

# **POLICY ANSWERS**

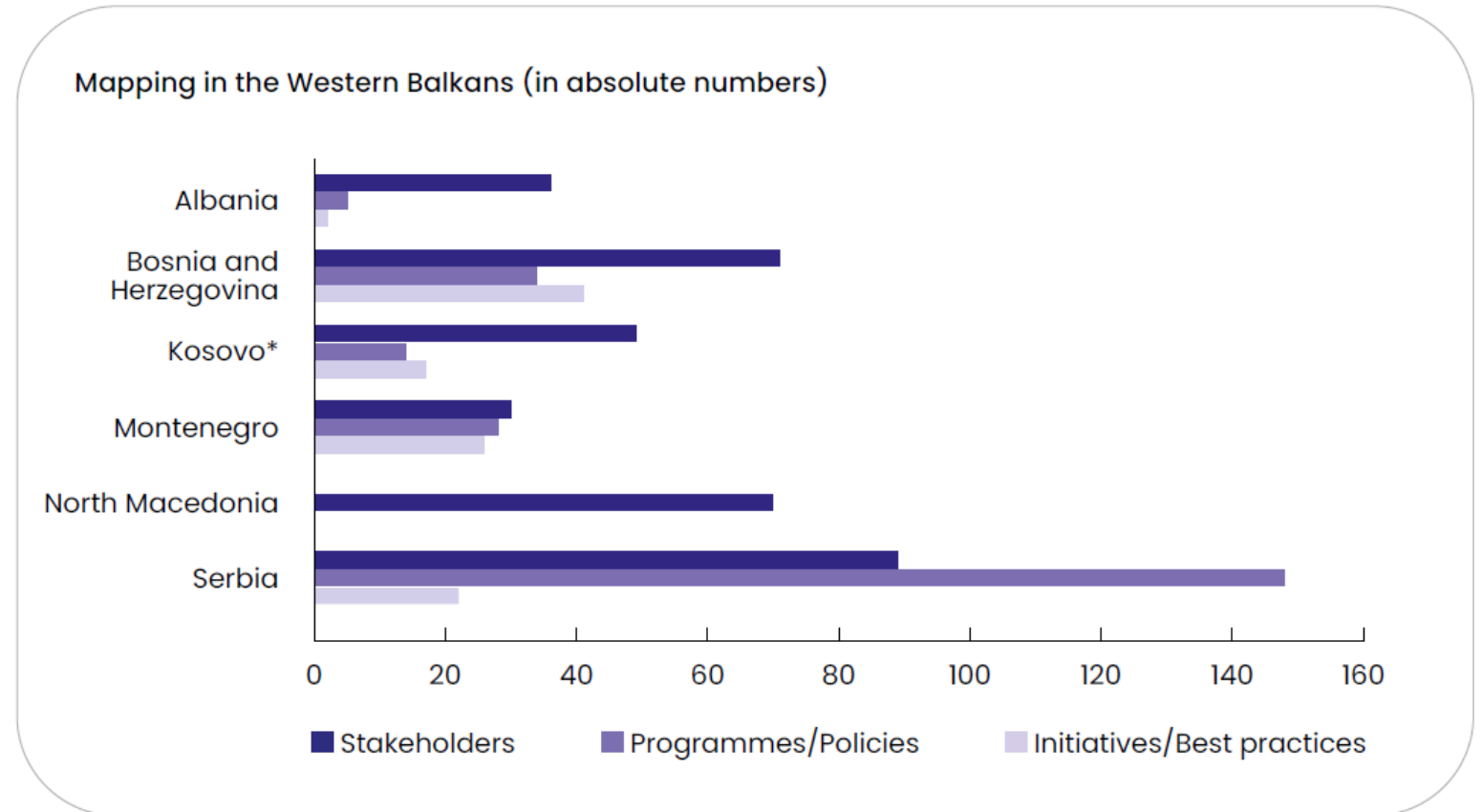
## **Current activities**

Steering Platform meeting  
online, 27 March 2024

Elke Dall

# Stakeholder mapping

- 500 national and regional stakeholders
- 400+ national and regional programmes and policies
- Almost 300 initiatives and best practices on regional level were also identified





## Capacity building actions based on identified needs

**ALL 29 CAPACITY BUILDING SUPPORT ACTIONS  
COULD BE CLASSIFIED INTO FIVE BROAD TOPICS:**

1. Capacity building and technical assistance in policy design, implementation, monitoring and evaluation.
2. Support for participation in EU programmes.
3. Specific support to universities and technology transfer activities.
4. Specific support to the business sector.
5. General training sessions for quadruple helix actors in the area of circular economy, blue growth and health society.

## WP3 CAPACITY BUILDING & SUPPORT

# Capacity Building Programmes

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

1. Support for preparation of Horizon Europe partnerships and proposals.
2. Capacity building in research management and administration.
3. Capacity building in monitoring and evaluation.
4. Multisectoral approach to digitalisation, green agenda and healthy societies.
5. Building and strengthening the academia-industry linkages.
6. Assistance in (co)creating policy documents.
7. Support to Open Science.
8. Support to the development of a Smart Specialisation Strategy.

