



Virtual Western Balkans Steering Platform Meeting 27 January 2021; 09:30 - 12:00 h

The link to join the meeting is provided on p. 2. Participants are kindly requested to follow the **instructions and the netiquette for participation** on p. 2 and to reserve 30 minutes in their agendas until 12:30 for possible longer discussions.

Note for the speakers: please kindly limit your contribution during the online meeting to 3 minutes; Please also provide any written inputs to pecarz@zsi.at and ulrike.kunze@dlr.de by 26 January 2021.

AGENDA

- 09:30 - 09:35 *Technical instructions*
International Service Facility
- 09:35 - 09:45 Welcome remarks and introduction**
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I
Carla Matias dos Santos, Portuguese EU Council Presidency
Xhavit Rexhaj, Kosovar* Deputy Minister of Education and Science, WB Co-chair
Filip Van Depoele, EC DG EAC
Liliana Pasecinic, EC DG JRC
- 09:45 - 10:55 Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport**
DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC, DG NEAR (10 min)
WB6 progress reports / latest R&I developments (3 minutes per WB6)
EU Member States (5 minutes)
Int. organisations: COST, EIT, EUREKA, CEI, RCC, Berlin Process (15 min)
Q&A, general discussion (20 min)
- 10:55 - 11:00** *Technical Break*
- 11:00 - 11:45 Researchers' mobility in the Western Balkans**
MSCA: Cooperation in researchers' training and mobility: opportunities for Western Balkans' researchers and organisations, Stephanie Demart, EC DG EAC (10 min)
Study on researchers' mobility: Elke Stewering, International Service Facility (ISF) (10 min)
Interaction with the WB6 and other stakeholders (20 min)
Discussion
- 11:45 - 11:55 Update from the ISF**
Ulrike Kunze and Desiree Pecarz, ISF (10 min)
- 11:55 - 12:00 Concluding remarks and next steps**
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

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- **Limit meeting distractions and background noise**
Distractions make a significant impact on a video conference, please reduce distracting noises in the background and stay engaged
- **Learn how to mute / unmute your microphone**
When you're not talking, it's best to keep your microphone mute
- **Stick to the schedule**
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- **Raise your hand / use the chat line**
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- **Technical problems /technical test**
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