

Conclusions from the

2nd EECA Cluster networking event - ICT Communities building







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Session B

Collaboration with NEM ETP (New European Media initiative)

Organisers

				
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Overview of the event

The "**2nd EECA Cluster networking event - ICT Communities building**" was organised on 9 September 2015 in Tbilisi, Georgia by the EECA Cluster in collaboration with the [International Centre for Advancement of Research Technology and Innovation](#) the [Georgian Research and Educational Networking Association](#) and the [Ivane Javakishvili Tbilisi State University](#). The aim was to cultivate cooperation among the research and industrial communities of the EU & EECA, exploit emerging opportunities for international partnerships (both under the EU and EECA RTD&I programmes) and examine possible ways for European Technology Platform involvement.

The event focused on specific ICT sub-areas of mutual interest for in R&I collaboration among research and industrial teams from the EU and the EECA countries, namely:

- ✓ **Big Data, Software and Services**
- ✓ **Interactive Content, Media and Creative industries**

Therefore, **two (2) parallel sessions** were organised, targeting to:

- ✓ Presenting the recent activities of the respective ETPs with regard to scientific and technological development of the ICT field of focus.
- ✓ Discussing and comparing R&I priorities in the EU and EECA region
- ✓ Facilitating direct discussions between key experts from the EU and EECA regions regarding their R&I interest and expertise, setting the framework for future collaboration.
- ✓ Examining future steps that will enhance interaction and collaboration among EU and EECA experts within the scope of the respective ETPs.

More than 70 experts from academia/research organizations, the private sector (Industry and SMEs) and associations/clusters from both regions participated at the event. This included:

- ✓ **15 experts from the EU** (France, Greece, Poland, Ireland, Spain and Italy), including Members of the Steering Board of the European Technology Platforms NESSI and NEM;
- ✓ **55 Experts from the Eastern Partnership countries** (i.e. Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) **and the Central Asia countries** involved in the Cluster (i.e. Kazakhstan Kyrgyzstan and Uzbekistan).

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45 Central Room	Welcome Speech ✓ <i>Dr Givi Kochoradze, EC ICT NCP</i>
09:45 – 10:00 Central Room	Scope of the event – structure of the day ✓ <i>Mr Kostas Bougiouklis, EECA-2-HORIZON Coordinator, Q-PLAN INTERNATIONAL</i>
10:00 – 10:30 Central Room	Overview of the situation in the ETPs - the role of the ETP as a key actor in the development of the sector ✓ <i>Ms Silvia Boi, Engineering Ingegneria Informatica</i> ✓ <i>Mr Nikos Sarris, Athens Technology Centre SA</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 13:00	Parallel sessions Part 1 “Collaboration with relevant European Technology Platforms”
	Each Session will cover the following topics: ✓ Main research and technological areas addressed by the respective ETP ✓ Overview of the situation in the EECA in relation to ETPs –result on the consultation in the EECA ✓ International collaboration strategy and S&T areas ✓ Analysis of the Calls - Proposal ideas-discussion
	Room A
	Room B
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break

		Parallel sessions on "Collaboration with relevant European Technology Platforms"	
		Room A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Open Discussion of panel participants on the subjects presented by NESSI ETP experts</i> ✓ <i>Creation of Action Plan to enhance collaboration with NESSI -Next Steps</i>
		Room B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Open Discussion of panel participants on the subjects presented by NEM ETP experts</i> ✓ <i>Creation of Action Plan to enhance collaboration with NEM -Next Steps</i>
15:30 – 16:00 Central Room		Overview of ETP meetings – announcing the next steps	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Ms Silvia Boi, Engineering Ingegneria Informatica</i> ✓ <i>Mr Nikos Sarris, Athens Technology Centre SA</i> 	
16:00 – 16:30 Central Room		Summary of the day – further support from the EECA Cluster partners	
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ <i>Mr Raphael Koumeri, EAST-HORIZON Coordinator, PLANET</i> 	

Remarks:

- ✓ *The detailed agenda in each parallel session is included in the following sections*
- ✓ *The list of participants in each session are included at the end of this document*
- ✓ *All presentations are available for download at:*
http://eeca-ict.eu/usefull-information/events/icalrepeat.detail/2015/09/09/43/-/networking-community-building-event?filter_reset=1

Session B - “New European Media initiative (NEM)”

Agenda

Moderator	Ms Silvia Boi, Engineering Ingegneria Informatica
Secretariat	Ms Elena Zamsa, Centre of International Projects
Participants	38
Agenda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ General introduction <i>Silvia Boi – Engineering Ingegneria Informatica (Italy)</i> ✓ NEM ETP strategy and the I²C PPP <i>Pierre-Yve Danet, Orange Labs (France)</i> ✓ NEM ETP structure and International Cooperation <i>Hadmut Holken, Holken Consults (France)</i> ✓ NEM and Future Internet <i>Jim Clark, Telecommunications Software & Systems Group (Ireland)</i> ✓ Graphical& interactive Technologies; One step into the market and R&D collaboration needs <i>Jon Arambarri Basanez, Virtualware (Spain)</i> ✓ Proposal Discussion relating to NEM domains <i>(All)</i>

Conclusions of the discussions

- ✓ EECA experts already part of the NEM initiative should be more active by taking part in meetings and conferences, responding to questionnaires etc. Those not already members should apply and act as multipliers of the information within their sector.
- ✓ EECA countries should be involved in the current NEM work in progress, namely the creation of a proposal for a focused research and innovation programme – a Public Private Partnership within Horizon 2020 programme – on Immersive & Interactive Content – I2C. They can assist in delivering solutions, architectures, technologies and standards for the immersive and interactive environment, responding to and anticipating emerging user needs of their region and leading to improved productivity and collaboration between many sectors between EU and EECA counties.
- ✓ The discussion on EECA ICT priorities of on Connected, Converging and Interactive Media & Creative Industries, based on the research conducted by the EECA Cluster, confirmed that EECA ICT interest focuses on the below subjects:
 - Content Search
 - Content Processing
 - Data Analytics
 - Storage Cloud
- ✓ Further steps and initiatives should be made for the creation of an independent self-regulated community of EECA interested parties in Connected, Converging and Interactive Media & Creative Industries.

Lists of participants

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