

BULGARIA (Country/EC)

PROGRESS REPORT¹

**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC
(1st half 2011 or November 2010 / Becici - May 2011 / Ohrid)**

1 Policy actions

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

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

New Law on Academic Career Development
New National Strategy on Scientific Research 2020

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

SEAS-ERA NET project – BS basin research infrastructures inventory now open

<http://seas.gateway.bg>

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 agreement Bulgaria-Montenegro signed in Sofia, March 2011
Joint Bulgarian-Macedonian Protocol for funding joint research projects 2011-2013

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 May 15, 2011.

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

National RDI target – 1,5% from GDP

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

(Optional personal opinion)

Appendix: additional data