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The new Coordination and Support Action for
R&I POLICY making, implementation ANd Support in the WEsteRn BalkanS

Basic data

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Full project title:	**R&I POLICY making, implementation ANd Support in the WEsteRn BalkanS**
Acronym:	POLICY ANSWERS
Funding programme:	Horizon Europe
Call:	HORIZON-WIDERA-2021-ACCESS-06 (https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/opportunities/topic-details/horizon-widera-2021-access-06-01)
Type of Action:	CSA (Coordination and Support Action)
Grant Management Number:	10105887
Duration:	48 months
Start date:	01 March 2022
End date:	28 February 2026
Requested EU Contribution:	€4,993,108.75
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Partnership

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- Coordinator: Centre for Social Innovation / Austria
- Partners from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia; Austria, Croatia, Germany, Italy.

Partnership

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No.	Participant organisation name	Country	Participant short name
1	Centre for Social Innovation (Zentrum für Soziale Innovation GmbH)	Austria	ZSI
2	German Aerospace Center (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.)	Germany	DLR
3	Institute Mihajlo Pupin (Institut Mihajlo Pupin)	Serbia	IMP
4	GSI Helmholtz Centre for Heavy Ion Research (GSI Helmholtzzentrum für Schwerionenforschung GmbH)	Germany	GSI
5	Riinvest Institute for Development Research (Instituti per Zhvillim)	Kosovo*	RIINVEST
6	Fund for Innovation and Technological Development	North Macedonia	FITD
7	Foundation for Management and Industrial Research	North Macedonia	MIR
8	University of Banja Luka (Univerzitet u Banjoj Luci)	Bosnia and Herzegovina	UNIBL
9	FormicaBlu srl	Italy	FBLU
10	Science and Technology Park Montenegro (Naučno tehnološki park Crne Gore)	Montenegro	STP MNE
11	Austrian Research Promotion Agency (Österreichische Forschungsgesellschaft mbH)	Austria	FFG
12	University of Sarajevo (Univerzitet u Sarajevu)	Bosnia and Herzegovina	UNSA
13	The Institute of Economics, Zagreb (Ekonomski institut, Zagreb)	Croatia	EIZ
AP	National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation (Agjencia Kombëtare e Kërkimit Shkencor dhe Inovacionit)	Albania	NASRI

[1]* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.

POLICY ANSWERS key highlights in the next 2-3 years

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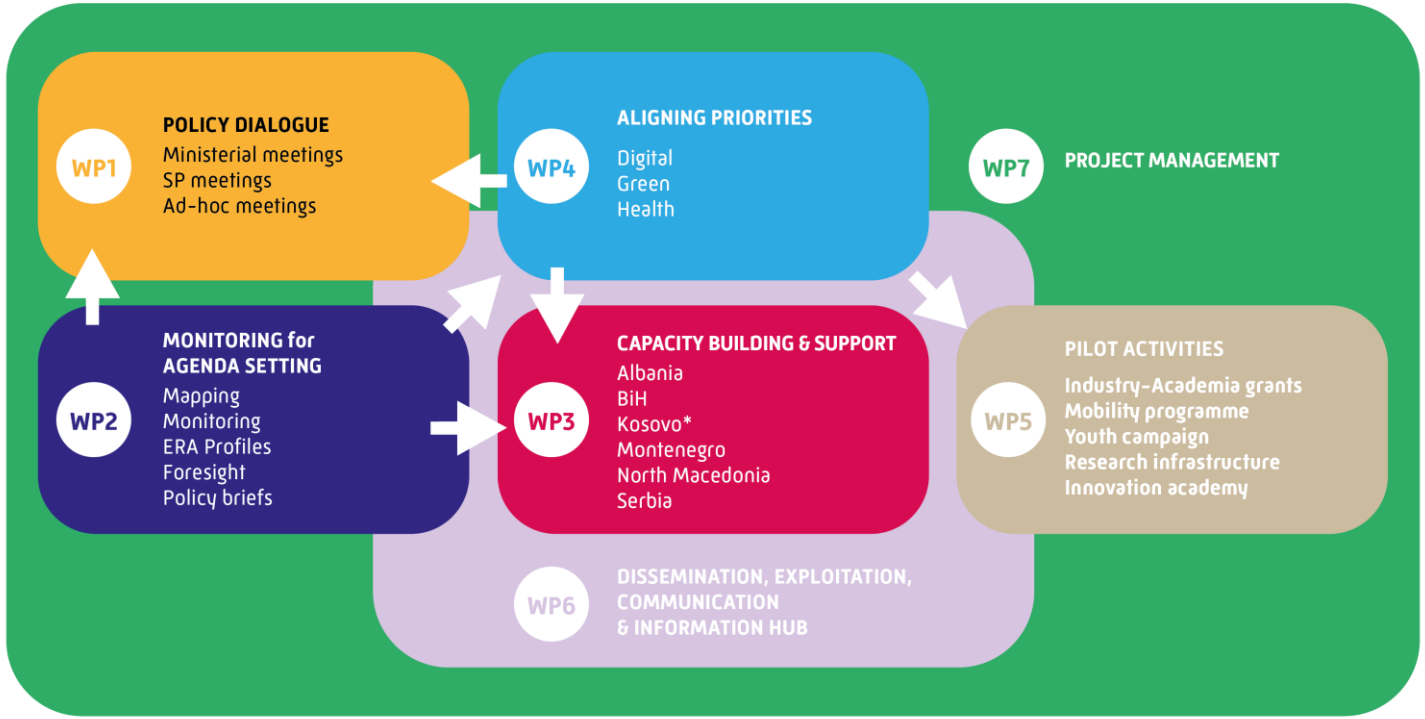

