

## General conclusion on the project

NoGAP bridges the gap between research and innovation and contributes to taking advantage of the innovation potential of SMEs based on a better cooperation with researchers, transferring and using knowledge resulting from research.

The NoGAP consortium was composed of 13 organizations from 6 countries of which 3 are EU members (Germany, Romania, Slovakia) and 3 are members of the Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia) We attracted more and strong partnerships from Republic of Moldavia.



In order to improve mobility between research, business and innovation, interrelated tandem relations between research organizations and innovation support services was established.

Knowledge transfer between public research and industry in EaP countries is very unsystematic and is not based on models or methodology but on ad hoc solutions, non-generalize, and not intended to be able to be adapted to other purposes.

Often, the result of research is not used because it is not known by the ones they are intended for.

Our aims was to create a stakeholder map within the societal challenge secure, clean and efficient energy and develop a Best Practices Methodology for the knowledge transfer between public research and industry in the societal challenge secure, clean and efficient energy, to bridge the gap between research, innovation and business, based on EU experience and on a survey conducted among the stakeholders.

This methodology was created at European level, implemented and show results: a number of request was received, a number of partnerships was created, and an interesting number of internationals projects was deposed.

Within the NoGAP project our aim was to:

- identify the main drivers and obstacles of closer links between academia and the market in the field of secure, clean and efficient energy in the EaP Region
- develop a best practice methodology to enhance successful commercialization of research results and to improve the management of these results
- develop innovation support services to foster existing and establish new strategic partnerships
- assess the opportunities for the establishment of sustainable Technology Transfer Centers in the partner countries on the basis of existing structures and good practice
- improve the competencies of researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers by organizing trainings
- develop a list of pilot activities to foster mutually beneficial public-private-partnerships between EU and EaP countries in the energy sector
- create and organize twinning's and brokerage events between the regions
- promote networking between EU and EaP countries.



The overall objective of the project was to reinforce cooperation with Eastern Partnership countries to develop a "Common Knowledge and Innovation Space" on societal challenge "secure, clean and efficient energy" and we created a strong and sustainable Network that cooperate and network (during the project).

NoGAP pursues the objective of bridging the gap between research and innovation in the EU and the Eastern Partnership countries by generating offers and requests and expressions of interest from partners in Eastern Partner countries, and matching them with partners in other countries.

The events was complemented by training measures for researchers, entrepreneurs and multipliers to disseminate knowledge about issues of innovation management in the countries of the Eastern Partnership.



Best practices, transfer of knowledge, partnerships created, projects deposed under Horizon 2020/Erasmus, great number and specially the quality of the Innovation Audits / Technology Offers and Request / Expression of Interest / Business Plans, are some of our results after the implementation of the NoGAP project.

As result of the NoGAP project, our partners from Ukraine and Belarus were introducing as Enterprise Europe Network partners.

Information about open calls in topics relevant to energy was disseminated through various channels, e.g. the NoGAP Newsletters, News.

Together with other relevant projects, synergies for the cooperation in science, technology and innovation in the countries of the Eastern Partnership and with partners from EU Member States will be discussed during the NoGAP Final Conference .

We are sure that NoGAP project and the created Network will be active for more years and will multiply the results and assuring the sustainability of the project in benefit of the Region.

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