



DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting of Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries Tirana 12-13 June 2012

The morning session will be dedicated to the discussion about a possible Action Plan to increase innovation capacities in the Western Balkan countries organised by the WBC-INCO.NET project. All Steering Platform members are warmly invited (agenda for this event to be transmitted separately by Project coordinator).

Tuesday 12 June 2012

14.00 – 14.30

Opening Statements by:

- Danish Presidency;
- European Commission;
- Representative from Albania.

14.30 – 14.45

Approval of the Agenda.

Approval of the Minutes of the last Steering Platform Meeting (Sarajevo, 1 December 2011).

14.45 - 16.15

What has been done since December 2011:

Stocktaking on implementation of Steering Platform conclusions adopted at Sarajevo meeting (WBC-INCO.NET).

Presentation of **recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBCs** (see Information Sheets / Progress Reports for more details) by:

- European Commission (DG RTD and JRC);
- Western Balkan countries;
- Steering Platform members: EU Member States and countries associated to FP7;
- Representatives from WBC-INCO.NET, SEE-ERA.NET PLUS, COST, RCC, EUREKA, UNESCO and CEI.

16. 15 – 16.45

Family photo
Coffee break

16.45 – 17.45

Information and preparation on R&I activities:

'HORIZON2020':

State of play following discussions in Council/EP: preparations/procedure/timing (Danish Presidency)

FP7 WPs 2013:

- Procedure and timing
- Research on bio-fuels; International Cooperation (WBC/Danube)

Preparation on EU *acquis* on Research and Innovation

- Information on organisation of TAIEX Workshop in Brussels on Innovation Union
- Preparation of Accession negotiations with Montenegro
- Preparation of Progress Reports 'Enlargement package)
- Presentation of Strategic Innovation Technology Audit (SITA) by Ildir Proseku, Albanian Business Research Innovation Centre

Regional dimension of research cooperation:

Implementation of Regional Strategy on R&D for Innovation (IPA project) by Mladen DRAGASEVIC, RCC.

19.00

Working dinner

Wednesday, 13 June 2012

9.15 – 11.15

Synergy between EU R&I programme(s) and other instruments:

- Presentation IPA II and R&I capacity (DG ELARG, tbc)
- Presentation of Smart Specialisation strategy (Ciaran Dearle Dir. C5)
- Presentation of good examples under Structural Funds (by Bela Kardon/Hungary)
- Questions and Answers

11.15 – 11.30

Coffee break

11.30- 12.00

Good practice measures to increase innovation capacities in WBC

- Study on good practice innovation policy measures (WBC-INCO.NET)

12.00- 12.45

Concluding Remarks:

- Presentation and adoption of conclusions including recommendations on future actions and work.

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Announcement of the next Steering Platform Meeting

In the afternoon on Wednesday, 13 June 2012 a workshop of the Knowledge Transfer Study 2010-2012 (<http://www.knowledge-transfer-study.eu>) in cooperation with WBC-INCO.NET is being organised. The presentations and discussions will deal with the current situation and challenges of research and knowledge transfer. All Steering Platform members are warmly invited (agenda for this event to be transmitted separately by Project coordinator).