

## The UKRAINE Network Newsletter ♦12♦ (No. 5, 2017) October-December 2017

Dear colleagues,

With this 12<sup>th</sup> issue of our Newsletter we thank you for your support and interest in academic cooperation with Ukraine, and wish you a happy New Year! In this issue we are pleased to inform you about the winners of our **2017 PhD Presentation Contest** and congratulate **Dr Volodymyr Myronenko**, who won this year's **DESY doctoral students' prize**, report about the first part of the **German-Ukrainian Forum of Young Researchers**, and, as always, provide you with a digest of the latest news and selected funding opportunities related to academic cooperation with Ukraine.

With kind regards,

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Шановні колеги!

Цим 12-тим випуском нашого інформаційного Вісника ми дякуємо Вам за Вашу підтримку та зацікавленість у співпраці з Україною та бажаємо щасливого Нового року! У цьому числі ми повідомляємо Вас про **переможців цього річного конкурсу презентацій аспірантів**, вітаємо **Володимира Мироненка**, який виграв конкурс дисертацій **DESY**, інформуємо про першу частину **Німецько-Українського Форуму Молодих Дослідників** та, як завжди, хочемо привернути Вашу увагу до деяких цікавих новин та актуальних грантових пропозицій, пов'язаних з науковою співпрацею з Україною.

З найкращими побажаннями,

Sehr Kolleginnen und Kollegen,

Mit dieser 12. Ausgabe unseres Newsletters möchten wir Ihnen für Ihre Unterstützung und Ihr Interesse an der Zusammenarbeit mit der Ukraine herzlich danken und ein frohes Neues Jahr wünschen! Diesmal informieren wir Sie über die **Gewinner unseres Doktoranden-Vortragswettbewerbs**, gratulieren **Dr. Volodymyr Myronenko zum Gewinn des DESY Preises**, berichten über den ersten Teil des **Deutsch-Ukrainischen Nachwuchswissenschaftlerforums**, und, wie immer, bieten einige interessante Informationen, sowie Hinweise zu aktuellen Fördermöglichkeiten.

Mit freundlichen Grüßen,



## COMMUNITY CORNER

### Get-together in Dresden

On December 18th 2017 in Dresden, Germany an enthusiastic group of PhD students and researchers from different research centers (Technische Universität Dresden, Leibniz-Institut für Festkörper- und Werkstoffforschung, Helmholtz-Zentrum Dresden-Rossendorf and Fraunhofer-Institut für Keramische Technologien & Systeme) gathered together in an informal pre-Christmas atmosphere to refresh the old connections and establish new acquaintances, share the experiences and views on cooperating with research partners in Ukraine, and to explore some ideas for possible future coordinated efforts.

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### FORTHCOMING TALK as part of the Lecture Series “Science first hand” in BERLIN, within the framework of the German-Ukrainian Forum of Young Researchers

**Topic:** Novel approaches to understanding brain aging and Alzheimer’s disease, with research highlights from a joint German-Ukrainian research project

**Speaker:** **Prof. Olga Garaschuk**, Chair in Neurophysiology, Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen/ President of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society

**Date & Time:** **Thursday, 8 February 2018, 18:00 – 19:30** (with networking reception)

**Venue:** Embassy of Ukraine in Germany, Albrechtstraße 26, 10117 Berlin

*Registration is mandatory at [berlin@ukrainet.eu](mailto:berlin@ukrainet.eu). Person identification documents are required. The talk will be held in English, questions could also be asked in German and/or Ukrainian.*

## AWARDS & PRIZES

### The winners of the 2017 PhD Thesis Presentation Contest have been announced

On the 6th of October 2017 in Augsburg the PhD Thesis Presentation Contest, supported by the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany, took place for the second time within the framework of the Annual Meeting of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society/ The UKRAINE Network. With this annual PhD Contest the Society aims to promote aspiring PhD candidates and foster academic cooperation with Ukraine. The contestants are either Ukrainians carrying out their PhD research abroad, or are involved in a bi- or multi-lateral collaborative research projects with Ukrainian scientists, or whose research topic is related to Ukraine. This year the six finalists came from Austria, Germany, the UK and Ukraine. The topics of their fascinating five-minute talks addressed yet unanswered questions in European law, molecular biology, material science, history of Ukraine and Ukrainian literature. The jury consisted of the society members, who are each experts in fields of research represented by the contestants.





Prof. Yarema Okhrin (Head of the PhD Contest Committee), Oleksandr Yagensky (first place), Natalia Korniy (third place), Prof. Olga Garaschuk (President of the German-Ukrainian Academic Society), Bohdan Tokarskyj (second place), Augsburg, 6 October 2017. Photo collage: private.

