

The Western Balkans in Horizon 2020



Horizon 2020: the story so far

Funding of Western Balkan research projects has **tripled** since 2014

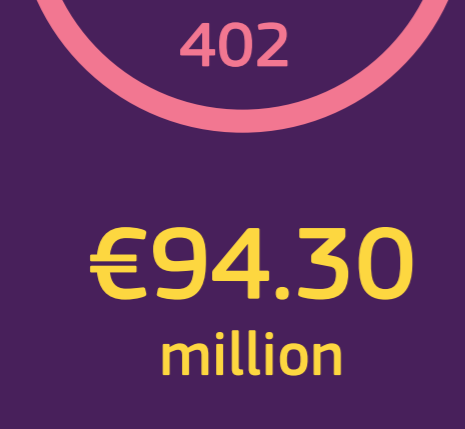
641 participations in 376 grants

318 researchers from Western Balkan countries involved in Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Participation of Western Balkan researchers has **increased by 50 %** since 2016



Serbia



€94.30 million

North Macedonia



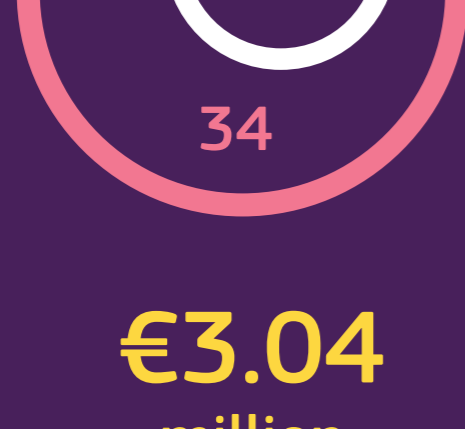
€8.55 million

Bosnia and Herzegovina



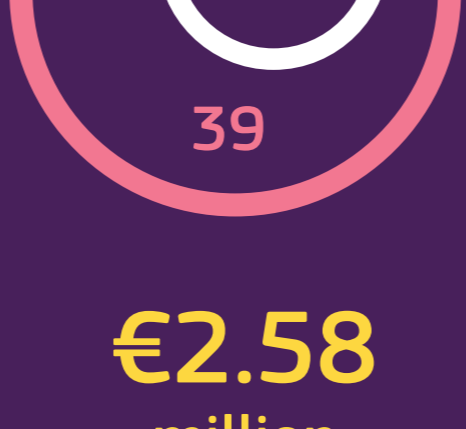
€6.11 million

Albania



€3.04 million

Montenegro



€2.58 million

Kosovo**



€1.18 million

Total **641 participations** €115.76 million EU contribution

Projects*

Participations

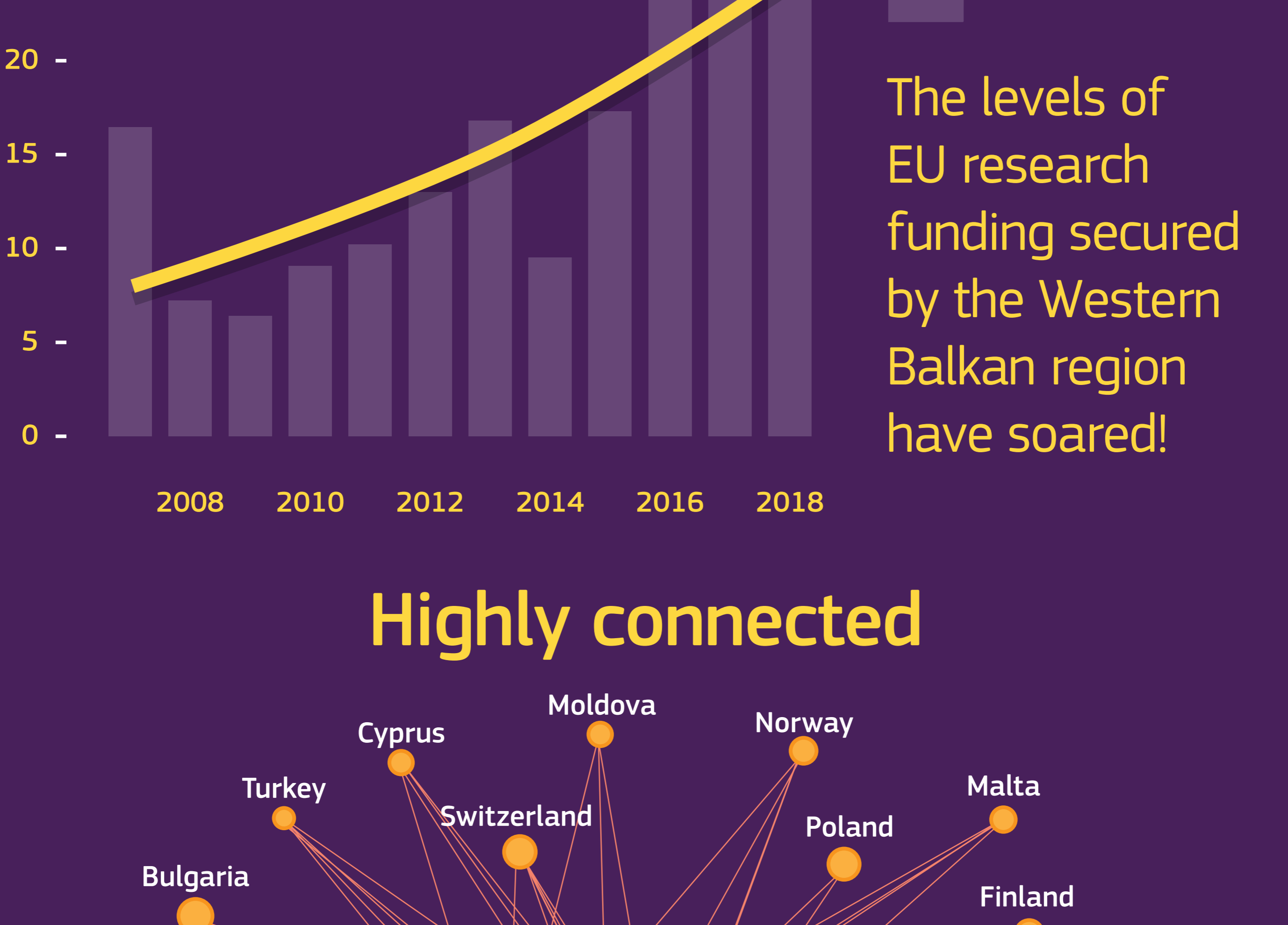
EU contribution

Figures as of 10/9/2019

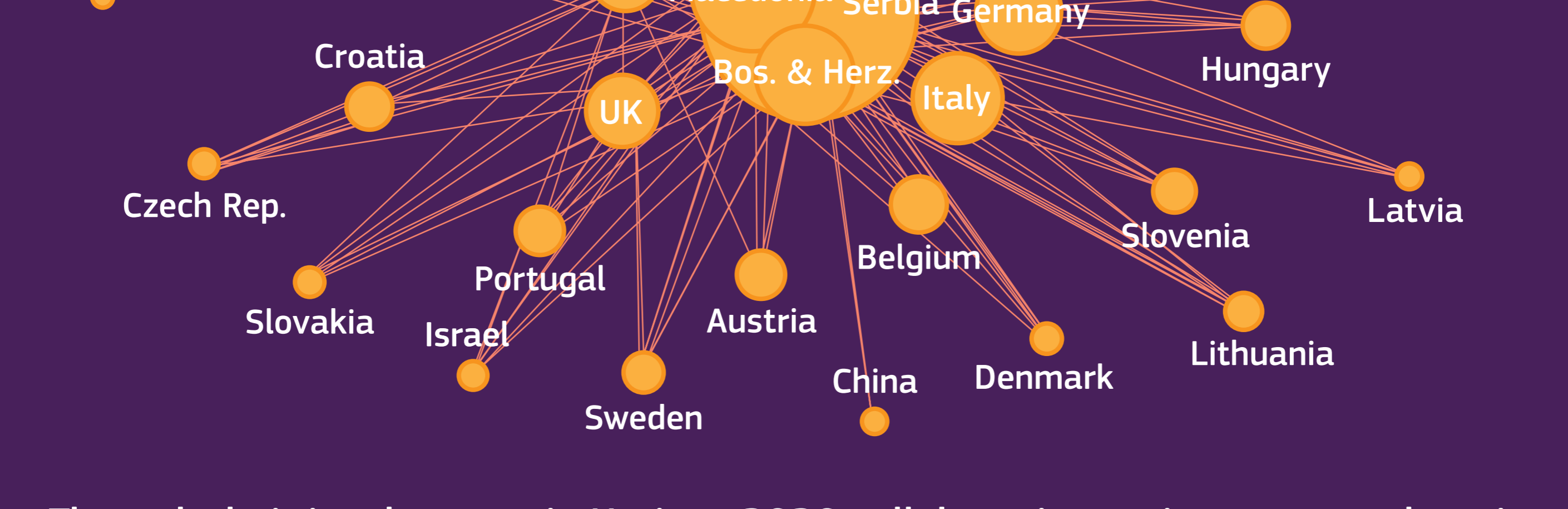
*Individual projects may include participants from more than one of the countries.

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Fast forward since FP7



Highly connected



Through their involvement in Horizon 2020 collaborative projects, researchers in the Western Balkans are cooperating with partners across Europe and beyond.

What next?

Increased participation!
Horizon 2020 – same eligibility for funding as EU Member States

As Accession Countries, the Western Balkans will be further integrated into the European Research Area

