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PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding research and innovation cooperation in/with Western Balkans (Period: June 2016 – June 2017)²

1 Policy actions and legislative initiatives (legal and strategic framework)

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2 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

- Bilateral Agreement on scientific and technological cooperation with Bosnia and Herzegovina formally adopted June 2017
- 1st Multilateral Danube Call has financed 19 projects,

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, studies etc.

- HERAS – Higher Education, Research and Applied Science - Kosovo project, financed by the Austrian Development Agency; support by the BMWFV with expertise

4 Outlook and perspectives

- Bilateral Call with Serbia currently open until end of September 2017
- Bilateral Calls with Albania and Macedonia still in 2017
- First bilateral Call with Bosnia Herzegovina in 2018
- Bilateral Call with Montenegro in 2018
- 2nd multilateral Danube Call will be prepared for 2018; invitation to all interested countries also beyond the Danube Region

¹ **Important Note:** The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meeting of the Steering Platform on Research and Innovation for the Western Balkans and will be made available for the participants. Based on this report, please prepare one PowerPoint slide, which will be used during the meeting to present the main topics of the progress report to all SP members. Please send the report and the PowerPoint slide by September 1, 2017 to Ms. Ines Marinkovic at marinkovic@zsi.at.

² The last Steering Platform was held in Sarajevo on June 7, 2016. All related information is also available online here: <https://wbc-rti.info/object/news/15251>



5 Other relevant information related to Research and Innovation cooperation in/with Western Balkan economies)

- Western Balkan RTI Info Platform running and funded until 2019 <https://wbc-rti.info/>