At the event a prominent economist **Prof. Oleh Havrylyshyn (Ottawa, Canada)** gave a keynote talk and the book presentation entitled “*The Political Economy of Independent Ukraine: Late Starts, False Starts, and Last Chance?*” All the PhD Contest finalists were presented with a book prize: “*Let the light of science never die*” by physicist **Vasyl Shenderovsky**, signed by the author. This book is a collection of portraits of Ukrainian researchers, who have significantly contributed to the world science. In addition, the monetary part of the prizes, – EUR 300 for the first place, EUR 200 for the second and EUR 100 for the third place, has been endowed by **Nomad Bioscience GmbH**. This highly innovative biotechnology company was founded and is directed by **Prof. Yury Gleba**, an active member of the Society. Moreover, the travel expenses of the finalists were kindly covered by the **Global Business Management (Faculty of Business and Economics, University of Augsburg)**. More information on the winners: check the previous issue of this newsletter (available for download from the archive on our web-site).

<http://ukrainet.eu/2017/10/08/the-winners-of-the-2017-phd-thesis-presentation-contest-have-been-announced/>

### Particle physicist Volodymyr Myronenko (DESY, Hamburg) shares the 2017 DESY doctoral students' prize

Source: [DESY](#), 16 November 2017



Photo: Private

This year's doctoral students' prize of the Association of Friends and Supporters of DESY (German Electron Synchrotron, Hamburg), VFFD, has been awarded to **Volodymyr Myronenko** and **Johann Haber**. It was worth 2000 euro for each co-winner and was presented as a part of the DESY's Science Day. The prize is awarded once a year for the best doctoral theses that are conducted at DESY and completed between 1 April of the previous and 31 March of the current year.



Volodymyr Myronenko studied physics in Kyiv and was awarded his master's degree in Theoretical Physics from the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA) with his dissertation on particle physics based on the ZEUS measurements. He has later joined DESY for his PhD research on physics at HERA (Hadron-Electron Ring Accelerator), which he concluded in 2016 and gained his PhD degree at the University of Hamburg. In his doctoral thesis Volodymyr has combined and analyzed the inclusive neutral- and charged-current DIS (Deep-Inelastic scattering) cross-sections of lepton-proton scattering, which were measured by the H1 and ZEUS experiments at the HERA collider. This combined data is a core of any modern extraction of the PDFs (Parton-Density Functions of the proton) and represents the unique legacy of the HERA accelerator. The DIS cross sections were extensively used for the electroweak (EW) precision studies. The measurements of couplings of the u-type quarks to the Z boson resulted in by far the most precise values obtained from a single-machine data. Volodymyr has also determined the mixing of electromagnetic and weak forces over a very wide range for the first time, as well as presented studies on the internal surfaces of superconducting 9-cell niobium resonators. Currently Volodymyr continues his research at DESY as a postdoctoral research associate.

## COOPERATION HIGHLIGHT

**Alexander von Humboldt Foundation funds Institutional Partnership between Law Departments of Georg-August University of Göttingen and Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv**

**Prof. Thomas Mann**, Chair of Administrative Law, Georg-August University of Göttingen and his colleague **Prof. Roman Melnyk** from the [Center of German Law](#), Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv received funding of EUR 55,000 for three years from the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Alumni Funding Program. This grant aims to further advance their fruitful collaboration in form of an institutional partnership. The common subject of research relates to the "Functional conditions of the juridical power" in Ukraine and Germany, which include subtopics such as judicial independence, the methodological competence of the judiciary, the transparency of judicial decision-making or the mechanisms of democratic control of the judiciary. Prof. Mann has over a decade of experience as a judge at the Lower Saxony's Higher Administrative Court (Nds. OVG). Prof. Melnyk closely cooperates with Prof. Mann since 2004: he has carried out numerous long-term research visits to Göttingen, working on administrative jurisdiction, general administrative law and police and law related to the right of assembly. In the past, both researchers have written joint papers and textbooks, founded an [online journal](#) and carried out joint conferences in Germany and Ukraine, funded by the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

[www.uni-goettingen.de/de/sh/576092.html](http://www.uni-goettingen.de/de/sh/576092.html)

## NEWS FROM UKRAINE

**German Research Foundation (DFG) Organizes a Workshop in Kyiv as Preparation for the Establishment of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine**

On 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> October 2017 in Kyiv, the DFG organized a workshop on its structure and functioning aimed at high-ranking representatives of the Ukrainian science management,





including the members of the **Scientific Committee of the National Council of Ukraine for Development of Science and Technology** (a newly-established body), the Vice-Minister of Science Prof. Striha, the Vice-President of the National Academy of Sciences Prof. Zagorodny, Director of the State Fund for Fundamental Research (SFFRU) Prof. Grynyov, university rectors and representatives of other ministries. The event was initiated by the Scientific Committee, which was tasked by the Government of Ukraine to found the new national research funding organization, the **National Research Foundation of Ukraine** (NRFU). The workshop also provided an overview of the German science system to various stake-holders involved in the reform process of the Ukrainian science and research landscape.

