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### **Eureka Network**

<u>Eureka</u> is an international network established in 1985 as an agreement between 18 countries to foster European competitiveness and integration and to encourage R&D cooperation. Since then, Eureka has expanded to include over 45 countries in Europe and beyond who share the same goals and have national funding available to organisations who apply through its programmes.

Under the motto "Towards a New Eureka", Austria takes Eureka's Chair from July 2020 to June 2021, and celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Network. The Austrian Chairmanship prioritises the further development of Eureka's programmes, global outreach and internal cooperation, as well as upholding the unique selling point of Eureka: keeping its valuable local specialisations and core DNA intact. Eureka's Austrian Chairmanship is held by the Austrian Research Promotion Agency (FFG): Austria's national contact point for Eureka.

The Eureka Network has a broad set of instruments, which are the different mechanisms used to run calls. Countries can decide which instruments to use to support their collaboration:

- Eureka Network Projects enable bottom-up bilateral and multilateral projects between any country in the Eureka Network in any area.
- Eureka Eurostars enables collaborative projects (2 cut off dates per/year) in any area with projects led by Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs).
- Eureka Clusters are industry driven public private partnerships which build communities and convene projects between SMEs and large industry in specific technology and market areas.
- Eureka GlobalStars calls enable collaborative projects between any country in the Eureka Network and countries outside the Eureka Network in any area.

<u>Eureka's programmes</u> are flexible and open to startups, SMEs, large companies, research organisations and universities. Discover <u>here</u> all the national and regional funding bodies in the Eureka network and check out here the open calls for projects

Find below a series of articles we have just published as far as this topic is concerned.



### • NEWS

# Posted on April 29, 2021 WHAT IS EUREKA AND HOW TO GET INVOLVED

The global nature of business has changed dramatically since the launch of EUREKA in 1985. As an initially European business focused Research and Development and Innovation (R&D&I) network, EUREKA...

Posted on April 29, 2021
 EUREKA - BENEFITS AND COSTS FOR MEMBERS AND POSSIBLE IMPACT FOR THE
 WESTERN BALKANS

The Western Balkan region has significantly improved in terms of innovation performance in the last ten years. However, in catching up with other European regions, the focus of innovation efforts must...

 Posted on April 29, 2021 <u>EUREKA 35 YEARS CELEBRATION TURNS INTO A EUREKA'S BIRTHDAY WEEK</u> Originally planned to take place in Vienna's stunning Hofburg on 22 March, due to the pandemic situation, the Austrian Chair reinvented the celebration as a week-long series of podcasts with leading public...

Posted on July 9, 2020
 <u>AUSTRIA TAKES OVER THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF EUREKA NETWORK 2020/2021</u>

 Eureka, the world's biggest public network for international cooperation in R&D and innovation is celebrating its 35th anniversary. Austria, as one of the founding members of Eureka now takes over...

### • EVENTS

- May 18-20, 2021 | Graz, Austria
   <u>GLOBAL INNOVATION SUMMIT 2021</u>
   The Innovation Summit will take place on 18-20 May 2021 in Graz, Styria as a virtual event.
- Posted on March 14, 2021
   **REGISTRATIONS TO GLOBAL INNOVATION SUMMIT 2021 ARE NOW OPEN** 
   The Global Innovation Summit provides an international meeting place for businesses, innovators, researchers and funding experts to network, share knowledge and develop new business ideas. You can also...
- May 18, 2021, 14:30 17:15
   TOWARDS A WESTERN BALKANS REGIONAL INNOVATION AREA SUPPORTING INNOVATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (SESSION BY EC, DG R&I)

   This session will be organised within the Global Innovation Summit 2021 by the European Commission DG R&I. Over the last 10 years, the innovation performance within the Western Balkans region has...

## • CALLS

- Deadline: June 28, 2021
   SERBIA CALL FOR PROJECTS (EUREKA)

   The Serbian national funding body, the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, has allocated funding for organisations collaborating on international R&D projects.
  - Deadline: December 31, 2025 <u>EUREKA OPEN CALL FOR NETWORK PROJECTS APPLICATIONS</u> The call for Network projects is open for applications all year round. Access national funding for

your international collaborative R&D projects using our simple flexible programme. For more information...

### • LATEST PROJECTS

 WaQuMoS WATER QUALITY MONITORING SYSTEM WITH MULTI-PARAMETER IOT SENSOR NODES FOR PROACTIVE WATER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT (WAQUMOS) The goal of WaQuMoS project is development of on-line system for monitoring quality of class I

The goal of WaQuMoS project is development of on-line system for monitoring quality of class I freshwaters, running above ground and underground.

