

Horizont 2020 proposal

General Policy Area/key words

European Union, Eastern Partnership, Common Foreign and Security Policy, European Neighborhood Policy, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

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Call for proposals

Main Pillar: Societal Challenges

H2020-INT-Society-2015

Call - Europe as a Global Actor

Sub call of: H2020-INT-2014-2015

Topic: INT-08-2015 The European Union and the Eastern Partnership

Application deadline

Deadline - 28/05/2015 at 17.00.00 Brussels time

Lead partner

We are looking for an experienced lead partner

Searched partners

We are seeking opportunities for the partners such as: universities, research institutes, international organizations and NGO's related to Eastern Europe. Preferred countries, but according to the principle of geographical balance: Germany, Finland, Sweden, Denmark, Baltic States, UK, Spain, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine

Project title

Proposition: Renew Eastern Partnership – the pearl of targeting EU's engagement for partners' needs and expectations (REAPPEAR)

Project idea

Results of transformation and integration process within Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries have evidenced the need for renewal of the EU strategy. It should be focused on the specific problems of each country and the whole region, to reduce barriers, strengthen endogenous capacity of these countries in pursuit of the goals of the Eastern Partnership. Particular values should be more targeted and reinforce the EU's commitment to supporting the Eastern Partnership countries in gaining common goals appropriate to

their needs and expectations. This requires an in depth diagnostic research, developing an effective mechanism for identifying and solving problems in a coordinated way.

We are a multidisciplinary team that represents political science, sociology and management, therefore we would like to participate in research project who's aim it would be to contribute to the development and implementation of the Eastern Partnership. This will increase the EU as a center of attraction by better adapting offers of cooperation which will meet the needs and expectations of the partners and increase the EU's accurately targeted involvement and more effective coordination of EU policy on the integration of the Eastern Partnership countries.

In particularly our research could focus on the following:

- in depth analysis of the progress made in achieving the aims of the EaP and relating existing bilateral relations with the EU and between the countries within the region, including geopolitical aspects such as the role of Russia and Turkey in the region;
- to identify critical factors who have impact on adaptation to the EU's standards (defining the specific needs and expectations of the partner countries to the EU; identifying factors attractive and repulsive partners, which of them have influence on increase confidence to the EU and can effectively stimulate political will of partners to reforms);
- to determine the political and social conditions necessary for the effective implementation of the Association Agreements.

We would like to concentrate on areas:

From Better Capacities of Institutions to Better Policy Making (diagnosis functioning of state institutions on diverse levels in the EaP countries, as well as bilateral, multilateral and EaP institutions for better shaping policies, decision- making processes, good governance for deeper democracy and civil society, more freedom, security and justice, as well as better policies on education, culture, youth and information society, People to People dimension.

Peace in region (analysis of cooperation in the framework of the CFSP/CSDP, especially in the context of enhancing the EU's role in resolving regional conflicts or differences).

Development cooperation policy (analysis towards better targeting and coordinating development assistance on EU and national levels).

The research results of our team consist of 170 thematic publications in four languages (Russian, English, Belarusian, Polish), including 7 books and 10 monographies edited and published in 5 countries. We have experience in qualitative and quantitative research, especially with regards to the Eastern Partnership countries, cross-border cooperation in Eastern Europe, Eastern dimension of the EU's and Poland's foreign policy, transformation in Eastern countries, migration, cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region, management and organizational culture. We also participate in every year research in field of Gdansk University of Technology Graduates Professional Situation.

As well our experiences pertain to participating in 8 international science projects on: Transfer of knowledge and best practice as a way to establish sustained cooperation between universities and local governments on example of Elbląg and Kaliningrad Region, Norway Grants (2011); „Pomeranian Youth Agora 2014”, The Civic Initiatives Fund project founded by Polish Department of Public Benefit (2014); Project Partner Coordinator in submitted Europe for Citizens international project, 2014 (in assessment), Rising Intercultural through Sharing Education (RISE), Europe for Citizens Application, Strand 2: Democratic engagement and civic participation, 2.3: Civil Society Projects; StarDust MARCHAIN Project, 35 partners from the public and semi-public sector from Baltic Sea Region (2010-2013); Ministry of Science and Higher Education Republic of Poland Project, The teachers professional identity in perspective of social changes (2010-2011); „Terma CSR Strategy” project, Swiss Grant, project co-financed by Switzerland in Swiss-Polish Cooperation programme (2013–2014); „School of Young Engineer’s, 2nd Edition, Project founded by Polish Operational Programme PO KL 9.1.2. founded by European Social Fund; Governmental Programme for Social Activation of Seniors 2014-2020, founded by Polish Ministry of Labour and Social Policy.

We represent the Gdansk University of Technology with 110 years of tradition and project experiences such as: 300 inventions ready for implementation; 200 research and development projects currently carried out; 700 agreements with entrepreneurs concluded in the last 3 years; currently carrying out 26 projects under international research programmes (21 projects in EU's Seventh Framework Programme and 2 financed by HORIZON 2020); Projects carried out under the MAESTRO programme, the Applied Research Programme, the LIDER programme, the INNOTECH programme and the new GRAF-TECH programme; Prestigious grant financed under the EU's Seventh Framework Programme under the IDEAS programme, which is compared to European Nobel prize in science. The Regional Contact Point is situated in Gdansk University of Technology.

Established partnership till now

We offer contacts and cooperation with universities in Ukraine and Georgia which can participate in project consortium. We can participate in the following language: English, Russian, Polish.

Budget details

1,5 do 2,5 mln - depending on number of partners and scope of research, methodology

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We are also interested in engagement in projects regarding to other topics of call “Call - Europe as a Global Actor”, but relating to eastern dimension of EU foreign and security policy