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Theme in Focus: "Research funding opportunities and performance of WBC"

The European Commission will invest almost €16 billion in research and innovation in the next two years under Horizon 2020, the EU's research and innovation funding scheme, following a new Work Programme for 2016-17 adopted in October 2015. All Western Balkan countries (except Kosovo* which also can participate as a third country) are associated to Horizon 2020, thus legal entities from Associated Countries can participate under the same conditions as legal entities from the Member States.

APPLYING FOR RESEARCH FUNDING



Following the first preliminary results of the WBC participation in Horizon 2020, indicating overall low participation rate (Albania: 10%; Bosnia & Herzegovina: 13%; FYROM: 15%; Montenegro: 18%; Serbia: 11% and in particular low participation of industry/SMEs) – research organisations from WBC, universities, SMEs and single researchers are invited to put their ideas on paper and find partners to jointly prepare excellent proposals within a new work programme 2016/2017.

*"Horizon 2020 will continue to fund researchers and innovators at the cutting edge of their research disciplines, working on the **latest breakthroughs in science**. It supports projects across the cycle from*

research to innovation, using a range of financial instruments to facilitate their **exploitation and access to markets**. It will also invest in **training of researchers** including **exchanges between industry and academia**, create opportunities to build research teams in Member States where the research and innovation potential is underexploited, and take a **strategic approach to international cooperation** in research and innovation.

In line with the "Open Science, Open Innovation, Open to the World" agenda set by Commissioner Moedas, responsible for Research, Science and Innovation, the Work Programme is designed to open up European research and innovation, for instance, by **attracting more SMEs; ensuring better use of research results and strengthening research cooperation with other countries**. It will also greatly enhance the **impact of EU research funding**, in line with the EU Budget focused on Results strategy launched by the Commission Vice President Kristalina Georgieva, responsible for budget and human resources." (Source: European Commission - Fact Sheet, MEMO/15/5832)

There are several topics introduced within different calls for proposals in Horizon 2020 but also some **other current or future funding programmes** are mentioned which might be of high interest for Western Balkan countries. Please find below some selected calls and useful news, documents and links.

Find more related articles

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CALL | DEADLINE 2. NOV. 2015

[EFB] CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – THINK AND LINK – REGIONAL POLICY PROGRAMME 2016

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DANUBE TRANSNATIONAL PROGRAMME - FIRST CALL

CALL | DEADLINE 7. DEC. 2015

[EFG] CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR THE EUROPEAN FOUNDATIONS AWARD FOR RESPONSIBLE RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

CALL | DEADLINE 15. DEC. 2015

[EFB] FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME FOR GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS 2015/2016

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[MSCA-ITN-2016 CALL] INNOVATIVE TRAINING NETWORKS

CALL | DEADLINE 13. JAN. 2016

[MSCA-NIGHT-2016] EUROPEAN RESEARCHERS' NIGHT

CALL | DEADLINE 16. JAN. 2016

[INTERREG IPA CBC] FIRST CALL FOR PROJECT PROPOSALS WITHIN INTERREG-IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME BULGARIA-SERBIA

CALL | DEADLINE 26. JAN. 2016

CELEBRATING EUROPEAN SCIENCE (H2020 CALL)

CALL | DEADLINE 9. FEB. 2016

COST ACTION OPEN CALL - THE NEXT COLLECTION DATE IS 9 FEBRUARY 2016.

CALL | DEADLINE 25. APR. 2017

[HORIZON 2020 INDUSTRIAL LEADERSHIP - INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY] STARTUP EUROPE FOR GROWTH AND INNOVATION RADAR

