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Western Balkan Countries (WBC) Steering Platform

5th & 6th June, 2013 in Budva,
Montenegro

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- Irish Presidency Priorities
- 1st January – 30th June, 2013
- Presidency Theme – Stability, Jobs and Growth
- Securing Financial & Economic Stability
 - European Semester
 - Banking Union
 - Economic & Monetary Union (Next steps)
 - Tackling youth unemployment

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- Competitiveness
 - - Intellectual Property
 - - SME's
 - - State Aid Modernisation
 - - Company Law
 - - Research & Innovation
 - - Space

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- Irish Presidency Priorities - Enlargement
 - Croatia (EU accession from 1st July; 5 MS still to ratify)
 - Montenegro (Chapter 25 & 26 closed; Chapter 20 open?)
 - Iceland
 - Serbia/Kosovo
 - FYROM
 - Albania
 - Turkey (Chapter 22 open?)

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- Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
 - Agreed by European Council on 8. 2. 2013
 - Now - consent of EP required
- EP Position:
 - overall amount too small;
 - greater flexibility within the MFF;
 - mid term review
- Trilogues
- 13th May, 28th May; 4th June
- Political agreement in June?

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- Presidency Priorities in Research
 - Achieving agreement on Horizon 2020 package;
 - Progress the completion of European Research Area (ERA) (by end 2014)

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- ERA Actions
- Presidency Conferences
 - Responsible Research and Innovation;
 - Joint Programming;
 - Researchers' Careers and Mobility
 - Week of Innovative Regions in Europe (WIRE)
 - EuroSME
 - European NanoTechnology

 - Informal Competitiveness (Research) Council
 - (Theme: Innovation as it relates to Basic research, KET's, SME's)

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- Competitiveness Council 29-30 May, 2013
- Council Conclusions on:
 - International Cooperation in R&I
 - High Performance Computing
- Council Resolution on
 - Advisory work for the European Research Area (ERA)
- Policy Debate on
 - Joint Programming
 - Presidency report on developments and an orientation debate for the ongoing negotiations on Horizon 2020.

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- Competitiveness Council 29-30 May, 2013

- Space

- Adoption of Council conclusions on the Communication from the Commission on "EU Space Industrial Policy: Releasing the potential for economic growth in the Space sector"
- Progress report on Proposal for a Decision of the European Parliament and of the Council on "Establishing a Space Surveillance and Tracking support programme (SST)"

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- Horizon 2020 Negotiations

- Budget under MFF: €70.2 Billion
- (€80 Billion originally forecast)

- Partial General Approach agreed by Danish & Cypriot Presidencies
- 6 Trilogue meetings (Commission, Council & European Parliament) held under Irish Presidency
- Latest trilogue on 27th May
- Significant progress made
- But a number of issues remain

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Presidency working document 8 May, 2013 on H2020 Breakdown

	Commission %	Presidency %	EP %
Excellent Science, of which	31.69	31.78	32.6
1. ERC	17.10	17.10	16.30
2. FET	3.99	3.99	3.50
3. Marie Sklodowska Curie	7.41	7.50	8.30
4. Research Infrastructures	3.19	3.19	3.60
5. Widening Excellence	0.00	0.00	0.90
Industrial Leadership, of which	22.56	22.56	24.3
1. Leadership in	17.20	17.20	15.80
2. Access to Risk Finance	4.56	4.56	4.00
3. SME's	0.80	0.80	4.50

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	Commission %	Presidency %	EP %
Societal Challenges, of which	39.6	39.6	37.4
Science for/ with Society			0.40
1. Health	10.02	10.02	9.00
2. Food Quality	5.18	5.18	4.90
3. Energy	7.21	7.21	8.40
4. Transport	8.48	8.48	6.90
5. Climate	3.95	3.95	4.00
Inclusive Societies	4.76	2.5	1.70
7. Secure Societies		2.26	2.10
EIT	3.61	3.52	3.30
JRC Non-Nuclear	2.53	2.53	2.40
TOTAL	100.00	100.00	100.00

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- Issues raised by EP
 - **Single Funding model V Simplification;**
 - EP believes Funding model doesn't cover all costs and will make projects more expensive; EP proposes a full cost and differentiated funding model in contrast to the single funding rate agreed by the Commission and Council. This goes against the simplification concept agreed by the Commission and the Council.
 - EP wants “earmarking” of certain areas, e.g.
 - 75% of the Energy Challenge budget for renewable energies,
 - 15% for Intelligent Energy Europe,
 - 4% for the SME Instrument.

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- Horizon 2020 - National Contact Points (NCP's) - Minimum Standards & Guiding Principles & Proposed Structure.
 - 2 consultative meetings held between Commission and MS in November, 2012 and January 2013;
 - Draft document produced - to be agreed with MS;
 - Provisional NCP Structure circulated (overleaf)

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- Horizon 2020 - NCP Structure (Provisional)
 1. National NCP Coordinator
 2. Legal and Financial Aspects
 3. SME's*
 4. Access to Finance*
 5. European Research Council
 6. Future and Emerging Technologies
 7. Marie Curie Actions on skills, training and career development

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- Horizon 2020 - NCP Structure (Provisional)
 8. European Research Infrastructures
 9. Information and Communication Technologies (ICT)
 10. Nanotechnologies, advanced materials and advanced manufacturing and processing
 11. Space
 12. Health, demographic change and wellbeing
 13. Food security, sustainable agriculture, marine and maritime research and the bio-economy; & Biotechnology

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- Horizon 2020 - NCP Structure (Provisional)
 14. Secure, clean and efficient energy
 15. Smart, green and integrated transport
 16. Climate action, resource efficiency and raw materials;
 17. Inclusive, innovative and secure societies
 18. [Security]
 19. Euratom
 20. Joint Research Centre
- *task to be performed in liaison with Enterprise Europe Network (EEN)