

#### Preparation of Horizon2020 &

Synergy with IPA

## QUESTIONS

Meeting of Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries

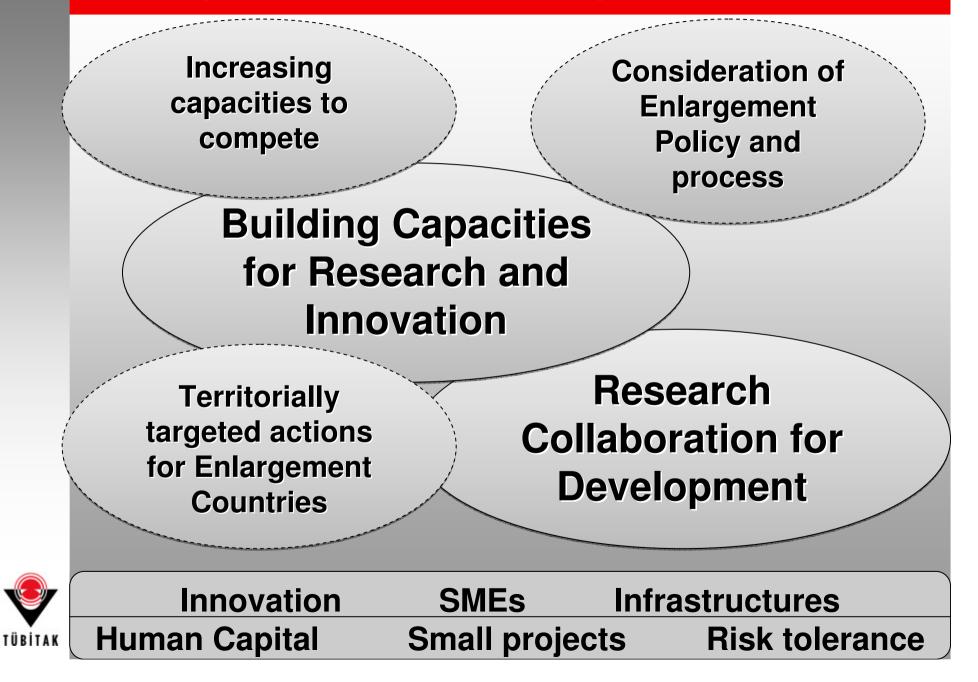
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#### Enlargement Countries Joint Initiatives for Horizon2020

- A Joint Initiative towards the future framework program:
  - The "Enlargement Countries Associated to FP7" manifested their opinion on the future of EU research funding in a Joint Position Paper in February 2011
  - The Enlargement Countries submitted a Joint Response to the EC Consultation Green Paper "From Challenges to Opportunities: Towards a Common Strategic Framework for EU Research and Innovation Funding" in May 2011
- The Joint Response was presented at the Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan countries on 26 May 2011.



#### **Concepts and issues championed**



# **The Case for Capacity Building**

- Where does the **capacity building activities** stand in this new structure?
  - e.g. REGPOT type of activities?
  - Is it all transferred to Cohesion Policy funds for EU MS?
- Is the upcoming IPA designed to support capacity building in R&I?
  - What is the change compared to previous IPA?
  - How much it covers easy access to R&I capacity building activities?
- Are there any soft capacity building activities, within the framework of Horizon2020 programme?



 such as NCP network activities or other types of support actions?

# **Consideration of Enlargement Process**

- Are there any **reference to the enlargement** policy in the H2020 or to the concept of research cooperation for development?
- Are there any reference or room for territorially targeted activities that would address only the Enlargement Countries?
- Where does FP7 INCO type activites stand?
  - How would sustainability of projects like WBC-INCO.NET, SEE-ERA.NET Plus can be ensured, which facilitated the EU integration of the region in the enlargement process and enabled joint activities?



## **Procedures for Association**

- What is the **association procedure** to H2020? Are there any changes compared to FP7 association procedure?
- Possibility of rebates in getting associated to H2020? What would be the rebate?
- Would H2020 be open to international cooperation as it is now, if any country opts not to be associated to it?



## **Structural Issues**

- How are the scale of projects to be funded under these schemes, e.g. IP, STREP types? Smaller or bigger projects?
- How the access to risk finance will be designed with regard to the associated countries?
  - Will the risk finance be funded through main pool of the programme?
  - Will the associated countries be eligible?
- Where does **EURATOM** stand?

