

SLOVENIA

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)

For other Steering Platform members: (EU Member States, International Organisations and Initiatives, EU bodies)

Strategy of Internationalization of the Slovenian Science and Research (in final phase of preparation) – one of the priority areas of the international scientific cooperation for Slovenia are **Western Balkan Countries**.

2 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

(e.g. new bilateral/regional/multilateral/international agreements, memberships, support structures, important projects, programmes, etc.)

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- 36 bilateral projects are in the process of realization, adopted for the period 2016-2017;
- launch of the new joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina is in the process of negotiation;

MACEDONIA

- 15 bilateral projects adopted for the period 2017-2018 are in the process of realization;

MONTENEGRO

- 26 bilateral projects for the period 2016-2017 are in the process of realization,
- launch of the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Montenegro for 2018-2020 is planned. The Joint Board meeting is planned to be held in the first half of 2018.

SERBIA

- 53 bilateral projects are in the process of realization, adopted for the period 2016-2017.

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>



- the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Serbia for 2018-2019 was launched 21. 4.2017. The Joint Board meeting is planned to be held till the end of 2017.
- Cooperation in the HORIZON 2020;
- MIZŠ participated in DANUBE-INCO.NET which was concluded in the end of June this year and we are continuing with activities through Danube Funding Coordination Network with a goal to actively support joint actions, activities in relation to the research and innovation in the Danube Region.

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

Visit of the minister for science of Montenegro dr. Sanja Damjanović on 15 May 2017 and meeting with the Slovenian Minister for Education, Science and Sport dr. Maja Makovec Brenčič

4 Outlook and perspectives

(e.g. upcoming relevant meetings, policy actions etc.)

2nd World Congress on Open Educational Resources (OER), 18 – 20 September 2017, Ljubljana

- satellite event during the congress for representatives from WBC – “Opening up the Balkan initiatives” on 18 September (expert participation)
- Ministerial working breakfast – ministers from WBC, Croatia, Slovenia and Mr Tibor Navracsics, 19 September

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

(e.g. relevant publications, relevant online (information) platforms etc.)

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