

What has been done since June 2012

**Presentation of recent
developments regarding S&T
cooperation in/with the WBCs**

European Commission

- Accession negotiations with Montenegro:
useful exercise for capacity building
- Following development of Regional Strategy for R&I
(WB)
- Workshop on Innovation Union in Brussels on 6-7
November:
Preparing for EU acquis

European Commission (2)

Conclusions/Follow-up

- EU policy on R&I requires good statistics and data: work on it as a matter of priority
- Important to attend meetings of ERA advisory bodies (ERAC; SFIC, SGHRM, SCAR): the best opportunity to become familiar with EU policy and actions
- Follow-up actions:
Workshop with expert support and best practices on IU commitment(s)

European Commission - JRC

Albania

- National Strategy on STI 2016-2020
- EEN launch
- Statistics together with UNESCO and INSTAT
- Memorandum of Understanding between AIDA, ARTI and KOSGEB (Turkey)
- National Strategy implementation, data collection using OECD indicators

Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Implementation of the Strategy for Science Development in BiH 2010-2015:
- Funding programmes of the ministries;
- Implementation of the IPA project “Institutional capacity development of three innovation centres and research sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- IPA project on promotion of EU research opportunities starts soon; IPA application for 2013 programme;
- A number of FP7 promotion activities
- International conferences organised

Croatia

- Continuing bilateral projects and programmes
- Increasing COST participation
- Continuing active participation in FP7

FYR of Macedonia

- Strategy on Innovation of the Republic of Macedonia 2012 – 2020
- Action Plan on the Strategy for Innovation 2013-2015
- Memorandum of Understanding JRC – Republic of Macedonia
- Positive participation in FP7
- Preparations towards Horizon 2020

Montenegro

- Chapter 25
- Bilateral and explanatory negotiations
- Eureka Full Membership
- Part of FINNO project
- Practical implementation of HERIC project
- Science-Technology park Technopolis
- Voucher scheme for innovation

Serbia

- THE BEST TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION COMPETITION 2012
- INNOVATION PROJECTS
- THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE at Shanghai List
- ERA NETs
- ERA-CAPS and SEERA- EI
- FP7 WORKSHOP

Austria

- **2nd Meeting of Austrian-Montenegrin Joint Commission for S&T Co-operation**
- **EU Strategy for the Danube Region / PA 7 „Knowledge Society“**
 - Danube Region Research and Innovation Fund (DRRIF)
 - DR-INCO.NET
 - Danube Region Research, Innovation and Networking Fund (DRRINF)

Bulgaria

- Business as usual

Cyprus

France

- National consultation on HE and Research
- Cooperation with Croatia and Serbia
- Fellowships
- „culture scientifique“,
science communication

Germany

- The “Regional Call for Proposals” of the BMBF is ongoing until December 31, 2013; it supports research cooperation with partners from South East European countries
- BMBF organised a Conference of the Research Ministers of the Danube Countries on July 9, 2012 in Ulm, Germany. They endorsed a Final Communiqué on “Enhanced Cooperation in Research and Innovation in the Danube Region”:
 - agreement on DRRIF (an R&I Fund related to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region);
 - consideration of setting up a fund for immediate measures
 - follow-up: Working Group has been established
- BMBF funds German scientists in projects with their WBC partners in five research projects within the SEE-ERA.NET PLUS Joint Call
- BMBF and DLR/International Bureau of BMBF are engaged in WBC-INCO.NET

Greece

- Final Conference
I-SEEMob
- On-going activities
SEERA-EI
- On-going activities
SEE-ERA.NET PLUS

Ireland

Poland

- Study visit of the Croatian Delegation to Poland, 27-28 August 2012, - exchange of experience in programming and management of Structural Funds
- Follow-up activities of the Polish Minister of Science and HE after submission a common EU12 (plus Croatia) position on H2020 proposal, incl. the meeting with the Commissioner for RIS on 19 September 2012 in Brussels
- Organizing the ICT Proposers' Day 2012 in Warsaw, 26-27 September 2012 – 31 participants from WBC/ 73 F2F meetings
- Ongoing legislative work on the renewed/ new bilateral cooperation agreements in culture, education and science with Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia - should be completed by the end of 2012

Slovenia

- Programs for S&T cooperation with Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia are in the process of realization- a total of 148 running projects.
- Joint Board meeting with Macedonia will be realized in the next days with the adoption of the Working program for 2013.
- Calls for proposals for S&T cooperation with Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Serbia are planned to be published in the spring 2013.

Romania

- Ministerial Conference (UNESCO) in Sarajevo – declaration signed
- Romanian Ministry of Education, Research, Youth and Sports is in the process of revising/perfecting Agreements in Education and Science with all WBC countries.

