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Steering Platform on Research and Innovation for Western Balkans

The Steering Platform (SP) on Research and Innovation for Western Balkans was established in 2006 to **facilitate the interaction between the Western Balkan economies, 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 WBs in the European Research Area. Therefore it is a strategic body to deal with European, multilateral and regional issues of Science, Technology and Innovation policies in and with the WBs. It acts moreover as an information exchange centre, clearing house for joint ideas and activities, and coordination forum for needs, suggestions and proposals of the WB6 to the European Commission, the EU Member States, 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.

The last 21th Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation was organised in Brussels on 23-24 September 2019, and the Conclusions are now publicly available. you can find them at the end of this bulletin. All the latest SP-related articles are also available below. Please note that some of them are not public but restricted to SP members only.



• **NEWS AND OTHER RELATED INFORMATION SELECTED FROM ARCHIVES**

- Posted on January 21, 2020
[\[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT\] - WESTERN BALKANS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING \(SOFIA, 18-19 MARCH 2020\)](#)
The next Western Balkans Research and Innovation Meeting will take place in Sofia on March 18-19, 2020 and will be hosted by the Ministry of Education and Science of Bulgaria. This event includes the ...
- Posted on December 19, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] - 8TH MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE WESTERN BALKANS PLATFORM ON EDUCATION AND TRAINING \(3-4 JUNE 2019, BELGRADE\)](#)
Tibor Navracsics, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport, opened the 8th Ministerial Meeting of the Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training in Belgrade, Serbia. ...
- Posted on December 19, 2019
[BERLIN PROCESS: WHAT'S NEXT FOR WESTERN BALKANS?](#)
The Berlin Process is now in its second four-year term. Undoubtedly relevant and proving its utility, it continues to be the driver for change in the Balkans and to be catalyst for greater cooperation...
- Posted on December 18, 2019
[\[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT\] MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SCIENCE & RESEARCH: "TRIESTE DECLARATION ON SCIENCE" ADOPTED](#)
'Trieste Declaration on Science' paves the way for 17 countries in south-east Europe to boost participation in Horizon Europe and strengthen international research cooperation The Ministers of...
- Posted on October 29, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT IN POZNAŃ](#)
Western Balkans Summit 2019: Heads of Government, Foreign Ministers, Ministers of Economy and Interior from the Western Balkans, together with their counterparts from several EU Member States and high...
- Posted on October 16, 2019
[GLOBAL CHALLENGES NEED GLOBAL SOLUTIONS - THE VIEW OF MONTENEGRO'S SCIENCE MINISTER DAMJANOVIC AT R&I DAYS](#)
Montenegro's Science Minister Sanja Damjanovic addressed the European Research and Innovation Days in Brussels on September 25.
- Posted on October 16, 2019
[\[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT\] LAUNCH OF SYNCHROTRON RADIATION TRAINING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS BY ELETTRA \(MARCH 2020\)](#)
Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste announced the launch of two pilot actions for Western Balkans: the PhD fellowship opportunities as well as the postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in synchrotron radiation...
- Posted on October 15, 2019
[PRESENTATIONS AND RECORDINGS FROM THE JRC CONFERENCE: UNVEILING SERBIA'S SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY](#)
The JRC Conference on "Unveiling Serbia's Smart Specialisation Strategy and exploring the role of incubators, accelerators and S&T Parks in delivering sector specific support in the Western Balkans..."
- Posted on October 1, 2019
[THE NEW EUROPEAN COMMISSION 2019-2024: EU PERSPECTIVES FOR WBS AND NEW COMMISSIONER RESPONSIBLE FOR R&I](#)
On 10 September 2019, President-elect of the European Commission Ursula von der Leyen presented her team and the new structure of the next European Commission. Von der Leyen confirmed the European...
- Posted on September 27, 2019
[\[EVENT REVIEW\] - START OF THE SEEIIST DESIGN PHASE](#)
Organised on September 18th, this event aimed at informing the public about the advancements of the SEEIIST project at a decisive moment when it passes from the phase of conception to the phase ...