- Ministerials and Steering Platforms
- Analytical support (monitoring WB Agenda implementation, ERA profiles)
- Support to align with instruments (e.g. missions and partnerships) in relation to digital and green transition and healthy societies
- Start of a capacity building programme
- Preparation for pilot activities
- Regular interactions with Project Advisory Board
- Information exchange via www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu

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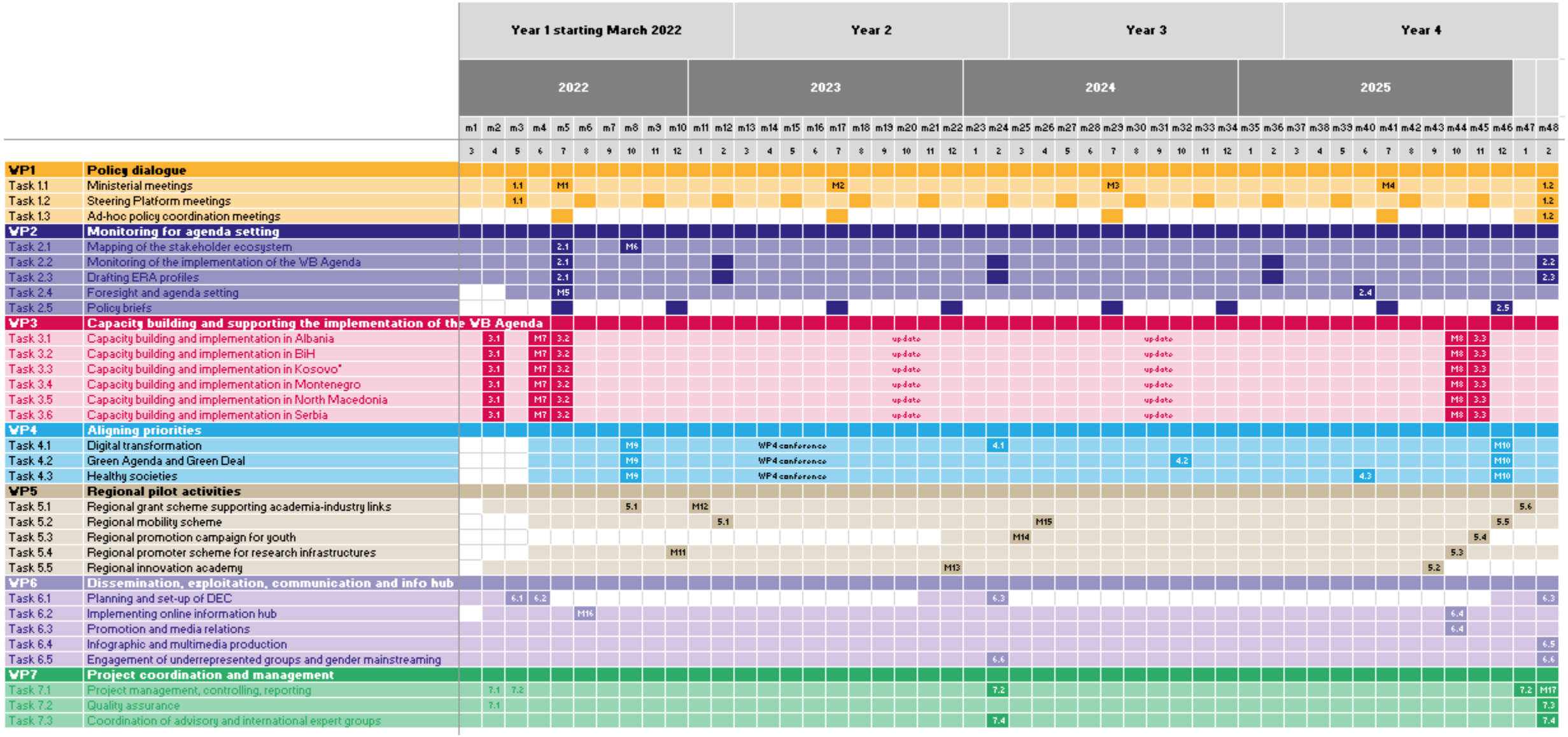

