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### European Union Promotes Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation

***Kiev, 30 September 2013 - For the first time the Networking Meeting of representatives of six EaP countries – partners of the EU-funded Territorial Cooperation Programme (EaPTC) – successfully took place on the 27<sup>th</sup> of September, 2013 at the Riviera Hotel in Kiev.***

20 representatives of state institutions from Azerbaijan, Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine, in charge of the EU integration issues, regional development and coordination of cooperation with European Union participated in the Networking Meeting. The objective of the Networking Meeting was to discuss the strategy of territorial cooperation along the borders between Azerbaijan and Georgia, Armenia and Georgia, Belarus and Ukraine and Moldova and Ukraine as well as the approaches to development of the Joint Operational Plans, creation of Joint Decision Making Committees, their rules and functions. The participants also held the bilateral consultations in a framework of their specific territorial cooperation programmes.

The Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) was the organizer of the Networking Meeting.

#### **Background:**

The main objective of the Eastern Partnership Territorial Cooperation Support Programme (EaPTC Support Programme) is to create a favourable environment for territorial cooperation programmes along the borders Armenia – Georgia, Azerbaijan – Georgia, Belarus – Ukraine and Moldova – Ukraine with due regard to specifics of each border area, as well as to strengthen the capacity of local and regional state and non-state actors to jointly develop and implement cross-border projects. The overall EU contribution to EaPTC – 12.5 million EUR.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP) is a European Union initiative directed at six countries of Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The initiative aims at closer relations between the EU and the Eastern partners, deepening their political co-operation and economic integration.

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