The DFG maintains close ties with various research and science institutions in Ukraine. The Ukrainian fund SFFRU, which is likely to join the new foundation, and the DFG launched a call for tenders last September to jointly fund German-Ukrainian research projects in physics and mathematics starting in 2019. The Memorandum of Understanding between the DFG and the National Academy of Sciences, which has existed since 1995, was renewed in April 2017 on the occasion of the visit of DFG President Prof. Strohschneider to Ukraine. The DFG also maintains good contacts with the Ministry of Science, which is particularly interested in the expertise of the DFG in the field of science management in the context of the reorganization of the Ukrainian scientific system. In a meeting with the Science Minister **Hrynevych** and the DFG President **Strohschneider** in April earlier this year, the DFG offered its support in setting up the new funding organization.

(in German): [www.dfg.de/dfg\\_magazin/internationales/171017\\_ukraine\\_workshop/index.html](http://www.dfg.de/dfg_magazin/internationales/171017_ukraine_workshop/index.html)

### DAAD Information Center Kyiv organized a Workshop on cooperative degree programs

On 11<sup>th</sup> November 2017 the DAAD Information Center Kyiv organized a Workshop “**Module - Curriculum - Degree: What works in cooperative degree programs**”, as part of the project “Supporting the Internationalization of Ukrainian Universities” of the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF). Follow the link below to access the workshop presentations.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1M45EeqgQPk5AMoSNK5a2d21HUIC922TU>

**INTERVIEW with a member of the Scientific Committee Oleg Stasyk „I am for a total check of all dissertations for plagiarism“/ “Олег Стасик: я виступаю за тотальну перевірку дисертацій на плагіат”**, by Dmytro Simonov (22.12.2017, House of Innovation (in Ukrainian) <https://innovationhouse.org.ua/statti/oleg-stasyk-ya-vystupayu-za-totalnuyu-proverku-dyssertatsyi-na-plagyat/>

### New targeted program of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine has been launched

The National Academy of Sciences supported the performance of Ukrainian part of HORIZON 2020 project ERA-PLANET (focused on the Earth Observation) and approved targeted program ERA-PLANET/UA for the years 2018-2020.

<https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/news/452>  
[www.era-planet.eu](http://www.era-planet.eu)

### The JRC teams up with Ukraine on smart specialization strategies for innovation-driven growth

The Joint Research Centre (JRC) has joined forces with Ukrainian authorities to work together on innovation strategies based on the smart specialization approach, to foster inclusive and sustainable economic growth.

<https://ec.europa.eu/jrc/en/news/jrc-teams-ukraine-smart-specialisation-strategies-innovation-driven-growth>



## ARTICLE: “Scientific Diaspora: from brain drain to brain gain” (in Ukrainian)

In this article **Dr Oleksandr Skorohod**, the head of the Council of Young Scientists of the NAS of Ukraine, discusses the significant decline in numbers of active researchers in Ukrainian science seen in the last quarter of a century, and proposes some approaches on how the interaction between researchers in Ukraine and Ukrainian scientific diaspora can be enhanced. As a starting point he refers to the currently running EU-funded [EaP Plus project](#), within which a **database of diaspora researchers** is being established (if you are interested to register, please follow this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/79jrjxxrl5fRv3w1>).

<https://dt.ua/SCIENCE/naukova-diaspora-vid-brain-drain-do-brain-qain-263561.html>

## Weekly parties for IT/ start-up communities in Kyiv

“Silicon Drinkabout” started in 2011 in London as a meet-up for people involved in IT. Since then it spread worldwide and is now a global community. Business developer **Igor Ovcharenko** (who describes himself as “*a startup enthusiast and tech savvy professional with over five years of experience in building bridges between entrepreneurs, media, investors and corporates in emerging markets*”), together with a team of similarly-minded professionals, have now established this event in Kyiv. It has grown dramatically over the past year and counts now some 2000 members. (More: “*Silicon Drinkabout parties in Kyiv bring together IT community*” by Mariya Kapinos, KyivPost, Des. 1, 2017). <https://silicondrinkabout.com/kyiv>

## EVENT REPORTS



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**BERLIN: Scientific-didactic Workshop “Ukrainian as a foreign and heritage language in Germany”, 17-18 November 2017**

From 17 to 18 November 2017, 28 participants from 20 institutions in Germany, Switzerland and Austria met in the Embassy of Ukraine in Berlin to discuss current issues in the field of practical teaching of Ukrainian as a foreign or heritage language.



