

## WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE






# Making the most of existing and underused Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans

## PRELIMINARY AGENDA

14 September 2023

09:00 – 13:00

Venue: Regional Cooperation Council (RCC),  
Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1/V, Sarajevo  
Bosnia and Herzegovina

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9:00 – 9:10

## OPENING

— **Sinisa Marcic**, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

— **Sanja Damjanovic**, POLICY ANSWERS, GSI, Germany

9:10 – 9:20

## KEY INPUT

**Key findings of the research and innovation infrastructure mapping exercise and regional cooperation modalities**

— **Sinisa Marcic**, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

9.20 – 10:50

### PANEL SESSION 1

## Promoting Research Infrastructures for Societal Challenges: Progress in the Development of Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Sanja Damjanovic**, POLICY ANSWERS, GSI, Germany

### Theme - Agri-Food

— **Vesna Bengin**, Co-founder and Scientific Advisor, BioSense Institute, Serbia  
*Societal benefits of ANTARES/The Teaming for Excellence Project. Transformation of the BioSense Institute into a European Center for Excellence*

### Theme - Social Sciences

— **Nenad Celarevic**, Regional Business Development Coordinator, Helvetas, Serbia

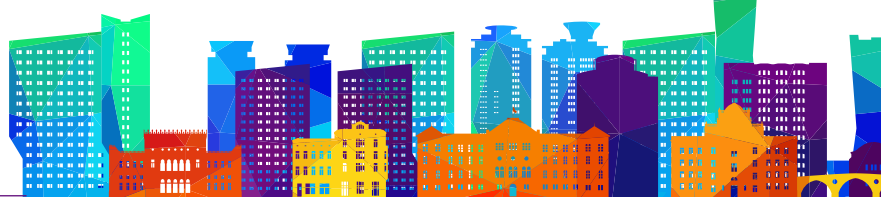
*The benefits from participating in leading core international European infrastructures (ERIC, ESFRI) – example ESS ERIC with benefits for the Western Balkans*

### Theme - Health&BioTech

— **Smiljana Krivokuca**, Advisor in the Team for IT and entrepreneurship, Office of the Prime Minister, Serbia

*Research Infrastructures for efficient implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies – Bio4Campus*





### Theme – Green&Digital

**Jasmin Ademovic**, President, City Council of the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*Tech4Green – High Performance Computing Center for achieving the goals of the Green Agenda and Digital Transformation of Bosnia and Herzegovina*

### Theme – Digital

**Tarik Zaimovic**, Vice-Rector for Finance, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

*University of Sarajevo High-Performance Computing (HPC) System*

### Theme – Environment

**Dejan Mirakovski**, Rector, Goce Delcev University Stip, North Macedonia

*Research Infrastructures for environmental challenges*

### OPEN DISCUSSION

10:50 – 11:20

Coffee Break



11.20 – 12:20

PANEL SESSION 2

Moderator: **Monika Petrova**, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

### Theme – GEANT and the Western Balkans

**Anastas Mishev**, GEANT South Eastern Europe Directors Forum Chair and Coordinator

*GEANT recent developments and opportunities to consider for the Western Balkans*

**Arjan Xhelaj**, Director General and Chairman of the General Assembly of RASH – Academic Network of Albania, Albania

*RASH – Academic Network of Albania (NREN): Highlighting the benefits of GEANT, the pan-European data network (e-Infrastructure) that connects research and education institutions across Europe and beyond*





**Theme – InfraBooster Foundation for the Western Balkans**

**Krzysztof Klincewicz**, University of Warsaw, Poland and EIT Food

*What is the infra booster programme and how can it assist the Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans to develop further?*

**OPEN DISCUSSION**

**12:20 – 12:50**

**PLENARY DISCUSSION**

**DISCUSSION:**

How to make the most of the existing and underused research infrastructures in the Western Balkans,

Various approaches for enhancing access to funding sources for Research Infrastructures, including a combination of different programmes such as Horizon Europe and Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) funds.

**12:50 – 13:00**

**CLOSING REMARKS**

**Sanja Damjanovic**, POLICY ANSWERS, GSI, Germany

**Sinisa Marcic**, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

