

Republic of Macedonia

PROGRESS REPORT¹

**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC
(2st half 2012 or - June 2012 / Tirana till December 2012 / Belgrade)**

1 Policy actions

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

Strategy on Innovation of the Republic of Macedonia 2012 – 2020

adopted October 2012

Action Plan on the Strategy for Innovation of the Republic of Macedonia 2013 - 2015

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

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3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

Joint platform EEN – FP7 National Contact Points (June 2012)

JRC Info day 26 September 2012

FP 7 expert meeting – R&D situation, opportunities and challenges in Macedonia (October 2012)

Support of research in Social and Humanitarian Sciences – Challenges and Perspectives (November 2012)

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.)

Memorandum of understanding JRC – Republic of Macedonia

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 December 1, 2012.

Bilateral cooperation - In procedure of signing are several documents:

Draft Agreement for Scientific and technological cooperation between the Government of the Republic of Macedonia and the Government of the Republic of Serbia

Memorandum for cooperation in the field of education and science between the Ministry of Education of the Republic of Azerbaijan and the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia

Protocol for cooperation in the field of education between the Ministry of Education and Science of the Republic of Macedonia and the Ministry of Education of Egypt.

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

Participation in FP 7 continues its positive trend. So far according to MES evidence there have been 473 participations with 86 approved projects. Cooperation 43 (23 CP/ 20 CSA), Capacities 30, People 13

Cooperation with JRC improved. Greatest number of applications for enlargement and integration actions, 22% of total submitted as well as applications for grant holders and national expert positions - 25 out of 55 positions.

COST – 64 actions

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

(Optional personal opinion)

The forthcoming period will be devoted to preparations towards Horizon 2020. The Government has adopted measures for strengthening overall capacities towards the new programme including the NCP network, awareness raising events, organizing seminars and workshops, working with the EEN network on supporting SME's etc.

Appendix: additional data

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