

# **“Through Research to Perfection: New Approaches to Continuous Professional Development of In-Service Teachers” project**

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Launched in July 2015, the Eastern Partnership Connect (EaPConnect) project aims to:

- establish and operate a high-capacity broadband internet network for research and education (R&E) across six EaP partner countries in the EU's Eastern Neighbourhood: **Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine;**
- integrate the national research and education networks (NRENs) in the region into the pan-European [GÉANT network](#); decrease the digital divide;
- facilitate participation of local scientists, students and academics in global R&E collaborations;
- deploy [eduroam](#) and stimulate integration towards [GÉANT services](#).

By interconnecting the R&E communities across the region and with their European counterparts, EaPConnect will create a gateway for talented individuals in the EaP countries to be truly global players.



<https://www.eapconnect.eu/research-eap/eyreap2017/>

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EaPConnect is funded under the EU4Digital initiative of the European Union. The European Commission's Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargements Negotiations (DG NEAR) is contributing 95% (€13m) towards the cost of the EaPConnect project, providing funding under Grant Agreement 2015-356353; the remaining 5% is being co-funded by the six beneficiary countries.

The project was officially inaugurated at the 1st Eastern Partnership Ministerial Meeting on the Digital Economy and is expected to have a duration of five years.

EaPConnect is managed by networking organisation GÉANT in collaboration with the NRENs in the six partner countries.

Based on a proven model of interconnecting national R&E networks in regional backbones, EaPConnect involves the national research and education networks (NRENs) of the six Eastern Partnership countries. Together with GÉANT they will deliver the EaPConnect project locally and provide assistance and support to deploy connectivity in universities and research institutions across the region. Furthermore they will work towards the development of cross-border connections and interconnections to GÉANT, the pan-European R&E network.

### Ukraine:

**URAN Association** – The Association of Users of Ukrainian Research and Academic Network



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## **Project partners:**

Nizhyn Mykola Gogol State University, Nizhyn, Ukraine

NGO “Centre for Educational and Civil Initiatives”, Nizhyn, Ukraine

“INTERPERSONNEL Polska Sp. z o.o.”, Sosnowiec, Poland

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## **Project aim:**

Practical implementation of the new ways of CPD among in-service school teachers, using research as a key component in this process.

## **Target group:**

In-service rural school teachers, university staff members.  
(Chernihivska Oblast, Ukraine)

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## CPD scheme:

‘teacher-teacher’ level

Collaboration of teachers, discussing the research data, sharing best teaching practices and establishing partnership between different rural schools.

‘university-teacher’ level

Collaborative research of academia staff members and in-service rural school teachers