

## Context

In order to stay competitive and to keep a leading role at world level, the EU has developed a strong and coherent international science and technology policy which aims, amongst others, at building the Innovation Union as a new flagship initiative of the Europe 2020 Strategy. Its objectives are amongst others to establish strategic partnerships with third countries in selected fields of science engaging the best scientists to work in and with Europe, to facilitate contacts with partners in third countries in order to provide better access to research and finally to jointly address specific problems that third countries face or that have a global character. Among the countries of special interest are the neighbouring countries to the European Union. Their integration into the European Research Area and their possible association to Horizon 2020 is again a prominent objective of the European Neighbourhood Policy: Its actions are primarily targeted to creating a "Common Knowledge and Innovation Space" with the neighbouring partners and to jointly develop research and innovation potentials in areas of mutual interest and benefit.

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## The project partners



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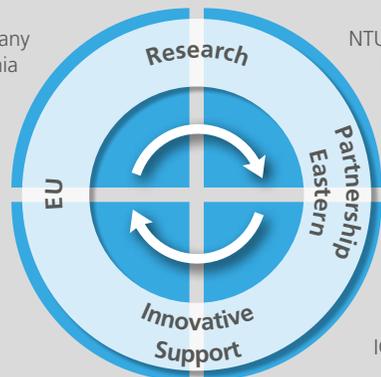
## Mission

NoGAP's mission is to bridge the gap between research and innovation, focusing on improving competences and cooperation between producers and users of knowledge to tackle societal challenges of common interest. The NoGAP consortium is composed of 13 organizations from 6 countries of which 3 are EU members (Germany, Romania, Slovakia) and 3 are members of the Eastern Partnership (Belarus, Ukraine, Georgia). By promoting the development of Science, Technology and Innovation (STI) cooperation with targeted countries in areas of common interest and mutual benefit, NoGAP's activities will contribute:

- to strengthen EU STI and economic competitiveness
- to improve the access to the knowledge, expertise and markets in third countries;
- to tackle more efficiently and effectively major societal challenges;
- to support EU external policies objectives, by helping less developed regions and countries strengthen their STI competences.

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BSATU Belarus  
PEWI Ukraine  
GTU Georgia

NIP Ukraine  
RCTT Belarus  
ICARTI Georgia

## Objectives

- Organising an efficient knowledge and technology transfer from universities to enterprises.
- Initiating joint research projects between industry and academia.
- Advisory and support services for accessing European research and technology transfer programmes.
- Assistance in preparing European project bids and in managing successfully evaluated projects.
- Developing technology oriented partnerships at regional, national and European level.
- Training scientific and economic stakeholders in regard of innovation (strategies and management), technology transfer (strategic partnerships and management) and project management (building of consortia, writing of proposals, administrative and financial project management).

## Our impacts and results

The NoGAP project will identify challenges and options for public-private-partnerships with the help of a survey among at least 200 stakeholders. Besides, the project will elaborate guides for researchers and innovators for legal and financial aspects of bringing R&D results to the market. Furthermore, NoGAP aims at supporting the mobility of persons involved in research and innovation via twinning activities, matchmaking and brokerage events. Finally, the project will deliver information and special trainings, consultancy visits etc. on the topic "Jointly developing innovation and bringing R&D results to the market in an international context".

