surface of nanomaterials**” will be held on in Kiev. The scope:



- Chemical reactions on the surface.
- Nanomaterials and nanoprocesses, supramolecular chemistry.
- Medical and biological aspects of surface chemistry.

Contact addresses: I.V. Laguta (mailto: laguta@i.com.ua) Institute of Surface Chemistry NAS Ukraine - General Naumov St., 17 - 03164 Ukraine
Conference web site: <http://www.isc.gov.ua>

4 Documents and links

CORDIS : New Guidance documents for FP7



Guidance notes on project reporting
ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/project_reporting_en.pdf

Guidance notes and templates for Project Technical Review involving Independent Expert(s)
ftp://ftp.cordis.europa.eu/pub/fp7/docs/project_reporting_en.pdf

NB: CORDIS – FP7 – Find a document: http://cordis.europa.eu/fp7/find-doc_en.html

CORDIS : a new service covering the audit and certification policy for FP6 and FP7



Read CORDIS News N° 28905 (2007-12-28)
http://cordis.europa.eu/fetch?CALLER=EN_NEWS&ACTION=D&SESSION=&RCN=28905

Replies on the Public Consultation: Green Paper on the ERA – New perspectives



All available written contributions from Public authorities (European, National and Regional Levels) and Free-Format Contributions & Opinion Papers : http://ec.europa.eu/research/era/progress-on-debate/written-contributions_en.html



First World Conference on Research Integrity



The first **World Conference on Research Integrity** was organised by the European Science Foundation (ESF) and the US Department of Health and Human Services Office of Research Integrity (ORI) in **Lisbon, Portugal** (Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation, 16-19 September 2007).

The conference web site:

<http://www.esf.org/activities/esf-conferences/details/archives/2007/confdetail242.html>



Consortium Agreements

Two documents published by the IPR-Helpdesk :

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org>

Comparison of FP7 consortium agreement models : document available in [HTML](#) or [PDF](#) format



CA models comparison table : [PDF](#)



ERA-WATCH

Launched on January 12th, 2007, ERAWATCH® is a joint initiative of the European Commission's provides information on national research policies, structures, programmes and organisations.

Whatever the efforts made towards simplification of procedures and clarification of documents for FP7, such as Guides for applicants, it remains necessary to know the right meaning of terms used. To reflect new rules of participation for FP7, several terms have changed. The objective of this paper is to improve clarity and understanding, to help applicants to understand the meaning of terms and to find additional information in on-line glossaries and indexes.

 SIXTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 2002 - 2006	 SEVENTH FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME 2007 - 2013
AC (Audit certificate)	CFS (Certificate on financial statement)
CPF (Contract Preparation Forms)	GPF (Grant Agreement Preparation Forms)
CA (Coordination Actions) and SSA (Specific Support Actions)	CSA (Coordination and Support Actions)



5 Glossaries and Indexes, cont.

Contractor	Beneficiary
Financial guidelines	Financial rules
Guide for proposers	Guide for applicants
INCO	ICPC (International Cooperation Partner Countries)
Instruments	Funding schemes
IP (Integrated Project)	Large-scale integrating projects
(Joint) Ownership of knowledge	(Joint) Ownership of foreground
Model contract	Model grant agreement
Necessary costs	Costs used solely to achieve Project Objectives
STREP (Specific Targeted Research Project)	Small or medium-scale focused research actions
IPs and STREPs	Collaborative projects: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small and medium (SMCP) • Large (LCP)
	ERC (European Research Council)
New terms which appear in documents for FP7	PGF (Participants' Guarantee fund)
	RSFF (Risk Sharing Funding Facility)

6 Additional Reading

IPR-Helpdesk glossary

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/controlador/resources/glossary?seccion=glossary&len=en&cuerpo=glossary&letra=A>

also available as a pdf file (28 pages) :

<http://www.ipr-helpdesk.org/controlador/resources/pdfVersion?type=glossary&len=en>

DG Research web site Index of all keywords

http://ec.europa.eu/research/index/indextc_en.cfm

DG Research website keyword index has been updated. It now contains over 10100 English keywords to help you find what you are looking for. It also contains over 3300 keywords in French, 2750 in German, over 2500 in Spanish, and about 300 in Italian and Dutch.

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<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6GlossaryPage>



6 Additional Reading, cont.

EUROPA – General Glossary on European matters

http://europa.eu/scadplus/glossary/index_en.htm

This glossary contains 233 terms relating to European integration and the institutions and activities of the EU.

CORDIS FP6 Glossary

<http://cordis.europa.eu/fp6/dc/index.cfm?fuseaction=UserSite.FP6GlossaryPage>

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