DOCUMENT | 24. SEP. 2015

IPA II (2014-2020) - INDICATIVE STRATEGY PAPERS FOR WBC

DOCUMENT | 1. SEP. 2015

EC PROGRESS REPORTS FOR WBC 2014/2015 - PROGRESS MADE IN SCIENCE, RESEARCH AND EDUCATION

DOCUMENT | 28. OCT. 2015

HORIZON 2020 - FIRST RESULTS

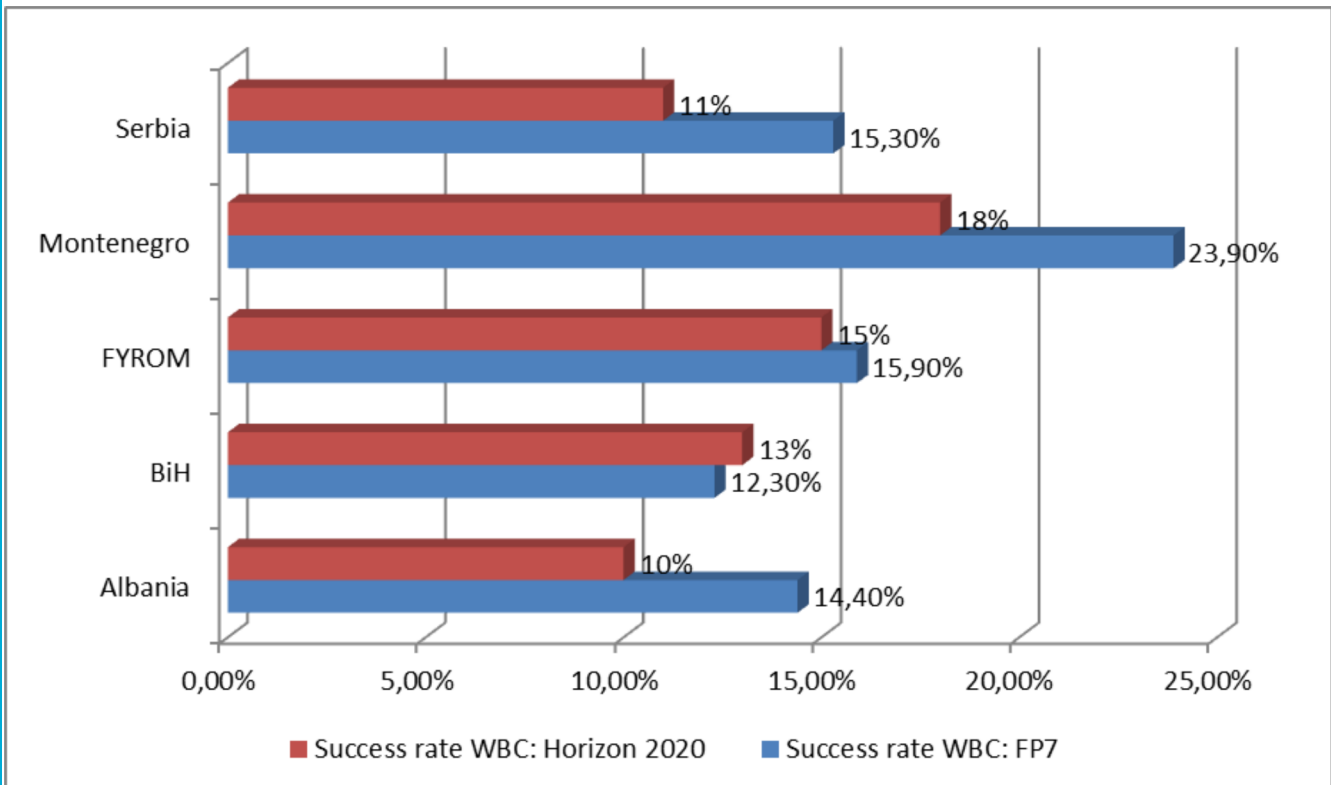
LINK | 24. SEP. 2015

H2020 ONLINE MANUAL

LINK | 7. NOV. 2012

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Research funding performance of WBC



Low success rates in Horizon 2020 - country capacity and project management barriers to overcome

The social and political problems, and currently the migration crisis are still more pressing in WBC than the low level of national R&D investment (Serbia and Montenegro spend on around 1% of GDP on R&D, while other countries in the region spend up to 0,3% of GDP).

Following the Progress Reports 2014 for WBC within the "Enlargement package" adopted each year by the Commission - the progress made in Science and Research is assessed in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo as limited, in Serbia some progress and FYR of Macedonia and Montenegro good progress was identified. In Albania further capacity building and investment in research are required to ensure integration into the ERA and contribution to the Innovation Union. Also increased efforts for successful participation in Horizon 2020 are necessary. Similar assessment is made for Bosnia and Herzegovina and Kosovo*. However in all WB countries **the need to strengthen the research and innovation capacity at national level through increased investment in research both from public and private sector as well as the need to strengthen the administrative capacity to ensure successful participation in Horizon 2020 is evident and confirmed by several studies so far.**

Also Danube-INCO.NET study on cooperation barriers, published in June 2015 and including information for Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia concludes:

"The barriers relating to the capacity on the country level and the barriers relating to the project management are perceived as the most important with regard to the RTDI cooperation among the Danube Region countries, in particular for Enlargement countries."

Graph: Data for FP7 according to progress reports, as of October 2014. Data for Horizon 2020 according to results presented at the SP on Research for WBC, as of July 2015.

[Read the full article here](#)

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SELECTED EVENTS OF RELEVANCE FOR STAKEHOLDER FROM THE WBC REGION

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SELECTED NATIONAL AND EU CALLS FOR FUNDING OF PARTICULAR RELEVANCE FOR WB COUNTRIES

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PROJECTS | 218 Entries

LIST OF INTERESTING CLOSED AND RUNNING PROJECTS AND INITIATIVES

ORGANISATIONS | 1538 Entries

LIST OF RTI STAKEHOLDERS FROM THE REGION AND/OR CLOSE COOPERATING WITH THE REGION

RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES | 118 Entries

NUMBER OF (RISs), IMPORTANT RESEARCH FACILITIES AND RESEARCH EQUIPMENT IN WBC

LINKS | 385 Entries

SELECTION OF USEFUL LINKS



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