Roadmap for EU-Enlargement Countries: S&T cooperation



Higher investment in R&D



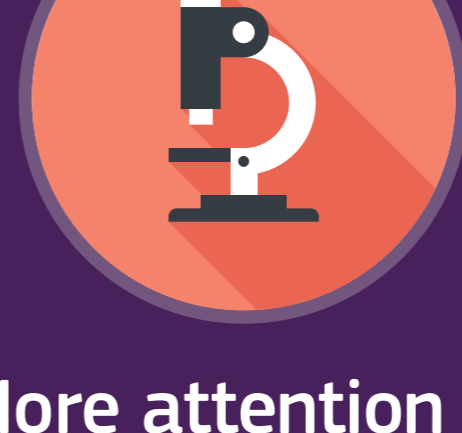
Enhanced R&I capacity



Greater synergies



Smart specialisation strategies



More attention to open science skills

Success stories

Antares

ANTARES is building a Centre of Excellence for advanced technologies in sustainable agriculture and food security in Serbia.



TRAINEE is creating a Knowledge Centre to support the development of energy-efficient construction skills in North Macedonia.

GeoERA

GeoERA is integrating knowledge on subsurface Europe, water and raw materials from around Europe. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Serbia are all taking part.

BEYOND

BEYOND strengthened capacity in multi-modal applications, focusing on aviation. Two partners from Kosovo** joined 12 other countries in the project.

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Add yours!



Monitor the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal for chances to get involved.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>
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Milestones

of EU-Western Balkans S&T cooperation



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Further reading <http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp>

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