

## Republic of Macedonia

### **PROGRESS REPORT<sup>1</sup>**

#### **on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (December 2012 / Belgrade till June 2013 / Budva)**

#### **1 Policy actions**

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

A 40 million World Bank loan approved for establishment of the National Innovation Fund to support the implementation of the National Innovation Strategy 2012 - 2020

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

Draft Law on Innovation activity adopted – 18.02.2013

Strategy for networking, collaboration and decrease of outflow of highly educated and highly qualified personnel 2013-2020 and an Action Plan 2013 – 2015 for implementation of the Strategy.

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

Eight international annual conference on European Integration “Out of the Crisis – EU Economic and Social Policies Reconsidered” 16<sup>th</sup> May 2013

High Level meeting between the World Bank Delegation and Macedonian Government representatives on promotion of the Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation for the WBC’s 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013

Second Review Meeting: Adaptation schemes for the Western Balkans, Skopje, April 23 and 24, 2013

Forum on Research in Social Sciences in Macedonia 14<sup>th</sup> May 2013

#### 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.)

Protocol of the 3<sup>rd</sup> session of Macedonia-China scientific and technological cooperation

Projects:

“Development of the capacities of the National coordination system for Horizont 2020”  
 IPA/TAIB/TAF

TAIEX approved “Study visit to the National Innovation Office of the Republic of Hungary

TAIEX approved “Successful preparation of project proposals for Horizont 2020”

#### 5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

FP7 2007-2012	Project proposals submitted	459	Project proposals mainlisted	83
COST 2012	Approved Actions	21		
EUREKA	Ongoing projects	2		
IAEA	Recommended projects	3		

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

##### *(Optional personal opinion)*

Within the reporting period activities were carried out for further strengthening the strategic framework for science and research as well as preparations towards “Horizon 2020”. Besides the Innovation Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia 2020 and the Law on innovation activity, one more National Strategy on networking, collaboration and decrease of the outflow of highly educated and qualified personnel 2013-2020 was prepared.

Intensive preparations towards “Horizon 2020” were ongoing as well, strengthening the overall capacities, supported by 1 IPA project and 2 TAIEX-s.

All these activities are to be continued and implemented within the forthcoming period.

#### **Appendix: additional data**

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