

RI-LINKS2UA project activities

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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** – € 1 million, **funded by EC under Horizon 2020 Programme**

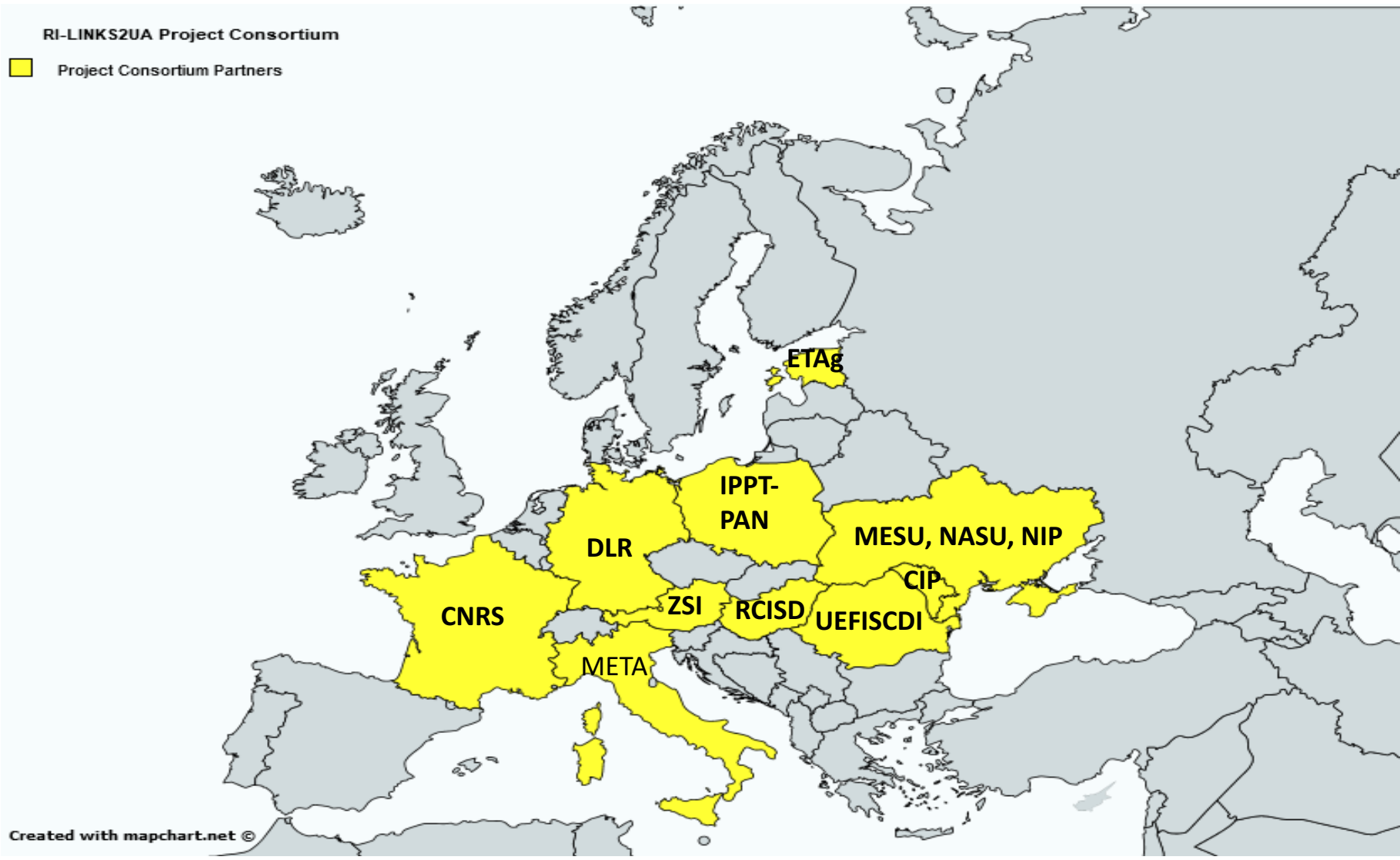
RI-LINKS2UA aims to facilitate the *policy dialogue on R&I between EU and Ukraine by ad-hoc operational tailor-made support reflecting the actual demands from the EU-Ukraine R&I affairs through analytical evidence and policy advice.*

Project consortium



8 partners from EU Member States (MS) and 4 partners from Horizon 2020 Associated Countries (AC) (1 from Moldova and 3 from Ukraine).