Photo: Courtesy of the Embassy of Ukraine in Germany.



The focus was on methodology and didactics of teaching Ukrainian both to children and to adult learners, as well as the increasing the opportunities for improving knowledge of Ukrainian language in German-speaking countries. This workshop aimed to bring together the key actors from Saturday/Sunday schools, secondary schools and universities and to make recommendations to the Government of Ukraine to improve the framework of teaching Ukrainian language abroad. This workshop was organized by the Institute of Slavic Studies of the University of Greifswald (which has the only chair in Germany dedicated to Ukrainian language and Ukrainian studies) in cooperation with the German-Ukrainian Academic Society and the German Association of Ukrainists on the occasion of the Year of the Ukrainian Language in Germany 2017-2018. For presentations and contributions please follow this link: <http://ukrainet.eu/2017/11/30/ukrainian-in-germany-nov17-berlin/>.

### "Unlocking the EU Research & Innovation Potential through Excellence in cooperation", Brussels, 28 November 2018

On 28 November 2017 the **Ukrainian Think Tanks Liaison Office** in Brussels organized their first event on Research and Innovation, together with the Ministry of Education and Science of Ukraine and colleagues from the Lithuanian Research, Development and Innovation Office in Brussels (LINO).

<https://ukraine-office.eu/en/unlocking-the-eu-research-and-innovation-potential-through-excellence-in-cooperation/>

### UKRAINE CALLING Panel Discussion, 7 December 2017, Berlin

*By Dr Olesia Lazarenko, European University Viadrina, Frankfurt/ Oder, Germany*

On 7 December 2017 in Berlin a panel discussion „**Memories of a Better Future? Analysing Post-Maidan Condition from Multiple Perspectives**” was organized within the framework of the Program „**Ukraine Calling**”. The main aim of this event was to present some projects related to the representation of contemporary Ukraine in international as well as German politics and culture. **Dr Maja Sibylle Pflüger**, Deputy Head of Department of International Relations, Europe and its Neighbors of the Robert Bosch Foundation (Stuttgart) and Mr **Niels Helle-Meyer**, Chancellor of the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/ Oder) conferred welcome addresses the participants and interested general public. Four projects were then presented in form of ‘PechaKucha’:

- [Forest in Exchange](#), by **Sophia Wiemer**, Apollo e.V.;
- [Communicating the Conflict. A Graphic Novel about the Conflict in Donbas](#), by **Anne Reis**, Libereco – Partnership for Human Rights e.V.
- [Erinnerungskultur in der Ukraine am Beispiel des Fußballs](#), by **Peter Dittmann**, Gesellschaftsspiele e.V.
- Website "[Ukraine verstehen](#)", by **Dr Eduard Klein**, Zentrum Liberale Moderne (LibMod).

In the follow-up lively and informative discussion, which was moderated by **Prof. Mikhail Minakov** (Frankfurt (Oder)/ Kyiv), took part **Dr Tatiana Zhurzhenko**, Research Director, Ukraine in European Dialogue (Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna), **Georg Genoux**, Theater Director (Theatre of Displaced People, Hamburg), **Angelina Kariakina**, Editor-in-Chief (hromadske.ua, Kyiv), **Dr Jurij Aston**, Deputy Head of the Task Force Ukraine (German Foreign Office, Berlin). Furthermore, a call for the next round of the program was announced, with applications to be submitted in **January 2018**. The “Ukraine Calling” Program has been carried since 2016 with the goal to continuously expand knowledge about Ukraine among key professionals in politics,



administration, media, business and civil society in Germany. It is carried out by the European University Viadrina in cooperation with the Robert Bosch Foundation and the German Association of Ukrainists.

<http://ukrainecalling.eu/>

[http://ukrainecalling.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/UkraineCalling\\_201718\\_Broschuere\\_Digitalausgabe\\_web.pdf](http://ukrainecalling.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/UkraineCalling_201718_Broschuere_Digitalausgabe_web.pdf)

### GERMAN-UKRAINIAN FORUM OF YOUNG RESEARCHERS (Part I, Ukraine, 7-12.12.2017)

The first part of the **German-Ukrainian Forum of Young Researchers** has been organized by Eberhard Karls University of Tübingen in cooperation with the German-Ukrainian Academic Society. The Forum consists of two parts: an exploratory and networking tour “Research in Ukraine” (Kyiv and Lviv or Kharkiv), which took place on 7-12 December 2017, and an intensive grant writing and coaching workshop. The latter will be organized in Berlin (9-10 February 2018) for up to 10 research tandems, i.e. for those Forum participants, who could demonstrate high potential in developing bilateral collaborative projects with researchers from the partner country. This event has been supported by the DAAD from the means of the German Federal Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF). Many academic partners in Ukraine significantly assisted with the organization and information support of the first part of the Forum, in particular: Center of German Law at the Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv, Institute of Mathematics of the NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv Academic University, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy (NaUKMA), Ukrainian Catholic University (UCU) in Lviv, Ukrainian-German Academic Center at the V. N. Karazin Kharkiv National University in Kharkiv, the Council of Young Scientists of the NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv Information Center and regional Lecturers of the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) and the Embassy of the German Federal Republic in Ukraine.

