



WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

AGENDA

25 JUNE 2018
BRUSSELS

SUNDAY, 24 JUNE 2018

19.00 – 21.30 **Networking Dinner** (Restaurant La Quincaillerie, Brussels)

MONDAY, 25 JUNE 2018

08:30 – 09:00 **Registration and Welcome Coffee** (Hotel Métropole, Brussels)

09:00 – 09:20 **Welcome remarks | Opening statements**

- European Commission, DG Research and Innovation (Kostas Glinos, Head of Unit)
- Bulgarian EU Council Presidency (Kostadin Kostadinov, Advisor to the Minister of Education of Science)
- Incoming Austrian EU Council Presidency (Martina Hartl, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union)
- Albanian co-chair on behalf of the Western Balkans (Geron Kamberi, Director General)

09:20 – 10:00

EU R&D Agenda: Priorities/objectives in Research and Innovation

- Bulgarian EU Council Presidency presents their R&I activities related to the Western Balkans (Kostadin Kostadinov, Advisor to the Minister of Education of Science)
- Incoming EU Council Presidency presents their R&I activities related to the Western Balkans (Martina Hartl, Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union)
- EC reports on latest R&I developments (Kostas Glinos, DG Research and Innovation)
- EC reports on 2018 Western Balkans strategy / enlargement package (Allan Jones, Head of Unit, DG Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations)
- Regional Cooperation Council reports on the Multi-Annual Action Plan (Vanja Ivosevic, RCC)

10:00 – 11:00

Towards the Ministerial Meeting

Recent R&I cooperation developments in/with the Western Balkans

- Debriefing from the R&I Innovation Meeting in Skopje (Bernhard Fabianek, DG Research and Innovation)
- Debriefing from the Smart Specialisation Training in Ljubljana (Nikola Radovanovic, DG Joint Research Centre)
- Debriefing from the “Smart Specialisation and Technology Transfer as Innovation Drivers for Regional Growth” event in Sofia (Alessandro Fazio, DG Joint Research Centre)
- Debriefing from the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Sofia 2018 (Nicholas Cendrowicz, Deputy Head of Unit, DG Neighbourhood & Enlargement Negotiations)
- Report from the Berlin Process / Joint Science Conference in Rome (Lucian Brujan, German Academy of Sciences)
- Briefing on the OECD SEE Competitiveness Outlook (Jakob Fexer, OECD)
- Promoting social sciences and humanities in the Western Balkans (Nenad Celarevic, PERFORM)

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 – 12:30

Towards the Ministerial Meeting (continued)

Recent R&I cooperation developments in/with the Western Balkans

- Update from all SP members based on progress reports
- Discussion

12:30 – 13:00

Conclusions and summary for the Ministerial Meeting on 25 and 26 June 2018