- Extended partnership:
- ✓ support from 7 ministries responsible for R&I in EU MS and business networks (Business Angels, International Network of SMEs, etc.
 - ✓ Cooperation with SGUA and EU Delegation in UA



Objectives

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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**.

Operational Objectives

Tailor-made support to policy dialogue

Strengthening innovation capacity & economic competitiveness

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.

Stimulating and promoting the R&I cooperation between 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.

Contributing to the governance of Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020

Stakeholders

- Policy Makers (incl. funding agencies and EC)
- Researchers (Research institutions, Higher Education Institutions)
- SMEs, industry, clusters, social entrepreneurs
- Civil Society Organisations
- Interested wider public



Project Activities



Policy Dialogue Support

- ✓ to further support the **institutional policy dialogue** between the European Commission, individual EU Member states and Ukraine by establishing the RI-LINKS2UA international exchange network
- ✓ to support the efforts to intensify STI cooperation with **Ukraine as an associated country to Horizon 2020**

• ACTIVITIES

- **Assessment of the participation of Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020**
- **Monitoring of the bilateral support actions provided between the EU MS to Ukraine**
- **Support to policy dialogue through tailored-made analytical evidence and organisation of dedicated events**
- **Exploration of the development of multilateral activities on strategic strengths of Ukraine in H2020**
- ***Supporting to the setting up of the strategical focus of Ukraine's participation in H2020***
- **Monitoring and supporting the practical implementation of the PSF peer review's recommendations**

• OUTPUTS

- **6 comprehensive analytical reports** of the current the participation of the Ukrainian R&I institutions in Horizon 2020/ bilateral activities with EU MS.
- **Stakeholder events on R&I in Kyiv**
- **Monitoring report on the practical implementation of the Policy mix peer review's recommendations**
- **Report on the definition of UA strategic interest**
- **Report on further actions regarding internationalisation of Ukrainian National Technology Platform on New Materials**

- ✓ elaboration and promotion of innovation support measures that fit the framework conditions of Ukraine's national innovation system and to the encouragement of collaboration between research and innovation actors **(including Industry, SMEs, CSOs...)** *from the European Union and Ukraine.*

• ACTIVITIES

- Facilitating Innovation support measures in Ukraine based on experiences from EU MS/AC (international knowledge exchange formats)
- Supporting the internationalisation of Ukrainian industrial clusters (cluster management training and cluster internationalisation support)
- Knowledge transfer and Innovation (workshops/trainings dedicated trainings on strategic innovation intelligence and structural innovation support measures including innovation financing)

• OUTPUTS

- Policy brief on transferable innovation support measures to Ukraine
- Policy brief on how to accelerate the process of bringing knowledge to the market including promising practises from EU and Ukraine and recommendations
- organising two training Workshops in Kyiv: Supporting Innovation Exploitation and financing innovation
- Organising one targeted site visit of representatives of Ukrainian clusters to three relevant clusters in EU
- Report on performed support measures towards increased internationalisation of Ukrainian clusters

Widening & Promoting Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020

- ✓ *to promote and facilitate the participation of Ukrainian and EU R&I stakeholders in joint Horizon 2020 projects*

• ACTIVITIES

- **Promotion of Horizon 2020**
- **Preparation of targeted information about Horizon 2020 calls**
- **Establishment of a pilot *RI-Links2UA project preparation support mechanism***
- **Support to professional development of young Ukrainian researchers and innovators**

• OUTPUTS

- **Infodays** (back-to-back with international scientific conferences organised by leading Ukrainian R&I Institutions)
- **Targeted training seminars on “How to write Horizon 2020 proposal”**
- **10 dedicated Webinars on Horizon 2020 topics**
- **Summer School for young Ukrainian Researchers in Odessa (2017)**
- **2 calls under *RI-Links2UA project preparation support mechanism***
- **Report on further actions regarding internationalisation of Ukrainian National Technology Platform on New Materials**

Governance of Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020

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• ACTIVITIES

- **Establishment of the Ukrainian Horizon 2020 monitoring system**
- **Professionalisation and sustainability of the Ukrainian NCP system**
- **Facilitating Ukrainian participation in Horizon 2020 consultation processes**

