

# Networking Western Balkans R&I Community towards Success

ESOF 2020, Virtual Room 3, 14:30 - 16:00

# Scope of the session



- Support awareness on attractive R&I opportunities in cooperating with researchers from the Western Balkans
- Showcase WBC pockets of excellence
- Foster interconnections between regional ecosystems

# Overview

- No more outsiders, but experienced insiders since 20 years
- WB researchers are well-connected
- Interesting market opportunities and innovative SMEs
- Talented students and graduates
- R&I systems are gradually improving (EIS)

- Participation in EU programmes is very high compared to available R&I capacities
- Funding of WB research projects in H2020 has tripled since 2014
- Participation of WB researchers has increased by 50% since 2016
- 332 researchers from WBC involved in Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

# Experts



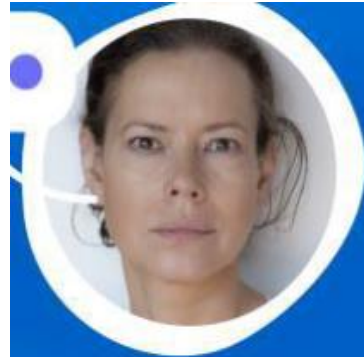
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