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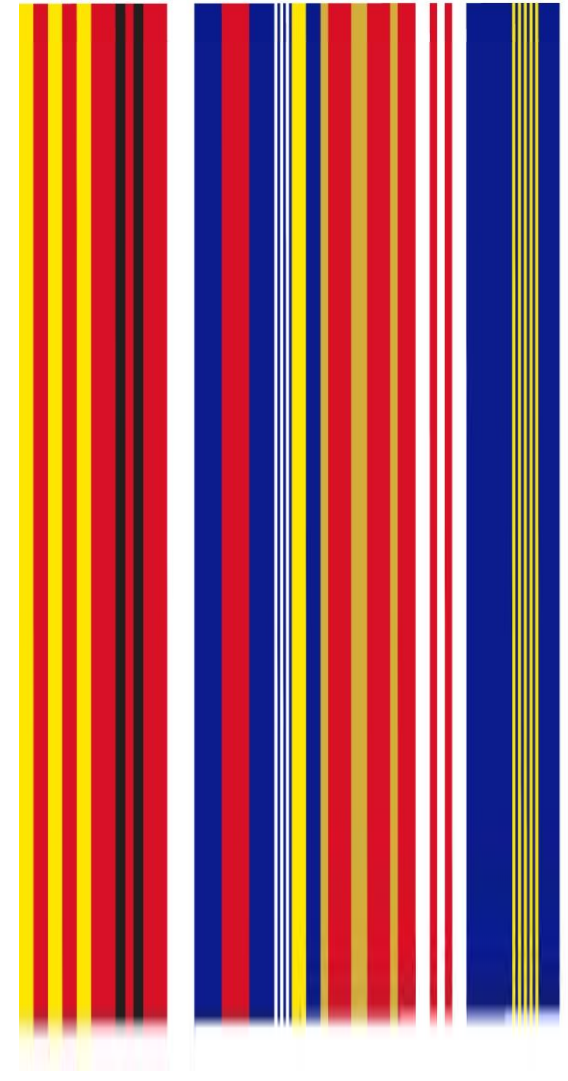
Outlook on new activities

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Overview

- T8.5 Support to the implementation of good practice examples
- T8.3 Fostering WBC Regional Innovation using the Smart Specialisation concept (in cooperation with the “Western Balkans Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation” technical assistance project)
- T8.3 Best WBC Technology Innovation Competition
- T4.2 Financial Workshop “Surviving the EC Audit – Pitfalls and Problems, Survival and Success Stories
- T8.3 Final publication “WBC innovation Systems in Focus”
- T8.4 Final conference & Brokerage event

Support to the implementation of good practice examples

- As a follow-up activity of T8.2, further support to the implementation of the adaptation schemes developed in the frame of the Second Review Meeting in April 2013 in Skopje is foreseen in this task.
- A two-step approach is suggested:
 - task force meetings for selected innovation measures (for one or two WBC partner countries per scheme) are foreseen.
 - a WBC exchange platform will provide to all WBC partners information (experiences made, lessons learned etc.) and the possibility to exchange information and experiences.

Support to the implementation of good practice examples

- The following innovation schemes/Task Force meetings will be organised:
 1. Voucher scheme (interest expressed by Croatia, Kosovo*)
 2. Innovation officer (interest expressed by Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia)
 3. Strategic Innovation (interest expressed by Montenegro)
 4. Soft Landing Platforms (interest expressed by Albania, FYR of Macedonia).

Fostering WBC Regional Innovation using the Smart Specialisation concept



- The activity will build upon the results of the “Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European countries” that took place on 11-12/4/2013 in Belgrade and will provide an opportunity of alignment between WBC-INCO.net and the WB “Western Balkans Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation” technical assistance project.
- This activity will be implemented in two phases:
- Phase 1. preparing of an “Initial RIS3 Assessment “either at a country level or at a regional level. The document will form the basis for future undertaking of a full RIS3 exercise.
- Phase 2. Organise a 2-days joint WBC-INCO.net – WB workshop (October 2013)

Feasibility study – Best WBC Technology Innovation Competition



- based on “Competition for Best Technology Innovation” in Serbia
- the study aims to explore the possibilities of implementing such an instrument within the WB region
- to be printed and presented at the final conference

Financial Workshop

- “Surviving the EC Audit – Pitfalls and Problems, Survival and Success Stories”
- **Date: September 10, 2013**
- **Venue: Belgrade**

Final publication

- Title: “WBC Innovation Systems in Focus”
- 2 parts:
 - Part I (one chapter): Articles focusing e.g. Success stories from the region or successful cooperation WBC-EU, Interviews with partners e.g. on experiences and lessons learned in WBC-INCO.NET etc.
 - Part II: “WBC Innovation Systems in Focus” (Contribution from partners involved; contribution from Innovation Group of Experts; cooperation with other relevant stakeholders / initiatives; Call for papers)
- Ca. 200 examples to be printed
- Presented at the final conference in Vienna

Final conference & Brokerage event

- 1,5 days Conference including parallel sessions / 0,5 day Brokerage event
- **Date: March 27/28, 2014; Vienna, TechGate**



Final conference & Brokerage event



- Ca. 200 participants are expected
- Call for papers to be launched in Autumn 2012 (submissions from WBC and EU member states; special attention to innovation group of experts, young researchers and diaspora researchers)
- Target groups: science policymakers, scientists and industry representatives (WBC, SEE, Danube Regions, EU member states)
- The core focus of the conference on Horizon 2020
- The aim of the conference:
 - to encourage collaboration between WBC and EU member states in Horizon 2020
 - results and lessons learned in previous collaboration are presented

Thank you for your attention!



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