

Introduction to RI-LINKS2UA project

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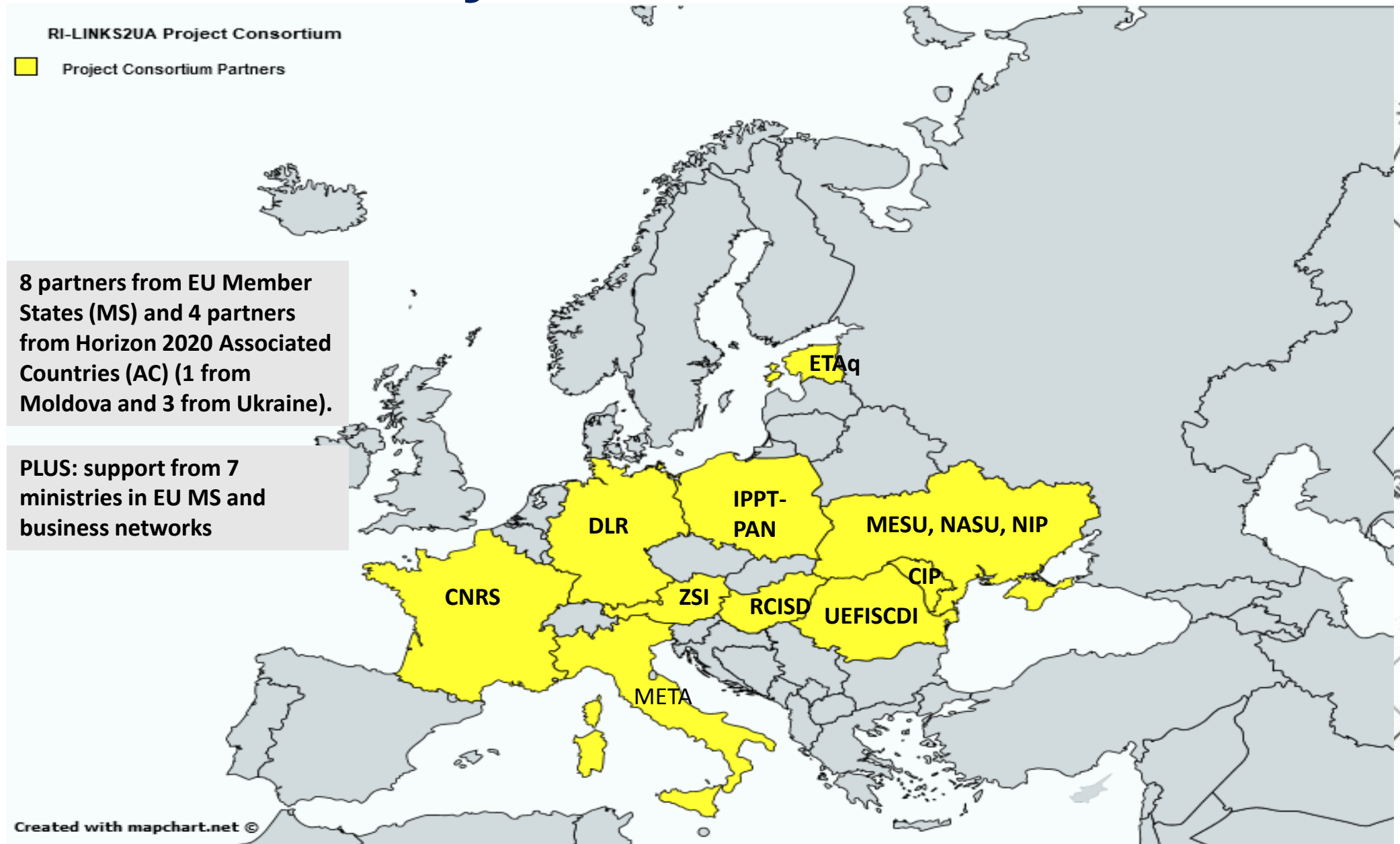
RI-LINKS2UA – Strengthening Research & Innovation Links towards Ukraine

- **Project Coordinator** – Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI), Vienna, Austria
- **Duration** – 36 Months, February 2016 - January 2019
- **Project Budget** – around € 1 million, funded by EC under Horizon 2020

RI-LINKS2UA aims to facilitate the *policy dialogue on R&I between EU and Ukraine by ad-hoc operational tailor-made support reflecting the actual demands from the EU-Ukraine R&I affairs through analytical evidence and policy advice.*



The Project Consortium



Partnerships beyond the Project Consortium

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RI-LINKS2UA activities are supported by ministries from 7 EU MS and various business networks

- Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy, Austria
 - Ministry of Education and Research of Republic of Estonia
 - Ministry of Education, Higher Education and Research, Republic of France
 - Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany
 - Ministry of Human Capital – Deputy State Secretary for Higher Education and Deputy State Secretary for international and EU Affairs, Hungary
 - Ministry of Science and Higher Education, Republic Poland
 - Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, Romania
- European Business Networks:**
- Business Angels Europe (BAE)
 - International Network for Small and Medium Enterprises (INSME)
 - Schevchenko Taras University Kyiv – Science Park

Supporting
Ministries from
EU MS



Provide experts
for the advisory
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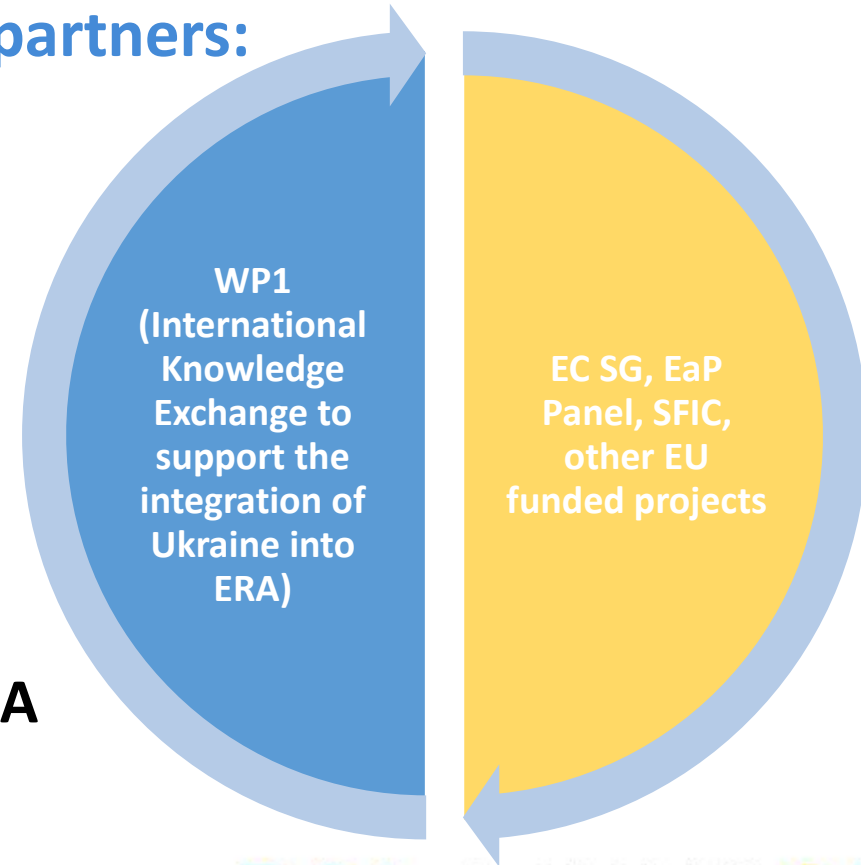
Figure: Partnership example

