



Meeting of the Western Balkans Steering Platforms on Education and Training, Research and Innovation, and Culture

4 September 2024; 09:00-13:15 CET

ONLINE - [Webex](#)

The meeting is scheduled from 09:00-13:15 CET; however, participants are kindly asked to reserve 30 additional minutes in their agendas (until 13:45 h) for possible longer discussions.

Note for the speakers: Please kindly limit your contribution during the online meeting to 3 minutes. You can provide any written contributions to pecarz@zsi.at by 3 September 2024. Please see technical instructions on p.3.

Agenda

08:55-09:00	<i>Technical instructions</i>
09:00-09:15	Welcome Remarks and Introduction Carole Mancel-Blanchard, Head of Unit 'International cooperation - Europe and Americas', European Commission, DG R&I, co-chair Ferenc Nagy-Rébék, Head of Department of Science Policy and International Scientific Cooperation, Ministry of Culture and Innovation Department, Hungarian EU Council Presidency, co-chair Flaka Pollozhani Ziba, Adviser for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Science of North Macedonia, WB co-chair Biljana Prentoska, Head of the Unit for Creative Europe, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, WB co-chair
09:15-10:50	Preparation of the Ministerial Meeting of the WB Platforms on 29 September – 1 October 2024 (part 1) Update by DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC, DG NEAR Logistics by POLICY ANSWERS WB comments on Round Table discussions Other events and meetings: COST, EIT, JRC, POLICY ANSWERS - Foresight (20 minutes) Q&A, General Discussion
10:50-11:00	<i>Technical break</i>

11:00-12:10	<p>Preparation of the Ministerial Meeting of the WB Platforms on 29 September – 1 October 2024 (part 2)</p> <p>Q&A, General Discussion</p>
12:10 -12:35	<p>Ministerial Conclusions</p> <p>DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC (3 minutes each)</p> <p>WB (2 min per WB)</p> <p>Q&A, General Discussion</p>
12:35-12:45	<p>Updates from POLICY ANSWERS</p> <p>Elke Dall, POLICY ANSWERS Coordinator, ZSI</p>
12:45-13:00	<p>New Co-Funded Partnership ‘Raw Materials for the Green and Digital Transition’</p> <p>Daniel Cios, Policy Officer, Unit for Energy Intensive Industries and Raw Materials, European Commission, DG GROW</p>
13:00-13:15	<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p> <p>Flaka Pollozhani Ziba, Adviser for International Cooperation, Ministry of Education and Science of North Macedonia, WB co-chair</p> <p>Jovanka Gjorgjeska-Kuzmanoska, Deputy Head of Department for European Integration, Ministry of Culture and Tourism, WB co-chair</p> <p>Anne Haglund Morrissey, Deputy Head of Unit ‘International cooperation - Europe and Americas’, European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, co-chair</p> <p>Ferenc Nagy-Rébék, Head of Department of Science Policy and International Scientific Cooperation, Ministry of Culture and Innovation Department, Hungarian EU Council Presidency, co-chair</p>

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- Technical problems/technical test: In case of technical problems during the meeting, you can communicate with the POLICY ANSWERS organisational staff through the chat line. On 4 September 2024, you will be able to access the virtual meeting room already at 08:45 h for technical tests.

Technical aspects/How to participate in the meeting

Virtual Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms, Wednesday, 4 September 2024 (9:00-13:15/13:45 CET)

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