45 participants from different areas of research, – exact sciences and engineering, life sciences and biomedical studies, social sciences and humanities, – took part in the first part of the Forum. Young researchers, who have just obtained their PhD, as well as those with a few years of post-doctoral or group leader/ associate professorship experience represented universities, research institutes and companies from Cherkasy, Ivano-Frankivsk, Kharkiv, Kyiv, Lviv, Odesa, Mariupol and Sloviansk in Ukraine, and from Berlin, Dresden, Hannover, Munich, Stuttgart, Potsdam, Tübingen and Wildau in Germany.



*Participants of the Forum at the Institute of Mathematics, NAS of Ukraine, Kyiv. Photo: Olga Tucha/ German-Ukrainian Academic Society.*





The main goal of the Forum was to familiarize young researchers from Germany with the scientific landscape and contemporary research in Ukraine and to enable researchers from both countries to get acquainted, exchange ideas and prepare concepts for possible joint research projects. The Forum's participants had the opportunity to visit the leading universities and scientific institutes of the NAS of Ukraine in Kyiv, Kharkiv and Lviv, and present their own research. During a dedicated session "Funding Opportunities for German-Ukrainian and International Cooperation" the participants and other interested researchers from among the Ukrainian academic community also had an excellent opportunity to find more about research grant schemes that provide funding for joint research projects and support scientific mobility of young researchers both from Ukraine and Germany, such as the State Fund for Fundamental Research of Ukraine (presented by its director **Prof. Borys Grynyov**), European Research council (presented by the ERC National Contact Point in Ukraine **Valentyna Andruschenko**), German Academic Exchange service (DAAD, presented by the head of the DAAD Information Center in Kyiv **Dr Gisela Zimmermann**), Alexander von Humboldt Foundation (presented by **Prof. Olexandra Antoniuk**, the President of the Humboldt Club Ukraine), BAYHOST (Bavarian Academic Center for Central, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, presented by **Lisa Hermsen**), Leibniz Science Campus "Eastern Europe – Global Area" (EEGA, presented by the visiting researcher **Dr Svitlana Potapenko**), and numerous other funding opportunities offered by the DFG, Helmholtz Association, foundations, etc. During this part of the Forum the participants could also learn firsthand about the establishment of the National Research Foundation of Ukraine from the member of the Scientific Committee of the National Council of Ukraine for Development of Science and Technology **Prof. Alla Yemets**. During the Forum the participants were also able to learn about the 'best practice' examples and communicate with experienced researchers, who have long been cooperating successfully. These included: **Prof. Jochen Fornasier** from the University of Frankfurt am Main and **Dr Alla Buiskikh** from the Institute of Archeology of the NAS of Ukraine, who carry out excavations of the settlements of ancient Olbia in the south of Ukraine, **Prof. Jörn Kalinowski** from the University of Bielefeld and **Dr Bohdan Ostash** from Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, who jointly focus on potential new classes of antibiotics, as well as **Prof. Oleg Avrunin** from the Kharkiv National University of Radio Electronics and **Prof. Birgit Glasmacher** from the Leibniz University of Hannover, whose teams have established the long-term cooperation in the field of biomedical engineering.



*Photo collage: German-Ukrainian Academic Society, individual photos: courtesy of Olga Tucha/ German-Ukrainian Academic Society.*

Successful German-Ukrainian tandems of researchers, who have developed joint research proposal concepts, will be invited and supported to take part in the second part of the Forum, which will be held in Berlin in early February 2018. Furthermore, the research partners from



Ukraine will also have the opportunity to visit the laboratory/ research institute of their potential partner in Germany in order to learn more about their research and discuss their potential future joint projects. For more information follow this link:

[http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Program\\_9\\_Dec\\_final.pdf](http://ukrainet.eu/wp-content/uploads/2017/12/Program_9_Dec_final.pdf)

Press coverage (in Ukrainian): [TCH](#); [Ukrainska Gazeta](#); [House of Innovations](#)

## Meet Up! German-Ukrainian youth encounters

*Adapted from the report by Katja Kirianova, Artem Maidanovych and Viktor Artyushenko, Kyiv, (Report & photos, in UA): [Link](#)*