### MONTENEGRO

1. Training for Preparation of Applications for Horizon Europe Projects.
2. Training for Implementing Horizon Europe Projects in Montenegro.
3. Training for implementation of the Circular Economy Principles in Montenegro.
4. Training to Support the Development of Sustainable Agriculture and the Food Value Chain in Montenegro.

### SERBIA

1. Strengthening the capacity of the business sector for digital skills.
2. Green Transformation: New skills required to master the green transition.
3. Improving project proposal writing skills.
4. Training sessions on Programme evaluation: Evaluation practices in policies and programmes.

### ALBANIA

1. Training programme at universities to prepare and implement GEPs.
2. Support participation in Horizon Europe.
3. Support to promote EU funding for companies.
4. Supporting WB Agenda requirements on S3 implementation.
5. Promotion of innovation opportunities related to the blue economy.

### KOSOVO\*

1. Training of researchers for preparation of applications and implementing projects in Horizon Europe.
2. Technical Assistance for the Ministry of Education, Science, Technology and Innovation & the National Research Council through providing inputs for New National Research Programme and increasing funding sources for R&I.
3. Support in advancing curricula with thematic priority areas at university level.
4. Support of increasing cooperation between the private sector and institutions in the field of research and innovation.
5. Organisation of workshop and provision of methodology guideline for project identification and preparation in light of the EU Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans.
6. Creation of a Coordination Forum of Quadruple Helix to create synergy amongst key actors.
7. Technical Assistance on the Implementation of the WB Green Agenda.
8. Monitoring of the implementation of the Digital Agenda.
9. Technical Assistance for the Ministry of Health.

### NORTH MACEDONIA

1. Policy Design, Coordination, Monitoring and Evaluation (Research, Development and Innovation (RDI), education and culture specific).
  - a. Setting the stage: policy design.
  - b. Institutions in practice: coordination & collaboration.
  - c. Performance management: monitoring & evaluation.
2. Organisational management.
3. Fundraising for public institutions.

# WP4 ALIGNING PRIORITIES

## Focus areas: green - digital - health

### Webinar 1

**Bojana Bajic**

Digital Transformation of Public Administration Specialist, Regional School of Public Affairs (ReSPA), Montenegro



Overview of the Western Balkans on their Pathway to implement the Digital Agenda - Challenges, Best Practices and Recommendations

Bojana Bajic, Digital Transformation of Public Administration Specialist, Regional School of Public Affairs (ReSPA) Montenegro

22 February 2024,

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### Webinar 2

**Marija Jevtic**

Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad, Serbia



Overview of the Western Balkans on their Pathway towards Modern Health Policy - Challenges, Best Practices and Recommendations

Marija Jevtic, Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

28 March 2024,  
15:00 - 15:40

[Register now!](#)

### Webinar 3

**Djordje Djatkov**

Professor, Faculty of Technical Science, University of Novi Sad, Serbia



Overview of the Western Balkans on their Pathway to implement the Green Agenda - Challenges, Best Practices and Recommendations

Djordje Djatkov, Professor, Faculty of Technical Science, University of Novi Sad, Serbia

25 April 2024,  
15:00 - 15:40

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Next webinars announced soon!



## Monthly webinars

<https://eu-wb-policy-dialogue-stakeholder.b2match.io/page-901>  
**#WBvision2030**

Report on the digital / green / health priorities being prepared

Policy Dialogue on  
Aligning Priorities  
in the Western Balkans

Digital / Green / Health Pathways

Vision 2030

Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina  
13 September 2023

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# Overview

- Mobility programme
  - Building the ground for a follow-up of the mobility scheme to be funded by regional, national or international stakeholders
- Industry-Academia incentives
  - Western Balkans Innovation Vouchers supporting academia-industry links
- Research Infrastructure
  - The concept of this pilot activity is to identify and reward high-level RI Ambassadors and together with them develop the platform for the promotion of importance of RIs for the WB
- Regional Innovation Academy
- Youth campaign

## Western Balkans Info Hub

- New website launched. Special edition coming tomorrow, next newsletter with focus “digital transition”.
- We are happy to receive inputs from the community via [info@westernbalkans-infohub.eu](mailto:info@westernbalkans-infohub.eu)

The screenshot shows the homepage of the Western Balkans Info Hub. At the top left is the logo 'WESTERN BALKANS Info Hub'. The navigation menu includes 'Glossary', 'Archive', 'Submit', and 'Contact us'. Below this is a secondary menu with 'About', 'Themes', 'News', 'Opportunities', 'Resources', 'Steering platforms', and 'Ecosystem of engagement'. On the right side of the header, there is a 'Subscribe' button, a search icon, and social media icons for Facebook, X, LinkedIn, and YouTube. The main content area features a 'Powered by POLICY ANSWERS' logo, a large heading 'Welcome to the Western Balkans Info Hub!', and a sub-heading 'We're here to provide you with valuable information on research, technology, innovation, education, culture, youth, and sports in the Western Balkans region.' Below the text are 'Subscribe' and 'About us' buttons. A central image shows a group of people in a meeting, with one person giving a high-five to another. A back arrow icon is visible on the left side of the main content area.

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