

# EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES AND CENTRAL ASIA

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The Eastern Partnership Countries (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine) are important neighbours for the EU in general and Austria in particular. Cooperation with the five countries of Central Asia (Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan) is increasingly gaining importance too. For many years, ZSI has been working in various projects in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Our particular focus is to strategically **strengthen** the development of **international research and technology cooperation** and to contribute to the modernisation of national and supra-national research and innovation systems. In particular, we have been and are supporting the official RTI dialogues and, as applicable, we pilot practical efforts towards greater **alignment with the European Research Area** principles as well as **Framework Programme associations** at the individual country level.

## WE OFFER

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- Scientific expert advice at the level of official RTI policy dialogue with Eastern Partnership and Central Asian countries
- Analyses and assessments of the performance of the research and innovation systems through diverse approaches such as co-publication analysis, statistical analysis based on large surveys, qualitative approaches including expert interviews, foresight studies, policy dialogues, benchmarking
- Capacity and strategy development in the field of science, technology and innovation, management of research, technological and social innovation in and for the region
- Implementation of RTD and innovation stimulation schemes, such as R&D grants and Innovation Vouchers



# OUR REFERENCES

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## AMONG OUR FLAGSHIP PROJECTS IN THE REGIONS ARE

- **BLACK SEA HORIZON**, a project to enhance the bi-regional research and innovation cooperation between the EU and the Black Sea countries
- **ener2i**, which focuses on the identification of innovative and sustainable solutions to secure energy supply and the stimulation of innovative activities in energy efficiency and renewable energy in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia and Moldova
- **INCONET-EECA, INCONET-CA/SC, INCO-NET EaP** and **INCONET-CA**, projects which are facilitating the RTI cooperation with and within Central Asia and the Eastern Partnership countries
- **BILAT-UKR\*AINA**, a strategic project in the field of R&D cooperation and governance with Ukraine
- **S&T Policy Mix Peer Reviews** in Moldova, Armenia, Georgia, Kazakhstan, and for Kyrgyzstan

- **Benchmarking** exercise for several European, Eastern European and Central Asian Nanotechnology R&D organisations

## OUR PUBLICATIONS INCLUDE

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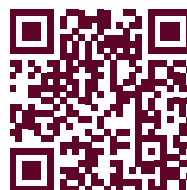
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