Last September a group of five students of the joint Ukrainian-German Faculty of Mechanical Engineering NTUU "KPI named after I. Sikorsky" (Kyiv, Ukraine) and five students of the Petro Mohyla Black Sea National University (Mykolaiv, Ukraine) met with the students from Potsdam University in Berlin as part of an international project "*Wende-Erfahrungen in Deutschland und in der Ukraine* /Experiences of Transition in Germany and Ukraine" within the framework of the program "MeetUp. Ukrainian-German youth encounters". As a result of intensive discussions and meetings the participants will prepare an exhibition to be presented in Kyiv, Mykolayiv and Potsdam in March 2018 after a reciprocal visit of the German participants to Ukraine. **Next deadline: 15 February 2018** (see Funding section below for more information).

<https://www.stiftung-evz.de/eng/funding/human-rights/meet-up.html>

## A SELECTION OF RELEVANT FUNDING & SUPPORT OPPORTUNITIES

For the up-to-date announcements visit our LinkedIn group: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/8473594>

**A list of currently opened EU calls** maintained by the project 'Strengthening Research and Innovation Links towards Ukraine (RI-LINKS2UA): <https://ri-links2ua.eu/object/call/list>

## GERMANY, MEET UP! German-Ukrainian youth encounters, apply by 15 February 2018

The aim of the program is to intensify relations with Ukraine and to strengthen the active commitment of young people from Germany and Ukraine to fundamental democratic values and understanding between peoples. The encounters (of at least 5-day duration) should focus on projects with political, historical topics, German-Ukrainian relations, human rights or e.g. ecological topics. The program also supports creative ways of expression, such as multi-media, music or theatre projects, films, websites, apps or networking meetings. The funding is for personnel costs, travel expenses, accommodation and meals, material resources for the development and presentation of results. German-Ukrainian youth encounters may take place either in Germany and/or the Ukraine; trinational encounters may take place in Germany and Ukraine and in Russia.

<https://www.stiftung-evz.de/eng/funding/human-rights/meet-up.html>

## EU: SPIRE Calls, Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing

The new Work Program on 'Nanotechnologies, Advanced Materials, Biotechnology and Advanced Manufacturing and Processing' 2018-2020 has a specific reference to the Eastern Partnership countries with regards to SPIRE calls with the deadline for the first calls (CE-SPIRE-



02-2018; 03-2018 and 10-2018) on **22 February 2018**. It includes the 'EaP recommendation' in chapter 3.1 'Sustainable Process Industry' (SPIRE) (page 61), at the end of the introduction. This is also relevant for all the calls that follow (**CE -SPIRE – 01-2018 to CE – SPIRE – 09 – 2020**), while the others will follow in 2019 and 2020.

[www.kooperation-international.de/aktuelles/ausschreibungen/detail/info/upcoming-horizon-2020-calls-addressing-eastern-partnership-countries/](http://www.kooperation-international.de/aktuelles/ausschreibungen/detail/info/upcoming-horizon-2020-calls-addressing-eastern-partnership-countries/)

### EU: European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for Smart Specialisation Investments, apply by 8 March 2018

The overall objective of this call is to boost industrial competitiveness and investment in the EU via cross-regional cooperation and networking by supporting the establishment of European Strategic Cluster Partnerships for smart specialisation investments (ESCP-S3). These partnerships shall facilitate cluster cooperation in thematic areas related to regional smart specialisation strategies and increase the involvement of industry in the context of the Smart Specialisation Platform for Industrial Modernisation. At the heart of the partnerships shall be the creation of value chain linkages and joint business cooperation projects and investments amongst groups of **SMEs** in specific industrial areas, including bringing together SMEs from less and more economically advanced regions and clusters. This shall enable groups of specialised enterprises, notably SMEs, together with other innovation actors in clusters, to find partners with complementary competences, to access value chains that cut across national, regional and sectoral boundaries as well as to facilitate their access to technology centres, in particular those active in **Key Enabling Technologies (KETs)** and **Digital Innovation Hubs**. The maximum grant per project will be **EUR 350,000**. EASME expects to fund **eight** proposals. The grant is limited to a maximum reimbursement rate of 75% of eligible costs.

