

SLOVENIA –MHEST PROGRESS REPORT¹

**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC
(2nd half 2011 or May 2011 / Ohrid till December 2011 / Sarajevo)**

1 Policy actions

(e.g. essential changes in the political authorities, administrative bodies, agencies, institutions, personnel, development/launch of new national funding programmes, etc.)

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2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

In May 2011 the National Assembly of the Republic of Slovenia adopted the Resolution on research and Innovation Strategy of Slovenia 2011-2020. It supports a new concept of bilateral cooperation which will replace the concept of pure mobility; cooperation with WBC is still one of the priorities.

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

4 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

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

Bilateral Cooperation

Calls for proposals for S&T cooperation with Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia have been published in the spring 2011 and the Joint Board meetings with Montenegro, Bosnia & Herzegovina and Croatia have been just realized. The Joint Board meetings with Macedonia and Serbia are planned to be realized in January 2012.

Multilateral cooperation

Slovenia actively participates in WBC-INCO.NET and SEE-ERA.NET PLUS projects.

¹ The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meetings of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries and will be provided for download from the WBC-INCO.Net homepage (www.wbc-inco.net) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to office@zwbc-inco.net until November 22, 2011.

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

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6 Assessment of the developments and outlook on the next 6 months

Planned activities for technical assistance - structural funds, innovation activities in 2012.

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Appendix: additional data

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