Partnerships beyond the Project Consortium

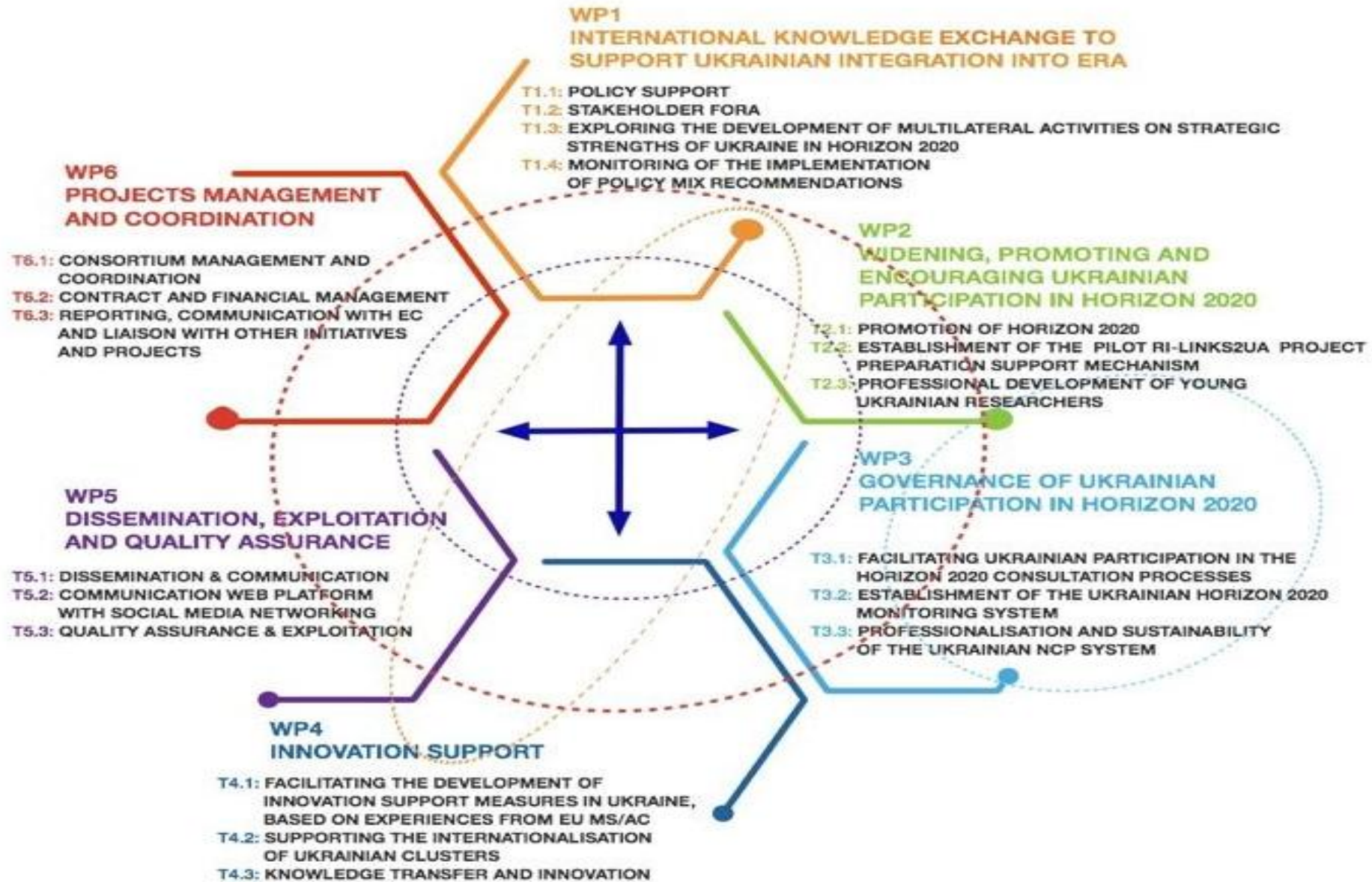
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RI-LINKS2UA activities are further implemented in cooperation with the following strategic partners:

- **EC support Group for Ukraine (SGUA)**
- part of DG NEAR,
- **EaP Panel on R&I**
- **Strategic Forum on International S&T Cooperation (SFIC)**
- **other EU funded projects like Inco.net EAP+ and IncrEAST**
- **Interest comes also from EU-Delegation to UA**



WP & Objectives of RI-LINKS2UA - 1



WP & Objectives of RI-LINKS2UA - 2

RI-LINKS2UA
manages



Figure: Wordle on the objectives/activities within RI-LINKS2UA

WP & Objectives of RI-LINKS2UA - 3

RI-LINKS2UA has 3 main objectives with specific sub-objectives

- **Objective 1:** to further support and stimulate the policy dialogue on R&I between EU and Ukraine to enable a firm integration of Ukraine into the European Research Area (ERA) by identifying remaining obstacles, drivers and opportunities through analytical evidence and tailor-made policy advice.
- **Objective 2:** to systematically contribute to the establishment of structural supportive framework conditions in the field of R&I to enhance and stimulate the R&I cooperation between the EU and Ukraine.
- **Objective 3:** to further encourage and facilitate cooperation between research actors from the EU and Ukraine through a set of supportive R&I measures and by promoting EU-Ukrainian participation in joint projects in Horizon 2020 and other EU funded programmes.