- Posted on September 26, 2019
[**\[EVENT REVIEW\] - WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM R&I AND MINISTERIAL MEETINGS \(BRUSSELS, 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2019\)**](#)
 The Western Balkans (WBs) Steering Platform on Research and Innovation R&I and Ministerial meetings were organised in Brussels on 23rd and 24th September 2019. The event was co-chaired by the European...
- Posted on September 20, 2019
[**\[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT\] NEW INFOGRAPHIC - THE WESTERN BALKANS IN HORIZON 2020**](#)
 This infographic was recently released to inform on developments related to the funding of Western Balkan research projects within Horizon 2020.
- Posted on July 12, 2019
[**\[EVENT REVIEW\] 4TH RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING, VIENNA 9-10 JUNE 2019**](#)
 The fourth Western Balkans Research and Innovation meeting took place in Vienna on June 9-10, 2019 within the framework of the European Commission's Support for the Steering Platform (SP) on Research...
- Posted on March 28, 2019
[**\[EVENT REVIEW\] 3RD RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING, SARAJEVO 26-27 MARCH 2019**](#)
 The third Western Balkans Research and Innovation meeting took place in Sarajevo on March 26-27, 2019 within the framework of the European Commission's Support for the Steering Platform (SP) on Research...
- Posted on January 25, 2019
[**HOW TO APPLY FOR IPARD FUNDING FOR YOUR FARM, FOOD PROCESSING OR RURAL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT**](#)
 To get funding under IPARD, an application needs to be sent to the national IPARD agency.
- Posted on July 30, 2018
[**CONCLUSIONS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION AND THE MINISTERIAL MEETING \(BRUSSELS, JUNE 25, 2018\)**](#)
 The Western Balkans (WBs) Steering Platform (SP) on Research and Innovation was organised in Brussels in the morning of June 25th, 2018. The meeting was co-chaired by the European Commission (DG Research...

• CALLS

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[**ANNOUNCEMENT: SYNCHROTRON RADIATION TRAINING & INTERNSHIP PROGRAMMES FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS BY ELETTRA**](#)
 Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste announced is launching PhD fellowship opportunities as well as postdoctoral fellowship opportunities in synchrotron radiation techniques and applications specifically ...

• DOCUMENTS

- [**MINUTES OF THE OF THE WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM ON R&I AND MINISTERIAL MEETINGS \(BRUSSELS, 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2019\)**](#)
 The Western Balkans (WBs) Steering Platform on Research and Innovation was organised in Brussels on September 23-24, 2019. The meeting was co-chaired by the European Commission (DG Research and Innovation...
- [**CONCLUSIONS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM ON R&I AND MINISTERIAL MEETINGS \(BRUSSELS, 23-24 SEPTEMBER 2019\)**](#)
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- [**WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT POZNAŃ. CHAIR'S CONCLUSIONS**](#)
 On 5 July 2019, Poland welcomed the Heads of Government of the Berlin Process participants, as well as representatives of the European Institutions, International Financial Institutions, OECD, the Regional...

- **[MINISTERIAL MEETING ON SCIENCE & RESEARCH: "TRIESTE DECLARATION ON SCIENCE" ADOPTED](#)**
‘Trieste Declaration on Science’ paves the way for 17 countries in south-east Europe to boost participation in Horizon Europe and strengthen international research cooperation The Ministers of...
- **[EU CONNECTIVITY AGENDA FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS](#)**
The European Union has long been strongly engaged in the Western Balkans. Since the Thessaloniki Summit in 2003, it has supported the future of the region as an integral part of the EU. In 2014, on the...
- **[FACTSHEET: EU-WESTERN BALKANS - BOOSTING DIGITAL CONNECTIVITY](#)**
This factsheet includes a timeline of digital connectivity in the Western Balkans, information on the Connectivity Agenda, digital projects in the 2018 Connectivity Package, digital transition in the ...
- **[FACTSHEET: EU-WESTERN BALKANS - BOOSTING CONNECTIVITY](#)**
This factsheet includes information on the Connectivity Agenda, expected results of 2019 projects, as well as on using EU grants through the Western Balkans Investment Framework to boost investments 2015...
- **[FACTSHEET ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS OF THE WESTERN BALKANS](#)**
Including an overview of EU - WBC relations, economic potential thereof, key achievements in the last year, as well as main steps to accession.
- **[INITIAL STATEMENT ON THE HORIZON EUROPE PROPOSAL BY WESTERN BALKAN SIX](#)**
The Initial Statement on the Horizon Europe Proposal represents the initial joint position of Ministries responsible for Science of the Western Balkan Six on the European Commission proposal for Horizon...
- **[THE WESTERN BALKANS IN HORIZON 2020](#)**
This infographic was recently released to inform on developments related to the funding of Western Balkan research projects within Horizon 2020. Current data show that the participation of Western Balkan...

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Conclusions of the WB Steering Platform on R&I and Ministerial Meetings (Brussels, 23-24 September 2019)

The 21st Western Balkans (WB) Steering Platform on Research and Innovation (SP) was organised in Brussels on September 23-24, 2019. The meeting was co-chaired by the European Commission (DG Research and Innovation), the Finnish Presidency of the Council of the European Union and Bosnia and Herzegovina represented by the Ministry of Civil Affairs. The meeting was organised back to back with the Research and Innovation Days (24-26 September 2019). The Ministerial part of the Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation took place in the morning of September 24th and, in the morning of 23rd September, the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) organised a preparatory meeting on Horizon Europe to finalise the related Western Balkans Statement. At the RCC meeting, the Western Balkans reported on progress and developments related to R&I...



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