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Outcomes of the Expert meeting and SEE
Ministerial Round Table on Science and
Technology

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- The Expert Meeting was a preparatory event to the Ministerial Round Table
- Topics: STI system and capacity in SEE with particular attention to the research infrastructures, statistical data, regional networks and communication of science in media
- The outcomes – a joint declaration, a policy analysis and reports:
- Conceptual and political base of recommendations for a roadmap in SEE countries with the support of UNESCO programme and in synergy with Horizon 2020”.

Further Research and higher education policy recommendations by experts

- Need for a new and improved research policy and funding strategies
- To change the 'no-change-please' attitude in the region WBC.
- Need to increasingly analyse the results of the projects funded by governments.
- Impact analysis of public spending of Research and Innovation
- Change public financing for higher education and R&D: equal rights and responsibilities for higher education stakeholders to create a competitive environment on all levels

Further Research and higher education policy recommendations by experts

- Promote and build increased competitiveness in higher education and R&D
- More focus on market- and demand driven higher education and Research policy making
- Increased quality of Research and Innovation statistical data in the Western Balkan Countries:
 - WBC need strong international support and presence during the process of integration into EU in order to develop statistical system fully compatible with EU/OECD methodologies and practice

Recommendations for further integration into the European Research Area regarding the better use of existing research infrastructure:

- concept of Regional Partner Facility (RPF) – the regional facility associated with a pan-European RI
- reflects on the recognition of the need for more independent development of research in the low RD&I intensity in MS and beyond.
- encouraged mutual development and open access of research infrastructures, exchange of researchers.

Roadmap towards the establishment of science in communication and science journalism South-East Europe:

- To increase the quantity and quality of ethical science reporting in the media;
- to better educate journalists and more media-savvy scientists, train of both specialised science journalists and general reporters and editors;
- Setting-up a regional science newsletter or PR service, modelling on independent, government-funded online based media services such as Science Nordic and others

Thank you for your attention!