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Internationalisation Strategy (2017)





5 objectives and a set of measures, guided by the principle “networked and innovative”

„International cooperation: networked and innovative“

Objective 1

Strengthening **excellence** through worldwide cooperation

Objective 2

Developing Germany`s strength in **innovation** on the international stage

Objective 3

Internationalising **vocational training** and qualification

Objective 4

Working with **emerging and developing countries** to shape the global knowledge-based society

Objective 5

Overcoming **global challenges** together

Research and academic relations policy and international networking (incl. location marketing and international presence)

3.1 Internationalization Strategy

More mobile

- Germany must continue to increase the mobility of trainees, students and scientists both to and from Germany in order (among other things) to meet the future demand for skilled staff.

More effective

- Cooperation and funding procedures are to be made as easy as possible; obstacles to bilateral and multilateral cooperation must be reduced.

More efficient

- Germany must improve its networking activities and promote networking at all levels as well as between all stakeholders, both national and international.

More focused

- Germany must focus even more consistently on quality and excellence in its global relations to the benefit of all concerned.

More attentive to its own competitiveness

- Germany must define its interests more closely and consider international collaborations from the aspect of strengthening the competitiveness of German industry (opening up markets) and science.

Cooperation of BMBF with EaP Countries

Scientific-technological cooperation

Goals:

- Project-oriented mobility
- Combination of current R&D projects of international project partners
- Preparation of joint R&D projects and sustainable, institutional partnerships

Scope (since 2012):

Armenia: 19 projects / 290,000 EUR (from BMBF), bilateral calls 2012, 2016

Azerbaijan: 2 projects / 21,000 EUR unilateral call 2012 - 2014

Belarus: 7 projects / 120,000 EUR unilateral call 2012 - 2014

Georgia: 5 projects / 90,000 EUR unilateral call 2012 - 2014

Moldova: 14 projects / 210,000 EUR / unilateral call up to 2014 and bilateral call 2012

Ukraine: 23 projects / 570,000 EUR (from BMBF), bilateral calls 2012, 2016,
Since 2016: structural projects / modernization of the the STI system

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Partnerships for sustainable solutions in emerging and developing countries – research for development (Central Asia and South Caucasus)

- Goals:** Expanding the capacity and networks of German development-related research
- Capacity building in the partner regions
 - Improving the integration of scientific organisations in international consortia
 - “Regionalisation” of activities in Central Asia or the South Caucasus
- Scope (since 2010):** Three calls (2010, 2012, 2015/16)
13 projects with South Caucasus / 1.8 mln EUR
- Thematic focus:** Health, water, food security (latest call)

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Institutional partnerships

Goals: Implementation of sustainable cooperation structures on institutional level
First step (pilot projects): concept and preparation of joint institutional partnerships

Scope: Three pilot projects (starting 2017) (ARM, GEO)
75,000 EUR for each project (from BMBF)

Consulting activities

Goals: Developing an evaluation model for the National Academy of Science of Ukraine (NASU)

Modernization of the Ukrainian education system

Europeanization of the Ukrainian jurisprudential education

Scope: Several workshops, trainee programmes and study visits starting in 2014

Multilateral activities with EaP countries

IncoNet EECA (FP7) 2008-2012

BILAT UKR*AINA (FP7) 2012-2015/ RI-Links2UA (H2020) since 2016

IncoNet EaP (FP7) 2013-2016 7 / EaP PLUS (H2020) since 2016

Objectives: Support and coordination / political dialogue

Disseminating information about EU Framework Programmes

Highlights: White Paper on Opportunities and Challenges in View of Enhancing
the EU Cooperation with Eastern Europe, Central Asia, and South Caucasus
in Science, Research, and Innovation (2012)

BMBF active in Policy Mix Peer Reviews (GEO/ARM/MLD/UKR)

Three „Twinning“ calls (2014, 2015, 2016)

Success story (Innovation!): Biggest ever EC contribution to a Belarussian participant in the Framework Programme (0.47 mIn EUR)

Thank you!

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