

Thinking across borders

*(Re) Discover ICT cooperation potential
with East Europe & Central Asia and
Western Balkan countries*

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Why?

⇒ Because it's...

- ✓ *a strategic decision of the 3 regions*

AND

- ✓ *a 'business' and 'research' request for partnerships*

⇒ Aiming at...

- ✓ *Fostering sustainable development in the greater region; and*

- ✓ *Advancing scientific knowledge.*

Plan the common future



How?

- ⇒ **Identify EU funding opportunities for international R&D activities**
- ⇒ **Understand the rules of participating to such 'instruments'**
- ⇒ **Promote your interests and competencies**
- ⇒ **Find suitable partners**
- ⇒ **Exercise ("*trial and error*")**



Objectives of the session

⇒ Facilitate personal contacts among researchers from the 3 regions to discuss on their research interests, achievements and plans

... "to break the ice" - "to know us better"

The next FP7-ICT Calls for Proposals have a deadline in:

✓ *December 2nd, 2010*

✓ *January 18th, 2011*



Structure of the session

Part 1

- ✓ *“Thinking across borders” - the EU-EECA collaboration experience*

Mr Nikolay PAKULIN - Institute for System Programming Russian Academy of Sciences

- ✓ *“Western Balkan Countries’ ICT Idea Competition”*




Ms Ira VATER – project manager, European Business Associates SRL

Part 2

- ✓ *Bilateral meetings between researchers*



For more information...

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