

“Multi-Annual Action Plan on Regional Economic Area: Progress and needs assessment report on R&D and Innovation related actions”.

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MAP REA

- MAP REA Objectives:
 1. Further trade integration;
 2. WB dynamic regional investment space;
 3. Facilitated regional mobility, strengthened R&D and innovation base;
 4. WB Digital integration agenda-digitalize WB societies and businesses.
- RCC role: horizontal coordination and implementation

MAP REA - Horizontal activities

- Regional coordination, monitoring, reporting and donor coordination;
 1. Coordination of MAP structures;
 2. Reporting to MAP NC, PM Sherpas, Berlin process Annual Summits;
 3. Facilitation of regional donor coordination;
 4. Methodologies, Guidelines, Visibility and awareness raising on REA.

Progress thus far on coord. of MAP REA

- REA Stocktaking and needs assessment report prepared,
- Overviews of regional needs ‘digested’ and systematized;
- ‘Economy fiches’- state of play and recommendations compiled;
- SEE 2020 Programing Document 2018-2020, reflecting REA needs;
- RCC AWP 2018, great emphasis on MAP REA implementation.
- Regional Donor Coordination meeting, reflecting REA focus;

R&D related actions in MAP

In a nutshell the actions outlined in the MAP address the following :

(1) mobility and cooperation between researchers in the WB and between the WB and the EU; (2) the importance of research infrastructure and the investment into infrastructure; (3) digital innovation; (4) smart specialisation; technology transfer; (5) commercialisation of public research and the innovation potential of small and medium size enterprise.

Mobility - Regional Needs

Technical Assistance and Capacity Building:

- Mapping research infrastructure & Centers of Excellence

Capital investments needs:

- R&D infrastructure

Multi-annual regional projects:

- Regional programme on mobility of researchers and capacity building on Horizon2020/FP9; Mapping of research infrastructure and development of Centres of Excellence

Mobility - Deliverables

EU and donors-led deliverables:

- WB Platform on Education and Training (DG EAC and NEAR) close cooperation on actions on mobility of students and academics;
- WB Platform on Research and Innovation (DG R&I) close cooperation on R&D related actions;
- EU4Tech project coordinated by DG NEAR and DG JRC on supporting technology transfer in the region;
- EDIF through the TA instrument conducting a mapping of potential Centres of Excellence in WB6 with an aim of identifying those with greatest potential for funding (these to be presented at EDIF PAG in June);

Next steps - Mobility deliverables by Sofia summit

Regional deliverables

- Identified national and institutional obstacles and recommendations to support incoming and outgoing mobility of researchers;
- Agreed concept of a scheme to support regional mobility of researchers (this will be discussed and agreed at the next WG meeting of Mobility of Researchers end of April (date tbc);

Economy specific deliverables

To Albania, Kosovo* and BiH:

- Appoint responsible Ministry for coordinating the smart specialization strategy development and set up an inter-governmental working group on smart specialization strategy (MAP II.1.6; Deliverable: All economies ready to start developing smart specialization strategies)

(Joint workshop on governance of S3 and training on EDP 11-12 April Ljubljana, RCC & DG JRC)



Thank you!

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