

EUREKA

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (from December 2011 /Sarajevo/ till 12 June 2012 /Tirana/)

1 Policy actions

(e.g. essential changes in the political authorities, administrative bodies, agencies, institutions, personnel, development/launch of new national funding programmes, etc.)

The end of service of Head of the EUREKA Secretariat (Mr. Luuk Borg) is terminated on 30 June 2012 and decision making process on nomination of new Head is ongoing.

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

n.a.

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

n.a.

4 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

(e.g. new bilateral/international agreements, memberships, support structures, important international projects, programmes, etc.)

Montenegro

- Consideration about EUREKA membership application of Montenegro is finalizing application.
- Important Montenegrin actions:
 - joining to two EUREKA ongoing projects;
 - submitting EUREKA project suggestions for partner search and projects generation.

¹ The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meetings of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries and will be provided for download from the WBC-INCO.Net homepage (www.wbc-inco.net) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to office@wbc-inco.net until June 5, 2012.

- Invitation of Montenegrin Science minister for the Ministerial Conference in Budapest on 22 June 2012 has been sent by the Hungarian EUREKA Chairmanship already.

Proposed changing the project participation rules

The proposed 1+1 project participation rules for EUREKA Individual projects and EUREKA (sub)Cluster projects with participation of EUREKA NIP (and Associated countries) can be applied under the following criteria:

- Project consortium must be composed at least by one EUREKA member country and one NIP (and/or Associated country);
- NIP (and/or Associated country could be main partner in a project);
- A balanced project partnership is necessary.

The final approval of proposed changing project participation rules is under consideration of EUREKA MC in June 2012 in Budapest.

EUREKA NIP in WBCs: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

Involving of WBCs in EUREKA individual projects

Call on 25 January 2012

- Approval of 19 EUREKA individual projects but any project with participation of WBCs

Call on 18 April 2012

- Approval of 14 EUREKA individual projects and from these 1 project with participation of WBCs
 - ICT project between FR (main partner) and HR (other partner) + RO (as interested partner)

6 Assessment of the developments and outlook on the next 6 months

Optional personal opinion

- Renewal of activities regarding EUREKA project generation of WBCs is very urgent.
- Checking a possibility to apply for EUREKA Chairmanship in near future in some of WBC should be actual.

Additional information

Turkey is incoming EUREKA Chairmanship country from 1 July 2012 till 30 June 2013.