



Meeting of the Western Balkans Platform on Research and Innovation

27 March 2024; 09:00-12:15 CET

ONLINE - [WEBEX](#)

The meeting is scheduled from 09:00-12:15 CET; however, participants are kindly asked to reserve 30 additional minutes in their agendas (until 12:45 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 26 March 2024. Please see technical instructions on p.3.

Agenda

08:55-09:00	<i>Technical instructions</i>
09:00-09:30	Welcome Remarks and Introduction Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I Alison Morton, Belgian EU Council Presidency Taulant Kelmendi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, XK* co-chair Emanuela Bellan, Head of Unit 'Member States Partnerships and International Relations', EC JRC
09:30-10:50	Western Balkans Agenda: Main Developments and Updates in Research and Innovation Anne Haglund Morrissey, Deputy Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I (10 min) Emanuela Bellan, Head of Unit 'Member States Partnerships and International Relations', EC JRC (5 min) Enrica Chiozza, Team Leader Western Balkans Investment Framework, EC DG NEAR (5 min) Giada Trucco, Policy Officer, EC DG NEAR (5 min) Luke Incorvaja, Innovation Officer, EIT (5 min) WB updates (5 min per WB) EU MS and other organisations (2 min each) Q&A, General Discussion (10 min)

* 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.

10:50 – 11:00	<i>Technical break</i>
11:00-11:15	<p>Strengthening R&I Capacity in the Western Balkans</p> <p>Ioannis Sagias, Deputy Head of Unit for Valorisation Policies and IPR, EC DG R&I: R&I Valorisation Akos Kristof, BIOEAST National Contact Point, Hungarian Ministry of Agriculture</p>
11:15-12:00	<p>Update by POLICY ANSWERS</p> <p>Elke Dall, ZSI: Current Activities (5 min) Ralf Hanatschek, DLR: Monitoring the progress towards ERA integration – 2023 edition; Western Balkans Mobility Scheme (15 min) Ardian Marku, FITD: Innovation Voucher Scheme (5 min) Simon Schmitz, DLR: Foresight (5 min) AoB, Q&A, General Discussion (15 min)</p>
12:00-12:15	<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p> <p>Taulant Kelmendi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation, XK co-chair Anne Haglund Morrissey, Deputy Head of Unit ‘Horizon Europe Association’, EC DG R&I</p>

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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 are not talking, it is best to keep your microphone muted.
- Stick to the schedule; Keep your contribution brief (ideally up to 3 min) to stay within the time schedule. A timer may be used to help speakers stick to the schedule.
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Technical aspects/How to participate in the meeting

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