

Poland

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC
(1st half 2012 or - November 2011 / Sarajevo till 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.)

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

Albania

Due to the expiry of the Program for Cooperation in the field of science and higher education, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Albania work on the text of the new program. Currently the program is consulted by both parties.

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of Polish Foreign Ministry sent a draft Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Council of Ministers of Bosnia and Herzegovina on cooperation in culture, education and science of April 2011, together with the justification and negotiating instructions for consultations. This agreement would replace the outdated already Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the People's Republic and the Federative People's Republic of Yugoslavia, signed in Belgrade on July 6, 1956. The Polish side considers that it is preferable to a bilateral contract, not only cultural, but regulating also cooperation in the field of education (including higher education) and science. Ongoing legislative work.

Macedonia

On March 4, 2012, the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland has forwarded via the Polish Embassy in Skopje the Polish proposal of Cooperation Programme in higher education between the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia to

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the preliminary arrangements. Macedonian side welcomed the Polish proposal to initiate the conclusion procedure of the agreement.

Montenegro

Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of Polish Foreign Ministry sent a draft Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Council of Ministers of Montenegro on cooperation in culture, education and science of April 2010, together with the justification and negotiating instructions for consultations. This agreement would replace the outdated already Agreement on Cultural Cooperation between the People's Republic and the Federative People's Republic of Yugoslavia, signed in Belgrade on July 6, 1956. Ongoing legislative work.

Serbia

Department of Public and Cultural Diplomacy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs sent on April 4, 2012 to the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland, the Serbian Ministry counter-proposal to the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Council of Ministers of Serbia on cooperation in culture, education and science with a request for comment on the Serbian proposal. Counter-proposal is the response to the Polish project approved by the Prime Ministers on October 2011. Ongoing legislative work.

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

Participation in the European Energy Conference E2C, April 17, 2012, Maastricht, the Netherlands/ Breakout Session – Energy Research Opportunities in cooperation with the Western Balkans

European Network of Energy NCPs: C-Energy+, speaker : Kasia Sobotka (NCP Research Programmes of the EU, Poland)

Visit to Macedonia, May 21-24, 2012

Visit of Prof. Barbara Kudrycka - the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of Poland to Macedonia, 21-24 May 2012. The main objective of the visit was the meeting with the Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia Panče Kralew focused on developing the work on the Polish-Macedonian cooperation agreement in higher education. The former Polish cooperation and Macedonia in the field of higher education takes place under Article 16 of the Agreement between the Government of the Polish Republic and the Macedonian Government on cooperation in the field of culture and education, signed on 29 January 1998 in Warsaw. The talks was also focused on the exchange of information and experience concerning the functioning of higher education systems in both countries and possible joint research themes between Polish and Macedonian research units. In addition, Prof. Kudrycka participated in the Conference NISPAcee (The Network of Institutes and Schools of Public Administration in Central and Eastern Europe) "Public Administration East and

West: Twenty years of development" in Ohrid.

Organizing of the WIRE2012 Conference, June 3-5, 2012, Cracow, Poland

The Conference organized by the European Commission and the NCP for Research Programmes of the EU, Poland, in the framework of the EU "Trio" Presidency: Poland-Denmark-Cyprus.

Participants representing: **Albania, Croatia, Serbia, Macedonia, Montenegro.**

Active participation of **invited speaker Goran Stojanovic from Serbia in Parallel session no. 4: Centres of excellence as innovation drivers in less developed regions** (presentation of APOSTILLE - the REGPOT project from Serbia)

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.)

EU-Croatia



9 December 2011 - signing of the Croatia's EU accession treaty - Dobrodošli!

The treaty was signed on behalf of the EU by the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy, Prime Minister Donald Tusk (Poland) and representatives of other EU Member States. To mark Croatia's signing of the EU Accession Treaty, the Polish Presidency launched an unusual project which involved filming a welcome speech in which everyone could participate. The single speech, compiled from a variety of different recordings, constitutes a symbolic gift from Poland to the representatives of Croatia. The name of the project, Dobrodošli, comes from the Croatian word for welcome.

<http://pl2011.eu/en/content/accession-treaty-croatia-signed-dobrodosli>

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

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

(Optional personal opinion)

By the end of 2012 should result in concluding the legislative work concerning the agreements mentioned in chapter 2.

Appendix: additional data

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