#### PROBIBARS INNOVATIVE HEALTH-PROMOTING DRY FOOD MATRICES WITH ENHANCED FUNCTIONALITY (PROBIBARS)

PROBIBARS aims to develop new functional dry food products containing synbiotic microcapsules, to improve bacteria viability and stability, and fortified with plant peptide-rich protein hydrolysates, ...

### DOCUMENTS

### EUREKA ANNUAL REPORT 2020

The report provides an overview of 2020 activities and successes for each of Eureka's programmes and services (Eurostars, Clusters, Network projects, Globalstars, investment readiness and the expert database...

#### EUREKA ANNUAL REPORT 2019

2019 annual report from the Eureka Association. The report provides an overview of last year's activities and successes for each of the programmes and services (Eurostars, Clusters, Network projects, ...

### • LINKS

### EUREKA POSTER: A TASTE OF THE ORGANISATION

Find here the official poster of Eureka. It efficiently informs on the network, its services and programmes as well as core principles. Follow this link to access the poster

### EUREKA PROJECT DATABASE

Eureka is an international network established in 1985 as an agreement between 18 countries to foster European competitiveness and integration and to encourage R&D cooperation ...Database containing EUREKA-funded projects

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# Towards a Western Balkans regional innovation area - supporting innovation in the Western Balkans

Dedicated session at the Global Innovation Summit 2021 (18 May 2021, 14:30 - 17:15)

The Western Balkan region has considerably improved in terms of innovation performance in the last ten years and the Global Innovation Summit 2021 is another opportunity to meet likeminded innovative people. This is why the European Commission is organising the specific session: "Towards a Western Balkans regional innovation area - supporting innovation in the Western Balkans" on May 18.

Two topics are envisaged during the Western Balkans session:

- Towards a connected innovation ecosystem and
- Access to finance support for SMEs.

In these two sessions participants will learn more on the opportunities for innovation support for the Western Balkans organisations and their partners across EU programmes and beyond, aiming to achieve synergies. Cooperation possibilities with International Financing Institutions, Knowledge and Innovation Centres (KICs), intergovernmental organisations and regional innovation investments will be also explored.



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# FURTHER SELECTED ARTICLES

• NEWS

Posted on April 30, 2021 EU4TECH POC SIGNS A FURTHER TWO CONTRACTS FOR PROTOTYPING EU4TECH PoC has signed a further two contracts to support prototyping actions– this time for 2 projects from Serbia. Both projects originate from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering University of Niš...

Posted on April 28, 2021
 EU AGREES ON EUROPEAN CLIMATE LAW, MAKES 2050 NET ZERO EMISSIONS TARGET LEGALLY
 BINDING
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The European Union has agreed to make climate neutrality by 2050 a legally binding target and set a target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030 compared to the 1990 levels. &...

- Posted on April 28, 2021
   <u>ALBANIA RANKS BEST IN THE WB REGION ON WEF'S ENERGY TRANSITION INDEX 2021</u>

   The World Economic Forum (WEF) has said that 92 out of 115 countries tracked by its Energy Transition Index (ETI) have increased their aggregate score over the past 10 years, affirming the positive direction...
- Posted on April 26, 2021
   STARTING GRANTS APPLICATIONS: FACTS AND FIGURES

The ERC Starting Grants 2021 call closed for applications on 12 April 2021.

• Posted on April 21, 2021

FIRST BIG CONFERENCE ON SOLAR ENERGY IN SERBIA – EVERYTHING IS SET FOR SOLAR BOOM The proposed Law on Renewable Energy Sources will finally create the conditions for Serbia to use its

solar energy potential, attract investments, reduce environmental pollution and enable citizens and...

### • Posted on April 19, 2021

### CORONAVIRUS: TEAM EUROPE CONTINUES TO DELIVER WITH MORE THAN €26 BILLION DISBURSED IN SUPPORT TO PARTNER COUNTRIES IN ONE YEAR

One year ago, the European Commission and the High Representative set out plans for a targeted EU response to support partner countries' efforts in tackling the Coronavirus pandemic combining resources...

 Posted on April 19, 2021 <u>RYCO ANNOUNCES FINAL LIST OF ITS FOURTH OPEN CALL</u> The fourth Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) Open Call received 129 project proposals from civil society organizations (CSOs) which resulted in 400 partnerships throughout the Western Balkans....

• Posted on April 19, 2021

**NOT ANOTHER BORING HANDBOOK: LEARN TO WRITE SUCCESSFUL PROJECTS** The RYCO Local Branch Office in Serbia in cooperation with the OSCE Mission to Serbia publishes the "Beginner's Manual for Project Proposal Writing 101".