• OUTPUTS

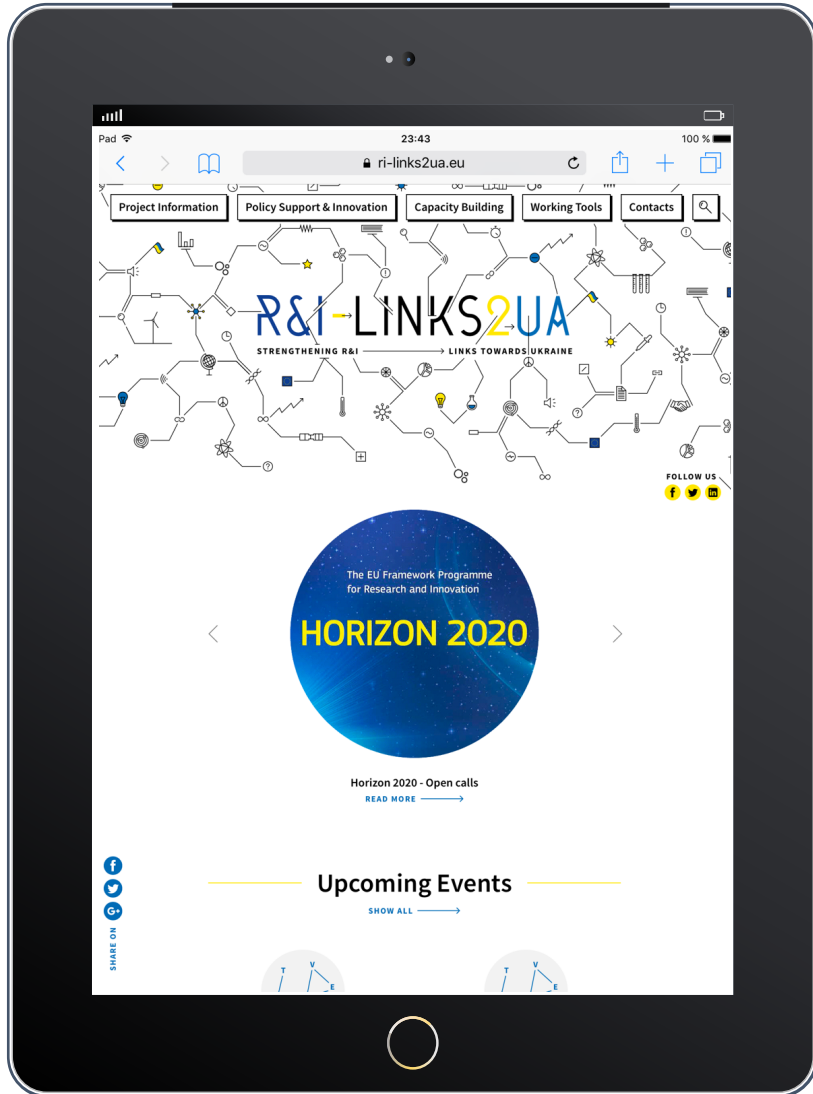
- **Dedicated meetings** enhancing and supporting the collaboration of Ukrainian and EU MS/AC Horizon 2020 Programme committee members
- **Dedicated training seminars** supporting continuous professional development of NCPs
- **in-house trainings** for selected NCPs (according to the national R&I priorities) including job shadowing at experienced NCP organisations in EU Member States (=travel grants)





[HTTPS:// RI-LINKS2UA.EU](https://ri-links2ua.eu)

- Continues dissemination of relevant R&I news, events, calls, documents, etc.
- RI-LINKS2UA e-journal (EN/UA) in cooperation with EU Delegation in Ukraine (4 times per year)
- Dissemination of analytical reports relating to EU-UA R&I (projects analytical reports, deliverables and external relevant documents from EU and others)
- Cooperation with INCREAST platform
- Measuring impacts of project results and possible exploitation



RI-LINKS2UA HORIZON 2020 PROJECTS PREPARATION GRANT SCHEME – Call for proposals

- The RI-LINKS call for H2020 projects preparation grants supports Ukrainian applicants who addresses the H2020 open calls in the 2018-2020 Work Programmes H2020, **Open Calls 2018 (opening by 31.10.2017).**

Eligible activities under this call:

- Organisation of preparatory H2020 proposal writing workshop related to the H2020 call in Ukraine
- Participation in the H2020 proposal writing workshop in the EU countries (invitation from the proposal coordinator from the EU country)
- Participation in the international brokerage events related to the H2020 call in the EU countries you intend to receive a project preparatory grant

Eligible Budget per Applicant

- 10 selected Ukrainian applicants will be supported with Grants of 1200 Euros.



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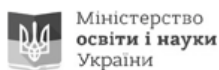
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