Central European Initiative

- CEI Ministerial Meeting on Science and Technology (Trieste, 19 September 2012)
- Ministerial Conference “Renewable Energy in a Bio-Based Economy - The Option of Next Generation Biofuels” (Trieste, 20 September 2012)
- Visit of delegation from National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine (28-30 November 2012)
- last call for proposals of the CEI Research Fellowship Programme (CERES)
- CEI participation in currently open FP7 calls

COST

- Presentation to be included

Danube Strategy PA7

EUREKA



- Montenegro – new EUREKA member country
 - decision of the E! MC in Budapest on 22 June 2012
- Projects generation in WBCs
 - state of play
 - take activities is quite necessary !!
- Changing E! project rules for NIP and AC ($2+1 \Rightarrow 1+1$)
 - approved by the E! MC in Budapest
 - trial period of three years
- Turkish E! Chairmanship
 - term from July 2012 till June 2013
 - EUREKA as a Global Platform for Coopetitive Innovation

Regional Cooperation Council

- Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans
- RCC Strategy and Work Programme 2014-2016
- South East Europe 2020

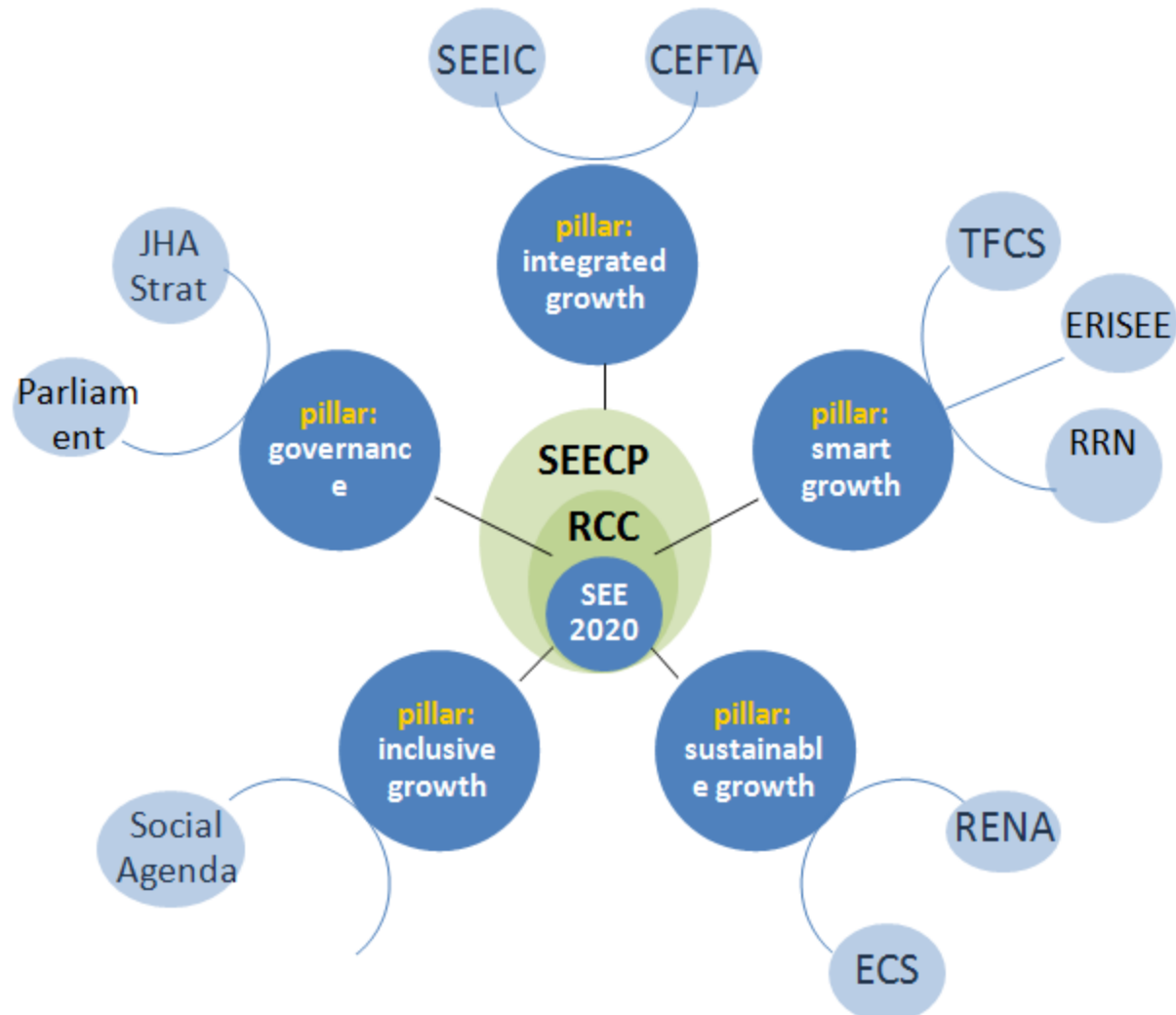