<http://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/opportunities/cosme/calls/cos-clustpartns-2017-3-02.html#c.topics=callIdentifier/t/COS-CLUSTPARTNS-2017-3-02/1/1/1/default-group&callStatus/t/Forthcoming/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Open/1/1/0/default-group&callStatus/t/Closed/1/1/0/default-group&+identifier/desc>

### Human Frontiers Science Program (HFSP) research grants, submit a letter of intent by 28 March 2018

Research grants are provided for teams of scientists from different countries who wish to combine their expertise in innovative approaches to questions that could not be answered by individual laboratories. Emphasis is placed on novel collaborations that bring together scientists preferably from different disciplines (e.g. from chemistry, physics, computer science, engineering) to focus on problems in the life sciences. Note, HFSP funds only basic research. Applied applications, including medical research typically funded by national medical research bodies, will be deemed ineligible. The research teams must be international. The principal applicant must be from one of the eligible countries. However, other participating scientists and laboratories may be situated anywhere in the world. Applicants must submit a letter of intent to apply for a research grant via the HFSP web site by **28 of March**, and after review, selected teams will be invited to submit a full application. Two types of Research Grant are available: Young Investigators' Grants and Program Grants.

[www.hfsp.org/funding/research-grants](http://www.hfsp.org/funding/research-grants)



**EaP PLUS Grants for Networking in Brokerage Events or Preparatory Meetings – 2nd call, closing date to apply: 31 May 2018, apply at least 1 month before the event**

This scheme funds the participation of researchers from Eastern Partnership countries in Brokerage Events related to Horizon2020 and Preparatory Meetings for the development of H2020 project proposals. The 2<sup>nd</sup> round of the scheme will give special priority to applications concerning **SPIRE (Sustainable Process Industry through Resource and Energy Efficiency)** calls which are explicitly encouraging participation from EaP countries.

<https://www.eap-plus.eu/object/call/123>  
<https://www.spire2030.eu/>

**Funding for Individuals/ Fellowships**

**Creative Europe – Culture program: Call for 'Support for European Cooperation Projects 2018', apply by 18 January 2018**

The objective of this call is to strengthen the capacity of the European cultural and creative sectors to operate transnationally and internationally as well as to contribute to audience development and to innovation and creativity in the field of culture. The program supports projects with the following priorities: Transnational mobility; Audience development; Capacity building, and Intercultural dialogue. Eligible participants are legal entities active in the cultural and creative sector.

[https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2018\\_en](https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/creative-europe/funding/support-european-cooperation-projects-2018_en)

**eHEALTH Start-Ups: Apply by 31 January to join The Lean Startup Academy**

Starting March 2018, the Lean Startup Academy Spain will support 10 European eHealth startups to improve their business model through an intensive validation program led by experienced trainers.

<https://www.ehealth-hub.eu/lean-startup-academy-spain/>

**CANADA: Kule Doctoral Scholarships on Ukraine: University of Ottawa, apply by 1 February 2018 (International & Canadian Students)**

The Chair of Ukrainian Studies is a research unit associated with the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ottawa. It is the only chair in Canada and outside of Ukraine dedicated specifically to the study of contemporary Ukraine or related topics dealing with politics, economy and sociology of Eastern European states and the Post-Soviet space. Students interested in applying for the Drs. Peter and Doris Kule Doctoral Scholarships on Contemporary Ukraine, which consist of an annual award of \$20,000, plus all tuition, for a maximum of 4 years, beginning in the academic year 2017-2018 are invited to contact Dominique Arel (darel@uottawa.ca), Chairholder, Chair of Ukrainian Studies, and visit their web site:

<http://socialsciences.uottawa.ca/ukraine/>

**Visiting Fellowship of the PRISMA UKRAÏNA Research Network Eastern Europe, apply by 28 February 2018**

The fellowship is open to scholars from all fields of social sciences and humanities, as well as journalists and civil society activists who want to carry out their research projects in connection with the PRISMA UKRAÏNA program. Applicants should have obtained their doctorate within the last 12 years or have comparable professional experience. The successful applicant will be a





fellow of PRISMA UKRAÏNA at the *Forum Transregionale Studien* and an associate member of one of the university or non-university research institutes connected to PRISMA UKRAÏNA. As a rule, the fellowship starts on 1 April 2018 and ends on 30 June 2018.

[www.prisma-ukraina.de/en/home.html](http://www.prisma-ukraina.de/en/home.html)

**POLAND: Scholarship Program of The Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, apply by 1 March**

<http://english.studium.uw.edu.pl/scholarship-programs/scholarship-program-for-young-scholars/>

**GERMANY: Alexander von Humboldt Foundation's Georg Forster Research Fellowship for researchers from developing countries, no deadline**

Support for individual researchers for research stays in Germany (6 - 24 months, could be split into 3 periods for senior researchers), for proposals relevant for the continued development of the country or region of origin.

<https://www.humboldt-foundation.de/web/georg-forster-fellowship.html>

**EUROPE: FEBS Collaborative Experimental Scholarships for Central & Eastern Europe, no deadline**

These 2-3-month scholarships are for the exclusive benefit of PhD students from Central & Eastern Europe who need to visit a well-funded laboratory in Western Europe for the purpose of carrying out experimental procedures that would be impossible in their home country because of a lack of resources. Applications may be made throughout the year, but should reach the Chairperson of the FEBS Fellowships Committee at least 2 months before the proposed starting date.