Posted on April 19, 2021
 HOW ARE OECD COUNTRIES DESIGNING R&D TAX RELIEF & WHAT'S ITS COST?
 Member States & partners are increasingly using D\*D tax incentives to support D\*D in fire

Member States & partners are increasingly using R&D tax incentives to support R&D in firms

- Posted on April 19, 2021
  - BH & EU THE COMMISSION NOTED POSITIVELY THE GOOD RESULTS BIH HAS ACHIEVED IN THE EU'S RESEARCH AND INNOVATION FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME

The 5th Subcommittee meeting on topics related to Education, Culture, Youth, Research and Innovation, Information Society and Social Policy between the EU and Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) was held...

• Posted on April 19, 2021

### NEW EQUIPMENT FOR FARMERS IN POSAVINA THANKS TO EU4BUSINESS

Three generations of the Omićević family – father, son and grandchildren – are out in the fields of Posavina since the wake of dawn. While the warm days do make their job easier, the new machines help...

• Posted on April 19, 2021

### FROM UNEMPLOYED WOMEN TO SUCCESSFUL BIH ENTREPRENEURS

Having a decent job and making a living from work is an unfulfilled dream for many women in small communities across Bosnia and Herzegovina, but this story is somewhat different. It is a story about a...

### • EVENTS

# April 27-30, 2021 - today | virtual, OTHER <u>EU KNOWLEDGE VALORISATION WEEK</u> The EU Knowledge Valorisation Week will take place from 27 to 30 April 2021. The virtual event will showcase policies and practices from across Europe that accelerate the translation of scientific...

- May 11-12, 2021 | Portoroz, Slovenia
   <u>6TH ANNUAL EUSAIR FORUM</u>
   Priorities of the Slovenian Presidency 2020–2021 to be followed at the 6th EUSAIR Annual Forum:
- May 18, 2021 | virtual, OTHER
   WEBINAR BOOSTING ECONOMIC RECOVERY THROUGH INNOVATION PROCUREMENT

Webinar-Workshop: 18 May 2021 – 9:30 CEST A 4-hour workshop webinar for European public buyers

# May 17-28, 2021 | virtual, OTHER NEWHORRIZON FINAL CONFERENCE

Our virtual final conference will inform attendees about the achievements and lessons learned in the H2020 project NewHoRRIzon. The programme includes focused breakout sessions to deep ...

#### May 27-29, 2021 | virtual, OTHER CREATIVE BODIES—CREATIVE MINDS

Theoretical discussions around creativity in the last two decades have turned around addressing existing dichotomies in its conceptualisation, such as professional/everyday and public/private.

# June 1-4, 2021 | virtual, OTHER <u>EU GREEN WEEK 2021</u>

Pollution affects everybody – through the air we breathe, the water we drink or the land we grow our food on. It is the largest environmental cause of multiple mental and physical diseases, and of premature...

#### June 9-11, 2021 | Munich, Germany THE SMARTER E EUROPE

Renewable energy is more than just an alternative to conventional energy sources. This is where The smarter E Europe comes in, as the most important innovation hub for new energy solutions, dedicating...

# June 23-24, 2021 | virtual, OTHER EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION DAYS

Brought to you by the European Commission, the European Research and Innovation Days gathers together policymakers, researchers, entrepreneurs and citizens to debate and shape the future of research and...

#### September 8-9, 2021 | Roma Eventi, Pontifical Gregorian University, Italy <u>ICSD 2021 : 9TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT, 8 - 9 SEPTEMBER</u> <u>ROME, ITALY</u>

European Center of Sustainable Development in collaboration with Canadian Institute of Technology will organize the 9th ICSD 2021 International Conference on Sustainable Development...

# November 18-19, 2021 | Vienna, Austria EUROPEAN R&I POLICY EVALUATION CONFERENCE

The REvaluation 2021 Conference is jointly organised by Fraunhofer ISI, IFRIS and the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. It will take place as live as possible, 18-19 November...

# CALLS

# Deadline: April 30, 2021 **REGIONAL CHALLENGE FUND (RCF):1ST CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST TO SUPPORT INVESTMENTS IN COOPERATIVE TRAINING PROJECTS** The Regional Challenge Fund (RCF) is announcing the 1st call for Expression of Interest to support investments in cooperative training projects which is open for applications from the six Western Balkans...

