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EECA Cluster approach towards ICT Communities building

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Cluster's objective

Overall aim: To strengthen the links and boost cooperation among the *research and industrial communities* of both regions to exploit emerging opportunities for international partnerships and jointly address common societal challenges.

Collaboration with ETPs: bringing together members of European Technology Platforms and EECA experts in order to *create a community* of people that will produce know-how transfer, fruitful dialogue, cooperation opportunities and will help EECA and EU in *shaping future policies*.

Overall approach (1/3)

1st Pillar: Engagement of ETPs representatives in the EECA Cluster

Engagement of Members of the Steering Committees of ETPs in the EECA Cluster as partners to act as the '*collaboration hubs*' for linking the ETPs with the Cluster activities and the EECA region.

Involved ETPs and representatives:

- **New European Media Initiative (NEM)**
 - *Engineering Ingegneria Informatica (Italy)*
- **Networked European Software and Services Initiative (NESSI)**
 - *Athens Technology Centre (Greece)*

Overall approach (2/3)

2nd Pillar: Organization of successive ETPs – EECA community building events

2nd ICT Communities' meeting
10/9/2015, Tbilisi, Georgia

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1st ICT Communities' meeting
12-11-2014, Baku, Azerbaijan

ICT 2015
20/10/2015, Lisbon, Portugal

Overall approach (3/3)

3rd Pillar: Identification of “areas of mutual interest” and promotion of ETPs to EECA communities

- ✓ Identification of common research priorities;
- ✓ Development of the “How to be involved in ETPs” guide;
- ✓ Support EECA research & industrial actors to become ETPs members

4th Pillar: Validation of the common research areas and recommended actions to boost cooperation

- ✓ Conclude on a “Position Paper” on the common research priorities and the respective recommended actions to boost cooperation;
- ✓ Communicate it to the involved ETPs Boards to facilitate endorsement and to the EC for the planning of future policy actions and calls targeting the EECA region.

***Thank you for
your attention!***

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