**SLOVENIA**

**PROGRESS REPORT[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation with the WBC**

 **(September 2014 – May 2015)**

# Policy actions

In May 2015 new Minister for Education, Science and Sport of the Republic of Slovenia, Dr. Maja Makovec Brenčič was nominated.

# Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

N/A

# Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

N/A

# Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

Supporting development of information system for libraries (COBISS) and information system on research activities – E-CRIS in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia, Montenegro, Macedonia and Albania.

***Bilateral cooperation***

***BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA***

Launch of the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina for the 2016-2017 (3. 4.2015). The Joint Board meeting is planned to be held till the end of 2015.

38 bilateral projects are in the process of realization, adopted for the period 2014-2015.

***MONTENEGRO***

Launch of the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Montenegro for 2016-2017 (17. 4.2015). The Joint Board meeting is planned to be held till the end of 2015.

18 bilateral projects are in the process of realization, adopted for the period 2014-2015.

***SERBIA***

Launch of the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Serbia for 2016-2017 (17. 4.2015). The Joint Board meeting is planned to be held till the end of 2015.

68 bilateral projects are in the process of realization, adopted for the period 2014-2015.

***Multilateral Cooperation***

Slovenia actively participates in the DANUBE-INCO.NET project.

# Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

N/A

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

On the basis of the Calls for proposals for S&T cooperation for the period 2016 – 2017 with Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro which were published in the spring 2015, Joint board meetings are planned to be held at the end of the year 2015 with all mentioned WBC countries.

1. The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meetings of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries. Please submit your report to office@danube-inco.net **until June 1, 2015**. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)