

## Black Sea Interconnection

BSI (Black Sea Interconnection) project intends bridging the digital divide that exists between the South Caucasus countries and Europe by establishing a regional research and education network in the South Caucasus and connecting it to GÉANT2. The project involves the development of strategies for interconnecting the existing infrastructures in the region, realization of the connections and supplying operational support for the established network. The existence of interconnections between the South Caucasus countries and connection to GÉANT2 with reasonable capacities will enable introduction of new services to the region and will be an important step towards the integration of the scientific potential in the region with Europe. Information specific to European Community This project is co-funded by European Community and participating countries.

- Total project budget is 1 861 908 Euro
- EU financial contribution is 1 400 000 Euro The works on the project have been scheduled for 24 months and the total effort is 118 man-months.