

Virtual Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms on Education and Training & Research and Innovation

29 March 2023; 09:00-12:30 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 09:00-12:30 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 by 28 March 2023.

Agenda

08:55-09:00	<i>Technical instructions</i>
09:00-09:30	<p>Welcome Remarks and Introduction</p> <p>Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I Filip Van Depoele, Head of Unit 'International Cooperation', EC DG EAC Bibi Gramson, Swedish EU Council Presidency Aleksandar Jovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Serbia, WB co-chair Emanuela Bellan, Head of Unit 'Member States Partnerships and International Relations', EC JRC</p>
09:30-10:45	<p>Preparation of the Ministerial Meeting of the WB Platforms on 4-6 June 2023</p> <p>Update by DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC (15 min) The new European Innovation Agenda (NEIA) – Regional Innovation Valleys (5 min) Logistics by POLICY ANSWERS (10 minutes) WB (5 minutes per WB) Q&A, General Discussion (15 min)</p>
10:45-11:15	<p>Preparation of Ministerial Round Table Discussion on Education & Training “Education and Innovation”</p> <p>Topics proposed for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Synergies between education and innovation 2. Teaching and learning in the digital age

	<p>Questions proposed for Education Ministers' Round Table DG EAC (5 min) WB (3 minutes per WB) Q&A, General Discussion (5 min)</p>
11:15-11:45	<p>Ministerial Round Table Discussion on Research & Innovation "Young researchers and innovators: scaling up the skills"</p> <p>Topics proposed for discussion:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pooling and building skills required for innovation 2. Scaling up skills: market uptake <p>Question proposed for Science Ministers' Round Table DG R&I (5 min) WB (3 minutes per WB) Q&A, General Discussion (5 min)</p>
11:45-12:25	<p>Update on the Western Balkans Agenda</p> <p>DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC, (10 min) WB (3 min per WB) Q&A, General Discussion (15 min)</p>
12:25-12:30	<p>Concluding remarks and next steps</p> <p>Aleksandar Jovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Serbia, WB co-chair Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I Filip Van Depoele, Head of Unit 'International Cooperation', EC DG EAC</p>

Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

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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 will be used to help speakers stick to the schedule.
- Raise your hand/use the chat line
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- 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 29 March 2023, 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

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