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Theme in Focus: Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan countries

The Steering Platform on research facilitates the interaction between the Western Balkan Countries, the EU member states, the candidate and potential candidate countries and other states associated to the Framework Programmes for RTD and the European Commission. Its main objective is **to support the**

enhanced integration of the WBCs in the European Research Area. It is a strategic body to deal with European, multilateral and regional issues of science, technology and innovation policies in and with the WBCs.

It acts as an information exchange centre, clearing house for joint ideas and activities, and coordination forum for needs, suggestions and proposals of the WBCs to the European Commission, the EU28, candidate and potential candidate countries and the countries associated to Horizon 2020 and vice versa. In this spirit, the Platform continues and intensifies the progress achieved under the EU-Balkan Countries Action Plan on Science and Technology since 2006.

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GUIDELINES FOR THE STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH FOR WBC

Steering Platform members welcomed the continuation of the meetings after the closure of the WBC-INCO.NET project





Research as a key tool to facilitate integration into ERA and EU

The Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan countries was launched on June 26, 2006 in Vienna under Austrian EU Council Presidency, receiving full high-level support from the European Commission. EU Commissioner Janez Potocnik emphasized in his SP opening address in 2006 the clear European policy: **The future of the Western Balkan Countries lies in the European Union, and research is a key tool to facilitate integration.**

Until April 2014, the Platform was supported by WBC-INCO.NET project, including the responsibility for logistics and administrative management as "Information Office of the Steering Platform". With the closure of WBC-INCO.NET project, the future of the Platform seemed uncertain. Thanks to the European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), Italian Presidency and Central European Initiative (CEI), as well as Hungarian Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade and RCISD, as well as thanks to the commitment of all Ministries in charge for Science and Technology from Western Balkans, two more meetings of the Steering Platform have been organised since the closure of WBC-INCO.NET project: the 16th Steering Platform was held in [Trieste](#) on September 24th, 2014, the 17th Steering Platform took place on June 8-9, 2015 in [Budapest](#) (Photo: the participants of the SP in Budapest).

It is expected that the Steering Platform will continue with its work also in the years to come. Updates will be available at the WBC-RTI.info website - Information Platform funded by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and implemented by Centre for Social Innovation (ZSI) - both in this way actively supporting the Steering Platform meetings.

Coming next...

WBC-RTI.info website will be regularly updated, in particular focusing one selected theme pro month - such as is the Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan countries in this issue. See also "Coming next" button above.

However, it builds upon WBC-INCO.NET platform, thus includes huge amount of information ever since 2006. You are preparing a scientific paper on research or innovation in WBC or looking for cooperation partners - these data bases might be very helpful for you!

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