

## *Conclusions from the*

# ***1<sup>st</sup> EECA Cluster networking event - ICT Communities building***

*Wednesday, 12 November 2014*

*Kempinski Hotel Badamdar, Baku, Azerbaijan*

### ***Session A***

***Collaboration with NESSI ETP (Networked European  
Software and Services Initiative)***

### ***Organisers***

 		
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## Overview of the event

The "**1<sup>st</sup> EECA Cluster networking event - ICT Communities building**" was organised on 12 November 2014 in Baku, Azerbaijan by the EECA Cluster in collaboration with the [International Relations Office of the National Academy of Sciences of Azerbaijan](#) and the [Regional Innovative Technologies Academy \(R.I.T.A.\)](#) The aim was to foster cooperation among the research and industrial communities of the EU & EECA, in order to exploit emerging opportunities for international partnerships (both under the EU and EECA RTD&I programmes) and jointly address common societal challenges.

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**
- ✓ **High Performance Systems**

Therefore, **three (3) parallel sessions** were organised, targeting to:

- ✓ Present the activities of the respective ETPs to support the scientific and technological development of the ICT field of focus (e.g. through the elaboration of position papers in several sub-fields as well as the development of a Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda, which contribute in shaping R&I priorities at EU level, etc).
- ✓ Inform EECA experts on ways to be involved in the respective ETP activities as well as the potential benefits (e.g. opportunity to network with leading research and industrial EU actors, promote the R&I priorities in their countries and contribute in highlighting/revealing the common areas for collaboration among R&I actors from both regions, etc).
- ✓ Agree on a set of actions to further enhance interaction and collaboration among EU and EECA experts under the ETPs context.

Overall, **more than 70 experts** from academia/research organisations, the private sector (Industry and SMEs) and associations/clusters from both regions participated to the event:

- ✓ 20 experts from EU (France, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Lithuania, Poland, Spain and UK), including Members of the Steering Board of the European Technology Platforms NESSI and NEM;
- ✓ 50 Experts from Russia, 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).

## Event's agenda

09:00 – 09:30	Registration
09:30 – 09:45	<b>Welcome Speech</b> ✓ <i>Mr Tofiq Babayev, Regional Innovative Technologies Academy (R.I.T.A.)</i>
09:45 – 10:00	<b>Scope of the event – structure of the day</b> ✓ <i>Mr Kostas Bougiouklis, EECA-2-HORIZON Coordinator, Q-PLAN INTERNATIONAL</i>
10:20 – 13:00  (including a 20 min coffee break)	<b>Parallel sessions on “Collaboration with relevant European Technology Platforms”</b>
	Each session will cover the following topics: ✓ Main research and technological areas addressed by the respective ETP ✓ International collaboration strategy and S&T areas ✓ Proposal ideas-discussion
	<b>Room A</b> <b>Collaboration with NESSI ETP (<i>Networked European Software and Services Initiative</i>)</b> <i>Moderator: Mr Nikos Sarris, Athens Technology Centre</i> <i>Secretariat: Ms Leta Psalti, PLANET</i>
	<b>Room B</b> <b>Collaboration with NEM ETP (<i>New European Media initiative</i>)</b> <i>Moderator: Mr Silvia Boi, Engineering Ingegneria Informatica</i> <i>Secretariat: Mr Iakovos Delioglanis, Q-PLAN INTRERNATIONAL</i>
<b>Room C</b> <b>Collaboration with ETP4HPC (<i>ETP for High Performance Computing</i>)</b> <i>Moderator: Mr Marat Biktimirov, National Association of Research and Educational e-Infrastructures "e-ARENA"</i> <i>Secretariat: Ms Luminitsa Mihalachi, Centre of International Projects</i>	
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch Break
14:30 – 17:00	<b>Bilateral meetings towards the upcoming H2020 Calls</b>
17:00 – 17:20	<b>Summary of the day – further support from the EECA Cluster partners</b> ✓ <i>Mr Raphael Koumeri, EAST-HORIZON Coordinator, PLANET</i>

*Remark: All presentations are available for download at:*

[http://www.eeca-ict.eu/usefull-information/events/icalrepeat.detail/2014/11/12/28/-/networking-event-community-building?filter\\_reset=1](http://www.eeca-ict.eu/usefull-information/events/icalrepeat.detail/2014/11/12/28/-/networking-event-community-building?filter_reset=1)

## Session A - “Networked European Software & Services Initiative (NESSI)”

### Agenda of the session

<b>Moderator</b>	Mr Nikos Sarris, Athens Technology Centre
<b>Secretariat</b>	Ms Leta Psalti, PLANET
<b>Participants</b>	26
<b>Agenda</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>✓ <b>General introduction</b> <i>Mr Nikos Sarris - Athens Technology Centre (Greece)</i></li> <li>✓ <b>Software engineering for Cyber-Physical Systems: Challenges &amp; Opportunities</b> <i>Mr Cristobal Costa-Soria – Instituto Tecnológico de Informatica (Spain)</i></li> <li>✓ <b>Future Internet Opportunities</b> <i>Ms Nuria De Lama Sanchez – ATOS (Spain)</i></li> <li>✓ <b>BIG DATA in the health domain</b> <i>Ms Ernestina Menasalvas – Biotechnology centre, Computer Science School, Technical University of Madrid (Spain)</i></li> <li>✓ <b>Discussion &amp; Project ideas</b></li> </ul>

### Conclusions of the discussions

- ✓ This workshop should serve as the initiator of a first community seed around the NESSI activity areas. Attendees of this and the next NESSI-EECA workshops must act as ‘multipliers’ through their national networks to create a critical mass of interested cross-sector actors in their countries. This will give the EECA countries the opportunity to influence the vision and the strategy of NESSI and consequently have the opportunity to have their priorities included in future EC Work-Programmes.
- ✓ NESSI regularly prepares white papers in relevant (to software & services) areas and an annual Strategic Research and Innovation Agenda. There is an immediate opportunity for the EECA relevant research and industry sectors to include their priorities in a dedicated section within these documents. It would be even better to initiate this process from the EECA side preparing a short document with their relevant priorities to be proposed to NESSI for including in their papers.
- ✓ A recent very important step for NESSI was the founding of the **Big Data Value Association**, which has just established an agreement with the European Commission for the support of the Big Data Public Private Partnership. All relevant developments can be followed at <http://www.bigdatavalue.eu/>.
- ✓ EECA experts can follow the activities of NESSI from the main web portal <http://www.nessi-europe.eu/> and its presence in Social Media: @NESSI\_ETP. A mailing list of EECA experts interested in the NESSI areas will be created with the email addresses of the workshop participants.
- ✓ A collaboration space will be created in the EECA Cluster portal to facilitate interaction among the participants, thus providing a knowledge space for the relevant ICT Communities.
- ✓ **The ultimate goal should be the creation of an independent self-regulated community of EECA interested parties in Software & Services; a community that could potentially be branded as NESSI-EAST.**

## List of participants

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23	Sarris Nikos	Athens Technology S.A. / Innovation Lab	SME	Greece

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26	Vitkauskas Vytautas	HDM Interregional Working Group	Research Institution	Lithuania