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Following the decision of the 2nd meeting of the Eastern Partnership Panel on Research & Innovation (R&I), the IncoNet EaP Project has undertaken to organise three Thematic Workshops in order to identify relevant topics and sub-themes for the EU-EaP STI cooperation. Each workshop should address one of the three Societal Challenges that the EU and the EaP countries have identified as common priorities, namely, Climate Change, Energy and Health.

Under this context, the IncoNet EaP project has organised in Athens on 6-7 November 2014 a *Thematic Workshop on Climate Change for the identification of relevant research topics* with a particular focus on:

- Fighting and adapting to climate change
- Protecting the environment, sustainably managing natural resources, water, biodiversity and ecosystems.

In order to narrow down to the aforementioned sub-themes and determine more specifically the profile of scientific experts to be invited, two main sources were used:

- The output of the *Bibliometric Analysis* prepared by the IncoNet EaP project which showed that out of 80 most recent co-publications (2012-2014) involving EU and EaP researchers, the majority of them dealt with issues related to *Fighting Climate Change* (22 papers) and *Protecting the environment, sustainably managing natural resources, water, biodiversity and ecosystems* (21 papers).
- The Conclusions of the 2012 IncoNet EECA Workshop on “*Opportunities for joint EU-EECA policy approaches addressing global challenges at the example of climate change, health, energy*”.

Twenty-one participants from all the six EaP countries and from seven EU member-states took part at the workshop. During the workshop, researchers identified five topics of mutual EU-EaP interest that could be considered in future H2020 calls for proposals. The identified topics will be submitted to the European Commission (DG Research) and to the forthcoming meeting of the EaP Panel on R&I.