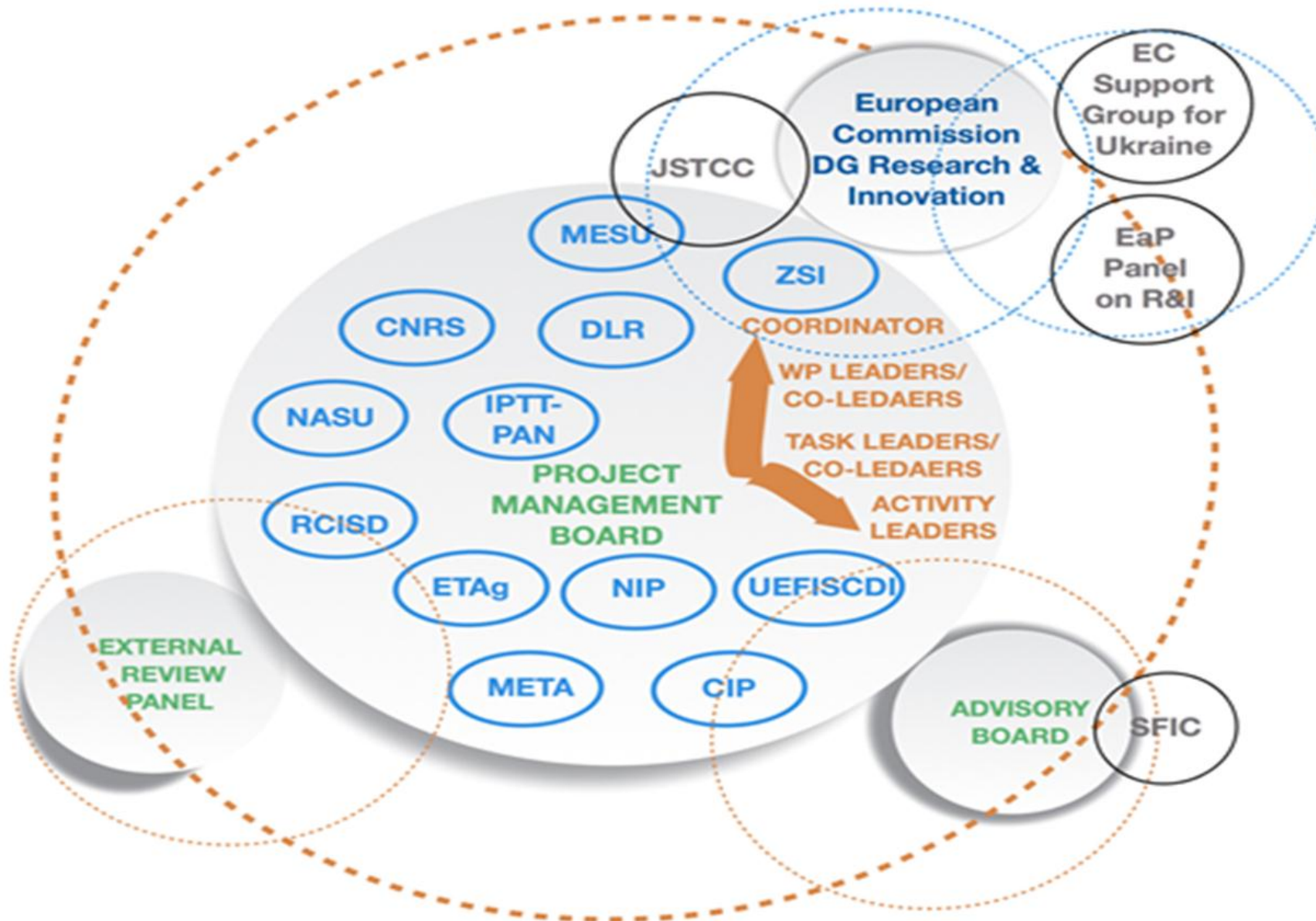
Tailor-made support to policy dialogue

Strengthening innovation capacity & economic competitiveness

Stimulating and promoting the R&I cooperation between EU and Ukraine

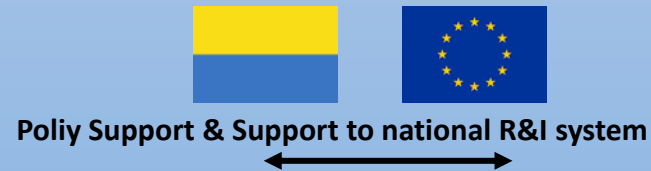
Contributing to the governance of Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020

Project Management Structure



Expected Impacts

1. **Uptake and implementation** of the recommendations and results of the RI-LINKS2UA analytical reports by relevant policy makers in the EC, EU Member States and Ukraine
2. **Uptake of the recommendations** of the RI-LINKS2UA policy briefs based on analytical evidence on R&I issues
3. **Uptake and institutionalisation** of the RI-LINKS2UA pilot project preparation support scheme for Ukrainian research institutions (including research orientated SMEs) by Ukrainian authorities responsible for R&I (e.g. MESU, funding agency) to enable targeted national support to joint UA-EU project preparation in Horizon 2020



1. **Long-term usage of the national monitoring system** of the Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020, established under RI-LINKS2UA provides publicly available up-to date data and analytical reports after project termination

RI-LINKS2UA will
successfully contribute
to

1. **Fostered partnerships** between research and innovation actors from the EU Member States, Associated Countries, especially Ukraine through supportive activities e.g. Info days, webinars
2. **Effective, functioning and service-orientated Ukrainian NCP system** as well as active Horizon 2020 Ukrainian Programme Committee Members through targeted trainings for Ukrainian NCPs and the twinning between EU MS PCMs and Ukrainian PCMs



1. **Increased participation** of industry and research oriented SMEs in joint projects between Ukraine and EU, e.g. through support measures to internationalisation of Ukrainian clusters
2. **Three targeted site visits of representatives of Ukrainian clusters** to 3 relevant clusters in EU (exploitation of the cooperation possibilities) signing a Memorandum of Understanding to enable further long-term cooperation

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RI-LINKS2UA website

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