[www.febs.org/our-activities/fellowships/collaborative-experimental-scholarships-for-central-eastern-europe/](http://www.febs.org/our-activities/fellowships/collaborative-experimental-scholarships-for-central-eastern-europe/)

## A SELECTION OF FORTHCOMING EVENTS

<b>08/01/2018</b> <b>Berlin, Germany</b>	<b>Prisma Ukraïna Workshop "Religious Intersections in Post-Socialist Europe: Between State and Imaginary Borders"</b> , convened by <b>Iuliia Buyskykh</b> (Visiting Prisma Ukraïna Fellow / Nat'l Inst. of Ukrainian Studies). <a href="http://www.forum-transregionale-studien.de/nc/veranstaltungen/alle-veranstaltungen.html">www.forum-transregionale-studien.de/nc/veranstaltungen/alle-veranstaltungen.html</a>
<b>10/01/2018</b> <b>London, UK</b>	<b>Talk: Identity puzzles, by Igor Pomerantsev</b> , a well-known poet, journalist and a former Soviet dissident, who will offer his interpretation of post-Maidan transformation of Ukraine's identity. Originally from Chernivtsi, Igor is very susceptible to the multi-cultural dimension of the identity as it is being moulded in recent years. He will be joined by his son <b>Peter Pomerantsev</b> , a well-known writer, an author of the prize-winning " <i>Nothing is True and Everything is Possible</i> " and currently a Senior Fellow at the LSE's Institute for Global Affairs. Peter will offer his view on the cultural transformation inside Ukraine, informed by his London background. Moderated by <b>Marina Pesenti</b> , Director of Ukrainian Institute London. <a href="http://ukrainianinstitute.org.uk/news_666/">http://ukrainianinstitute.org.uk/news_666/</a>
<b>27/02/2018</b> <b>Brussels</b>	<b>Brussels UkraineLab</b> The 2018 Brussels UkraineLab will take place in the European Parliament and will address the question: what is the future for the EU-Ukraine



	relations? It will be hosted by <b>Mr Dariusz Rosati</b> , Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee at the European Parliament, with a keynote delivered by <b>H.E. Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze</b> , Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration. <a href="https://ukraine-office.eu/en/brussels-ukrainelab-3rd-edition-27-february-2018/">https://ukraine-office.eu/en/brussels-ukrainelab-3rd-edition-27-february-2018/</a>
<b>26/02-07/03/2018</b> <b>Bucharest, Romania</b>	<b>PRISMA UKRAÏNA Winter Academy “Revisiting the Nation: Transcultural Contact Zones in Eastern Europe”</b> It will be concerned with the conditions and implications of nation building in Eastern Europe. <a href="http://www.forum-transregionale-studien.de/nc/veranstaltungen/details/revisiting-the-nation-transcultural-contact-zones-in-eastern-europe.html">www.forum-transregionale-studien.de/nc/veranstaltungen/details/revisiting-the-nation-transcultural-contact-zones-in-eastern-europe.html</a>
<b>27-29/06/ 2018</b> <b>Halle (Saale), Germany</b>	<b>Leibniz Institute of Agricultural Development in Transition Economies (IAMO) Forum 2018 “Large-scale agriculture – for profit and society?”</b> , Call for abstracts is open till 25 <sup>th</sup> February, 2018 <a href="http://www.conftool.net/iamo2018">http://www.conftool.net/iamo2018</a>
<b>17-20/09/2018</b> <b>Technical University of Applied Sciences Wildau, Germany</b>	<b>1st Announcement - Call for Abstracts</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup> German-Ukrainian Symposium on Physics and Chemistry of Nanostructures and on Nanobiotechnology</b> is intended to review recent achievements of Ukrainian and German scientists in the field of basic and applied nanophysics, nanochemistry, materials science and biology as well as to discuss the advances in science & technology of nanostructured materials and push forward the corresponding studies. <b>More information:</b> <a href="mailto:pcnn2018@th-wildau.de">pcnn2018@th-wildau.de</a>

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<http://lab-o-mator.blogspot.de/2015/06/a-flexible-electronic-lab-notebook-eln.html>

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[www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/digital-platforms-for-facilitating-access-to-research-infrastructures\\_8288d208-en](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/digital-platforms-for-facilitating-access-to-research-infrastructures_8288d208-en)

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[www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/co-ordination-and-support-of-international-research-data-networks\\_e92fa89e-en](http://www.oecd-ilibrary.org/science-and-technology/co-ordination-and-support-of-international-research-data-networks_e92fa89e-en)

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