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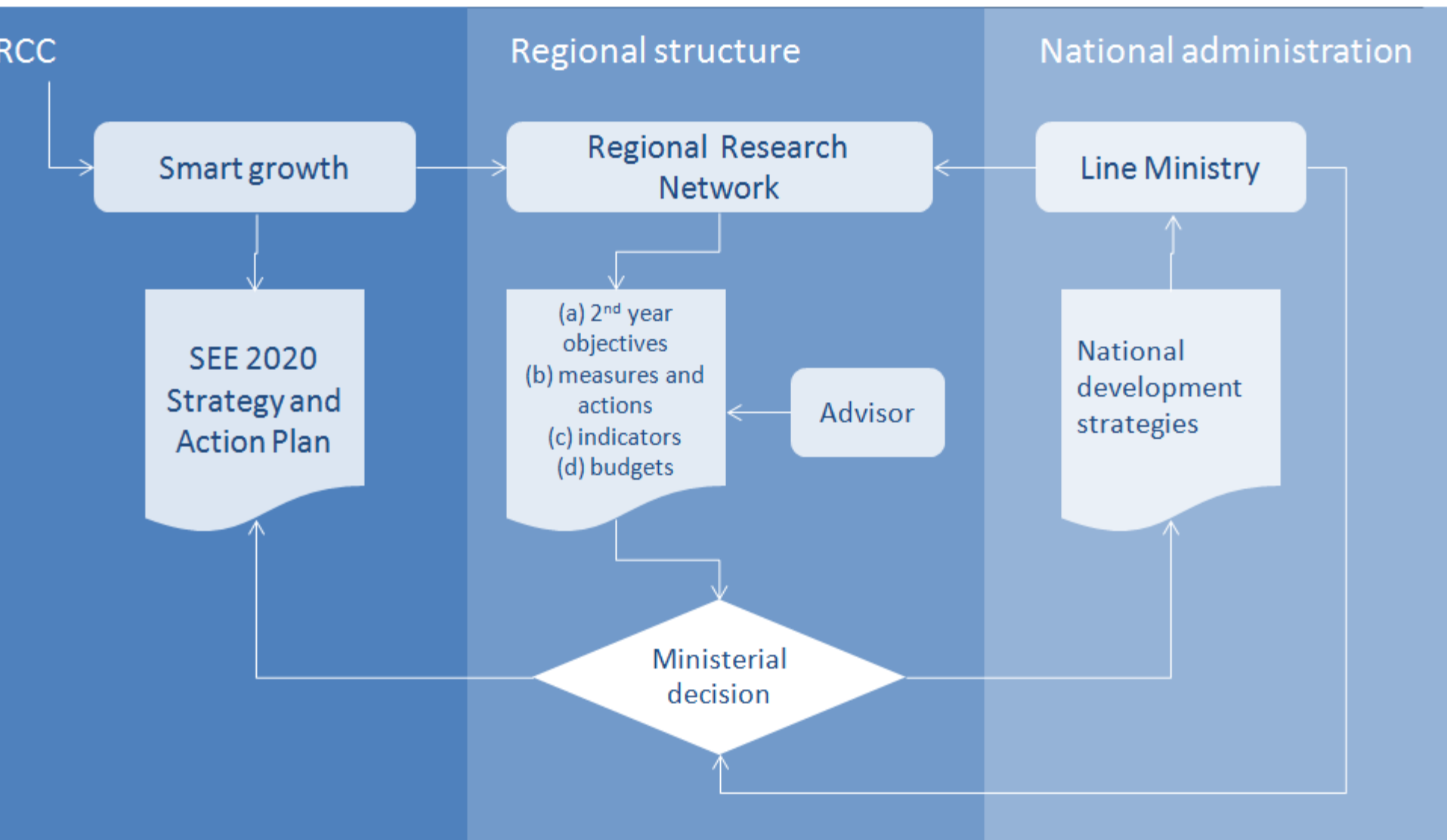
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(De)centralized dev't & implementation



(De)centralized development (example)



SEE-ERA.NET PLUS

- Steering Board meeting
- Joint Funding received on the joint trust account from Funding partners + EC
- Ongoing monitoring activities
- Prolongation envisaged until mid 2013
- Funded projects conclude activities in 2013
- See presentation later

WBC-INCO.NET

- Dialogue activities, e.g. lobbying at European Parliament on IPA2
- Regional dialogue – Danube Area & Mediterranean Area
- Communication activities

Conclusions

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Revisiting main conclusions of the
Steering Platform on **S&T**
cooperation in/with the WBCs

Revisiting some key points

- EUREKA's invitation to consider chairmanship
- Upcoming (last) FP7 work programmes / calls
- Transition to Horizon 2020 / actions on widening the participation
- Smart Specialisation Strategy
- Synergies between H2020 and other EU instruments (reference in IPA II)
- Regional Strategy
- Innovation Union (workshop)