

# Virtual Meeting of the Western Balkans Platform on Research and Innovation

**30 March 2022; 09:30-12:30 h CET**

Participants are kindly requested to follow the instructions and the netiquette for participation below the agenda on p. 3. The meeting is scheduled from 09:30-12:30 h. However, participants are kindly asked to reserve 30 additional minutes in their agendas (until 13:00 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](mailto:pecarz@zsi.at) by 29 March 2022.

## Agenda

09:25-09:30	<i>Technical instructions</i>
<b>09:30-10:00</b>	<b>Welcome remarks and introduction</b> Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I Patrick Nédellec, French EU Council Presidency, Director for European and international cooperation at the Ministry for Higher Education, Research and Innovation, co-chair Albana Tole, Vice Minister of Education and Sport, WB co-chair Filip Van Depoele, Head of Unit 'International Cooperation', EC DG EAC Miroslav Veskovic, Scientific Expert, EC DG JRC
<b>10:00-10:20</b>	<b>Horizon Europe Association Implementation</b> DG R&I (10 min) WB (2 minutes per WB)
<b>10:20-11:00</b>	<b>Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport</b> Update by DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC, DG NEAR (10 min) WB (3 minutes per WB) Q&A, general discussion (10 min)
<b>11:00-11:10</b>	<i>Technical Break</i>

<p><b>11:10-11:40</b></p>	<p><b>Time for presenting</b></p> <p><b>BIOEAST</b>, Barna Kovacs, Secretary General, Permanent Representation of Hungary to the EU</p> <p><b>Synchrotron Radiation Training &amp; Educational Programme</b>, Fabio Mazzolini, Elettra Sincrotrone Trieste</p> <p><b>POLICY ANSWERS</b>, Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation</p>
<p><b>11:40-12:10</b></p>	<p><b>Ministerial Meetings of the Western Balkans Platforms on Education and Training &amp; Research and Innovation</b></p> <p>DGs R&amp;I, JRC, EAC, NEAR (10 min)</p> <p>Q&amp;A, Discussion (20 min)</p>
<p><b>12:10-12:25</b></p>	<p><b>High-level events and <i>Tour des Balkans</i> of Commissioner Gabriel (Autumn 2022)</b></p> <p>DG R&amp;I, JRC &amp; EAC (10 min)</p> <p>Q&amp;A, general discussion (5 min)</p>
<p><b>12:25 – 12:30</b></p>	<p><b>Concluding remarks and next steps</b></p> <p>Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit ‘Horizon Europe Association’, EC DG R&amp;I</p>

## Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

All participants are kindly invited to follow these virtual meeting etiquette rules and tips:

- 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 will be used to help speakers stick to the schedule.
- Raise your hand/use the chat line  
For oral contributions, please click on the 'raise your hand' button to request microphone permission. Or communicate your questions via the chat line that is available within the interface.
- Technical problems /technical test  
In case of technical problems during the meeting, you can communicate with the Policy Answers staff through the chat line. On 30 March 2022, you will be able to access the virtual meeting room already at 09:00 h for technical tests.

## Technical aspects/How to participate in the meeting

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