

WORKSHOP ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES



Making the most of existing and underused Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans




AGENDA

14 September 2023

09:00 – 13:00

**Venue: Regional Cooperation Council (RCC),
Trg Bosne i Hercegovine 1/V, Sarajevo
Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Meeting Room: Athena conference hall at the fifth floor

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9:00 – 9:10

OPENING

Pranvera Kastrati, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)

Elke Dall, POLICY ANSWERS, ZSI, Austria

9:10 – 9:20

KEY INPUT

Key findings of the research and innovation infrastructure mapping exercise and regional cooperation modalities

Sinisa Marcic, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

9.20 – 10:50

PANEL SESSION 1

Promoting Research Infrastructures for Societal Challenges: Progress in the Development of Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans

Moderator: **Sanja Damjanovic**, POLICY ANSWERS, GSI, Germany

Theme - Agri-Food

Vesna Bengin, Co-founder and Scientific Advisor, BioSense Institute, Serbia
*Societal benefits of ANTARES/The Teaming for Excellence Project:
Transformation of the BioSense Institute into a European Center for
Excellence*

Theme - Social Sciences

Nenad Celarevic, Regional Business Development Coordinator,
Helvetas, Serbia
*The benefits from participating in leading core international
European infrastructures (ERIC, ESFRI) – example ESS ERIC with
benefits for the Western Balkans*

Theme - Health&BioTech

Teodora Ilic, Engineer of Organizational Sciences, Ministry of Science,
Technological Development and Innovation, Serbia
*Research Infrastructures for efficient implementation of Smart
Specialisation Strategies – Bio4Campus*





Theme – Green&Digital

Jasmin Ademovic, President, City Council of the City of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Tech4Green – High Performance Computing Center for achieving the goals of the Green Agenda and Digital Transformation of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Theme – Environment

Dejan Mirakovski, Rector, Goce Delcev University Stip, North Macedonia
Research Infrastructures for Environmental Challenges

Theme – Digital

Tarik Zaimovic, Vice-Rector for Finance, University of Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
University of Sarajevo High-Performance Computing (HPC) System

OPEN DISCUSSION

10:50 – 11:20

Coffee Break



11.20 – 12:20

PANEL SESSION 2

Moderator: **Monika Petrova**, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council

Theme – GEANT and the Western Balkans

Anastas Mishev, GEANT South Eastern Europe Directors Forum Chair and Coordinator

GEANT recent developments and opportunities to consider for the Western Balkans

Arjan Xhelaj, Director General and Chairman of the General Assembly of RASH – Academic Network of Albania, Albania

RASH – Academic Network of Albania (NREN): Highlighting the benefits of GEANT, the pan-European data network (e-Infrastructure) that connects research and education institutions across Europe and beyond





Theme – InfraBooster Foundation for the Western Balkans

Krzysztof Klincewicz, University of Warsaw, Poland and EIT Food

What is the infrabooster programme and how can it assist the Research Infrastructures in the Western Balkans to develop further?

OPEN DISCUSSION

12:20 – 12:50

PLENARY DISCUSSION

DISCUSSION:

How to make the most of the existing and underused research infrastructures in the Western Balkans

Various approaches for enhancing access to funding sources for Research Infrastructures, including a combination of different programmes such as Horizon Europe and Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA) funds

12:50 – 13:00

CLOSING REMARKS

Sanja Damjanovic, POLICY ANSWERS, GSI, Germany

Sinisa Marcic, RCC, Regional Cooperation Council