Deadline: May 3, 2021
 <u>CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE BRIDGE BUILDING (BB) SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVALUATION IN</u>
 <u>SOCIAL POLICIES</u>
 Call for Applicants for the Bridge Building (BB) Summer School of Evaluation in Social Policies (25-27)

Call for Applicants for the Bridge Building (BB) Summer School of Evaluation in Social Policies (25-27 August 2021) as part of the Bridging Function of the European Centre.

Deadline: May 19, 2021
 CALL FOR APPLICATION | GREEN TALENTS AWARD 2021

The submission period for the Green Talents Competition 2021 is open now. The German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) has held the prestigious "Green Talents - International Forum for...

### Deadline: May 25, 2021

### CFA: 6 PHD POSITIONS AT THE SALZBURG CENTRE OF EUROPEAN UNION STUDIES (SCEUS)' DOCTORAL COLLEGE

The Salzburg Centre of European Union Studies (SCEUS)' doctoral college invites applications for 6 PhD positions in political science related to "Challenges of European Integration".

Deadline: May 31, 2021

### **CALL FOR CONTRIBUTIONS: THE REVALUATION 2021 CONFERENCE**

The REvaluation 2021 Conference is jointly organised by Fraunhofer ISI, IFRIS and the Austrian Platform for Research and Technology Policy Evaluation. It will take place as live as possible, 18-19 November...

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# Deadline: May 31, 2021 ERC MENTORING INITIATIVE - CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Institute for Human Sciences (Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen, IWM), Vienna is an independent institute of advanced study in the humanities and social sciences. Together with the Polish...

Deadline: June 1, 2021 .

CALL FOR PROJECT PEER REVIEWERS - SCIENCE FUND OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA The Science Fund of the Republic of Serbia (SFRS), a state institution providing grants to researchers in Serbia, is looking for international experts in order to ensure an objective, high-quality two...

Deadline: June 25, 2021

### EAFIP CALL FOR ASSISTANCE IN INNOVATION PROCUREMENT

EAFIP provides local assistance to selected public procurers in the preparation and implementation of a PCP or PPI procurement, covering for instance scoping an already identified procurement need...

# Deadline: June 30, 2021

# **EU PRIZE FOR WOMEN INNOVATORS**

This prize celebrates the women entrepreneurs behind Europe's game-changing innovations

. Deadline: June 30, 2021 CALL FOR APPLICATIONS – STAVRO SKENDI BOOK PRIZE FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ALBANIAN STUDIES

The Stavro Skendi Book Prize for Achievement in Albanian Studies is presented every year to the best book making a contribution to, and advancing research in Albanian Studies. Albanian Studies is a broadly...

- Deadline: July 15, 2021 THE EUROPEAN CAPITAL OF INNOVATION AWARDS An annual recognition prize awarded to the European cities that best promote innovation in their communities
- Deadline: August 31, 2021 . SOCIETY FOR ALBANIAN STUDIES: CALL FOR APPLICATIONS - ARSHI PIPA BEST GRADUATE **STUDENT PAPER AWARD**

Graduate students and recent graduates are invited to participate in the Arshi Pipa Best Graduate Student Paper Award Competition sponsored by the Society for Albanian Studies (SAS). Please...

- Deadline: September 1, 2021 . **ESI POSTDOCTORAL TRAINING PROGRAM** "Social Sciences and Humanities in a Post Crisis Period" Challenges affecting virtual teaching and learning process Regional and global economic development in post-pandemic period...
- Deadline: December 31, 2021

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### DOCUMENTS

### • THE STRATEGIC USE OF PUBLIC PROCUREMENT FOR INNOVATION IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY -FINAL REPORT

Since 2008, the European Council and the Parliament have been requesting both the European Commission and EU Member States to step up their efforts on innovation procurement to enhance European competitiveness...

 2020 STRATEGIC FORESIGHT REPORT: CHARTING THE COURSE TOWARDS A MORE RESILIENT EUROPE

President von der Leyen's political guidelines set a strategic long-term direction to achieve the transition towards a green, digital and fair Europe. They lay out a path for Europe to become the first...

# MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE WESTERN BALKAN COUNTRIES REGARDING THE EUROPEAN PILLAR OF SOCIAL RIGHTS

The progress on the European Pillar of Social Rights (EPSR) has not only been monitored in EU countries, but also in Western Balkan countries.

### SCIENCE FOR DISASTER RISK MANAGEMENT 2020

The Disaster Risk Management Knowledge Centre has produced the "Science for disaster risk management 2020: acting today, protecting tomorrow", the second of its series.

• LINKS

<u>MEASURING TAX SUPPORT FOR R&D AND INNOVATION</u>
 OECD Website dealing with Tax Support for R&D and Innovation measures of the OECD countries.

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# ABOUT THE INFORMATION PORTAL

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