Invitations

- Let's arrange bilateral meetings about coordination and support (e.g. your interest to join missions and partnerships or other priorities to work on together; inputs to the monitoring of WB Agenda; interest in pilot activities; etc.)
- Subscribe to our newsletter (via www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu or by sending a mail) and follow our social media
  - FACEBOOK https://www.facebook.com/WBInfoHub
  - TWITTER https://twitter.com/WBInfoHub
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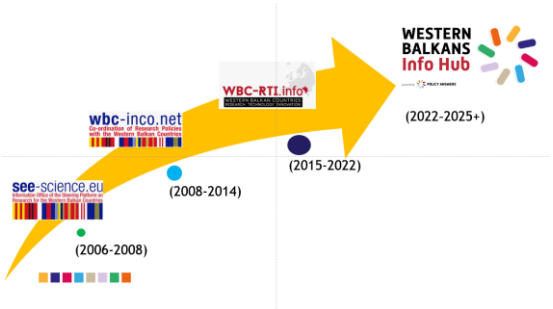

- Send us your information (news, events, documents, calls, etc.) to circulate to 11.000 subscribers (via info@westernbalkans-infohub.eu)
- Mobilisation of actors for specific activities and projects, e.g. awareness raising about different projects and initiatives (input to mapping and promotion), e.g. WBC-RRI.NET and different projects and programmes supported by the FP (Horizon 2020 & Horizon EU)

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Full project title:	**Embedding RRI in Western Balkan Countries: Enhancement of Self-Sustaining R&I Ecosystems**
Acronym:	WBC-RRI.NET
Funding programme:	Horizon 2020
Call:	SwafS-14-2018-2019-2020 - Supporting the development of territorial Responsible Research and Innovation
Type of Action:	CSA (Coordination and Support Action)
Grant Management Number:	101006279
Duration:	48 months
Start date:	01 March 2021
End date:	29 February 2024
Requested EU Contribution:	€ 1,999,995.00
Website:	https://wbc-rri.net/
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WBC-RRI.NET
Responsible Research and Innovation in the Western Balkans

WBC-RRI.NET supports territorial "Responsible Research and Innovation" in the region

