

**European Commission**  
**(DG research and Innovation)**

**PROGRESS REPORT<sup>1</sup>**  
**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC**  
**(December 2011- June 2012)**

**1 Policy actions**

Preparation on modalities for association to Horizon 2020: principle agreed; modalities under discussion taking into account pre-accession context (with DG ELARG).

Preparations for next/last FP7 WP 2013

Communication on European Research Area

Preparation of Communication Enhancing and Focusing EU International Cooperation in Research and Innovation"(Autumn 2012).

Implementation of Innovation Union: on track

**2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework**

Adoption of General Partial Approach on Horizon 2020 by Competitiveness Council on 31 May 2012

**3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.**

Second Joint Research Committee with Serbia: 7 February 2012 to assess participation and implementation of association to FP7.

Second meeting of Joint Committee with Montenegro: meeting in March postponed to July

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.wbc-inco.net)) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to [office@zwbc-inco.net](mailto:office@zwbc-inco.net) until November 22, 2011.

Meeting to monitoring Progress on preparation/implementation of EU Research and Innovation policy (chapter 25) with Serbia, Montenegro, Croatia, Kosovo (UN 1244/99) and Bosnia and Herzegovina (and with Albania on 28 June 2012).

#### **4 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data**

NA

#### **5 Assessment of the developments and outlook on the next 6 months**

Finalising Progress reports (Enlargement package) on R&I chapter

Information session with all enlargement countries on association Horizon 2020

Follow discussions on IPA II and synergy with Horizon 2020 (smart specialisation strategy)

Prepare for innovation Union: TAIEX Workshop focussing on Self-assessment tool