

NIS-NEST est un projet financé par le programme NEST du 6^{ème} Programme Cadre. Il a pour objectif de renforcer la collaboration scientifique entre les pays de l'Union européenne et les pays de l'Europe orientale (Nouveaux Etats Indépendants) dans les domaines de la recherche exploratoire. Les partenaires du projet, au nombre de sept, sont originaires de Grèce, de France, de la Fédération de Russie, de l'Ukraine, du Belarus et de la République de Moldavie. Le projet a débuté le 1-05-2006 pour une durée de 24 mois.

Les participants d'Europe orientale effectueront une cartographie des organismes de recherche et des chercheurs impliqués dans des programmes de recherche à haut risque ou sur des besoins émergents tel que cela sera précisé dans le 7^{ème} PCRD. Les résultats de cette cartographie serviront à la création d'une base de données utile tant aux chercheurs de l'UE qu'aux chercheurs des pays d'Europe orientale à la recherche de partenaires.

De plus, des journées d'information, des ateliers et des activités de sensibilisation seront organisées pour encourager les groupes de recherche identifiés à participer aux appels à propositions du 7^{ème} programme-cadre.

Pour informer largement les communautés scientifiques de l'UE et des pays d'Europe orientale sur les réalisations du projet NIS-NEST un site web a été créé ; un dépliant et une lettre d'information seront également distribués.

Проект **NIS-NEST**, финансируемый в рамках программы NEST 6-ой Рамочной Программы ЕС научных исследований и технологического развития (6РП), направлен на создание условий для более тесного и взаимовыгодного сотрудничества между странами ЕС и странами-партнерами из Восточной Европы (СНГ) в сфере новейших пограничных научных исследований.

Консорциум проекта состоит из 7 партнеров: из Греции, Франции, России, Украины, Беларуси и Молдовы. Проект стартовал 1 мая 2006 г., его продолжительность 2 года.

В рамках проекта планируется провести «выявление» ведущих активных ученых и научных организаций в странах-партнерах СНГ, работающих в исследовательских сферах «высокого риска», в соответствии с теми, которые будут объявлены в новой 7-ой РП. Данные результаты будут использованы для создания базы данных потенциальных партнеров, которая поможет ученым из ЕС и СНГ в поисках партнеров для будущих совместных проектов.

Кроме того, планируется проведение Информационных дней, семинаров и ряда других мероприятий с целью информирования и поддержки соответствующих организаций и ученых из стран-партнеров СНГ в их участии в конкурсах 7РП.

Для того, чтобы информировать ученых из стран ЕС и СНГ о деятельности проекта и проводимых мероприятиях, создан веб-сайт проекта, отпечатаны и распространяются брошюра и электронный информационный бюллетень проекта.

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**Opening up the novel exploratory
Scientific Research
in NIS Countries towards FP7**



The NIS-NEST project aims to contribute towards closer and mutually beneficial collaboration between the EU and the Eastern European partner countries in the field of novel exploratory research. The project is co-funded by the European Commission (DG Research) under the NEST Programme of the 6th Framework Programme for Research (FP6).

The consortium of the project is composed of seven (7) partners originating from: Greece, France, the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova.

The project officially started on 1st May 2006, and its duration is 24 months.

The project aims to:

- **Open up** the novel exploratory and transnational collaborative research to the participating countries, enhance their cooperation with EU researchers and stimulate new multidisciplinary achievements.
- **Inform** potential partners from the Eastern European countries in FP7, particularly in the visionary research fields, its objectives, its rules and mechanisms for participation.
- **Support** EU researchers to find "counterparts" in the participating countries in order to form consortia and jointly participate in visionary research areas of FP7.

The project consists of:

Activities promoting collaboration:

- **A Database:** Containing the contact details and the scientific interests of the researchers in the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus and Republic of Moldova, it will assist researchers both from the EU and the above mentioned countries in identifying counterparts. The Database will be accessible through the NIS-NEST website, during and beyond the project's lifecycle.
- **Networks:** Existing tools and networks will be utilised for the benefit of the researchers from the Eastern European countries.

Awareness Activities /Events:

- **Information days:** Five information days focused on the 7th Framework Programme will be organised close to the date of the first call for proposals for novel exploratory research areas under the Cooperation Programme of FP7, by the partners from the Russian Federation, Ukraine, Belarus and the Republic of Moldova in their premises.
- **Workshops:** Each partner from the above mentioned countries will also organise a workshop in their premises, tailored to the specific needs of the local researchers/research organisations, so as to increase their participation in calls for proposals under FP7.

Dissemination Activities:

- **Website:** Design and development of a website (www.nisnest.gr) related to the scientific interests of the researchers both from the EU and the Eastern European countries. Links to relevant projects will be provided as well.
- **E-newsletter:** An e-newsletter will be published and distributed on a quarterly basis.
- **Articles/announcements:** Publication of articles and announcements regarding the project will increase the visibility of the services provided.



Seventh Framework Programme

The Seventh Framework Programme (FP7) is the European Union's main instrument for funding research and development for the period 2007-2013.

The Seventh Framework Programme is organised in the following four Specific Programmes:

• Cooperation

Support is provided to trans-national collaborative research activities carried out in the following thematic areas:

1. Health
2. Food, agriculture and biotechnology
3. Information and communication technologies
4. Nanosciences, Nanotechnologies, Materials and new Production Technologies
5. Energy
6. Environment (including Climate Change)
7. Transport (including Aeronautics)
8. Socio-economic sciences and the humanities
9. Space
10. Security

• Ideas

This programme will be overseen by the European Research Council (ERC).

• People

"Marie Curie" actions

• Capacities

Research Infrastructures
 Research for the benefit of SMEs
 Regions of Knowledge
 Research potential of Convergence Regions
 Science in Society
 Support to the coherent development of the research policies
 International Cooperation

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