Provides coordination and support support …

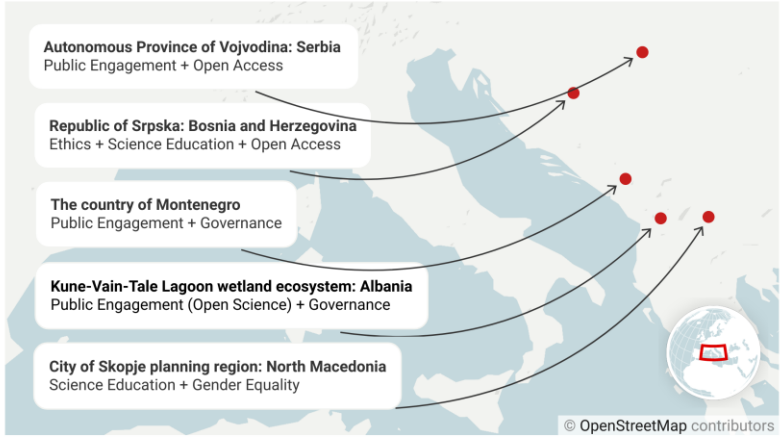
- By launching "RRI anchor initiatives" – establishing good practice cases in the region (co-designed with stakeholders)

- By launching regional Working Groups which defined and started implementing an Action Plan for regional activities

WG1	WG2	WG3
Gender and Ethics	Science Education and Public Engagement	Open Science and Open Access

- By understanding the state-of-play, exchanging of experiences, raising awareness, proposing new ways of doing things and developing policy recommendations

Target WB territories, scientific focus and target RRI keys of the 5 RRI anchor' initiatives



Scientific Focus

- **City of Skopje planning region:** Culture, Creativity and Inclusive society • Digital, Industry and Space
- **Kune-Vain-Tale Lagoon:** Climate, Energy and Mobility • Food, Bioeconomy, Natural resources
- **Autonomous Province of Vojvodina:** Health • Digital, Industry and Space
- **Republic of Srpska:** Health • Digital, Industry and Space
- **The country of Montenegro:** Climate, Energy and Mobility • Food, Bioeconomy, Natural resources

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Responsible Research and Innovation in the Western Balkans

- Join working groups
- Help us collecting good practices
- Get engaged with the partners

	WG1 Gender and Ethics		WG2 Science Education and Public Engagement		WG3 Open Science and Open Access		All WG
	Gender	Ethics	Science Education	Public Engagement	Open Science	Open Access	Cross-WG activities
Understanding the state-of-play	Identify the level of involvement in Gender and Ethics related activities of RPO in the WB region (Act. 1.1)		Science to School initiatives (Act. 2.1)	Citizen Science actions (Act. 2.2)	Creation of a map of existing institutional open science repositories in WBC (Act. 3.1)		RRI peer-learning programme: identifying good practices, organise peer learning events and awarding a prize (all.1)
					Overview of existing open science and open access legislative in WB region (Act. 3.2)		
Exchanging experiences	Exchange of experience on Gender Equality Plans (GEPs) (Act. 1.2)			RRI session(s) at scientific regional conferences (Act. 2.3)	Promoting the EOSC and networking (Act. 3.3)	Linking and liaising with cOalition S, and specific promotion towards RFOs (Act. 3.4)	
Raising awareness	Activities related to the aspect of "Gender-based violence including sexual harassment" (Act. 1.3)	Discussing Ethics Governance System for RRI in Higher Education and Research Performing Organization (Act. 1.6)	Presenting RRI related project results at Researchers Nights (Act. 2.4)	Citizen Science actions (Act. 2.2)	Webinar series on Open Science and Open Access (Act. 3.5)		WBC-RRI.NET blog series, factsheets and communication materials (all.2)
	GE podcasts (Act. 1.5)		Development of policy briefs (Act. 2.5)		Organization of high-level Round table about status of Open Science and Open Access in WBCs (Act. 3.6)		
Proposing a new way of doing things		Ethics issues in research - setting the institutional standards (Act. 1.4)	Engineering Creativity Center (Act. 2.6)	Developing tools for more effective communication skills fostering public engagement (Act. 2.7)	Evidence2Policy support programme (Act. 3.7)		

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