



Virtual Western Balkans Steering Platform Meeting 14 April 2021; 09:30 – 12:15 h

The link to join the meeting is provided on p. 2. Participants are kindly requested to follow the **instructions and the netiquette for participation** on p. 2 and to reserve 30 minutes in their agendas until 12:45 for possible longer discussions.

Note for the speakers: please kindly limit your contribution during the online meeting to 3 minutes;
Please also provide any written inputs to gajdusek@zsi.at and ulrike.kunze@dlr.de by 12 April 2021.

AGENDA

- 09:25 - 09:30 *Technical instructions*
International Service Facility
- 09:30 - 09:55 Welcome remarks and introduction**
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I
Carla Matias dos Santos, Portuguese EU Council Presidency
Suvad Džafić, Assistant Minister for Science and Culture, Bosnia and Herzegovina WB Co-chair
Benedicte Einarsen, EC DG EAC
Liliana Pasecinic, Deputy Head of Unit 'Inter-institutional, International Relations and Outreach', EC DG JRC
- 09:55 - 10:55 Joint Declaration on the Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport**
DG R&I, DG EAC, DG JRC, DG NEAR (10 min)
WB6 (3 minutes per WB6)
Feed-back of PT PRES/Council and MS, interaction with WB6 (10 min)
Q&A, general discussion (10 min)
- 10:55 - 11:00 Technical Break**
- 11:00 – 11:20 Action Plan of the Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport**
DG R&I (5 min)
Short statement by WB6 (2 minutes per WB6) based on written comments provided
- 11:20 - 11:40 Western Balkan mobility opportunities**
Loreta Paulauskaite, Spanish National Agency SEPIE (10 min)
Q&A, general discussion (10 min)
- 11:40 – 12:00 Cooperation for Innovation and knowledge transfer under IPARD III**
Zigo Rutkovskis DG AGRI (10 min)
Interaction with the WB6 and other stakeholders (10 min)
- 12:00 – 12:10 Technical briefing in preparation of the Ministerial Meeting**
International Service Facility of the EC
- 12:10 – 12:15 Concluding remarks and next steps**
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I

Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

All participants are kindly invited to follow these simple 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're not talking, it's best to keep your microphone mute
- **Stick to the schedule**
Keep your intervention brief, up to 3 minutes ideally to help stick to the schedule. A timer will be used to help speakers stick to the schedule.
- **Raise your hand / use the chat line**
To ask to intervene, please click on the 'raise your hand' button or communicate your questions via the chat line that is available within the interface
- **Technical problems /technical test**
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Technical aspects / How to participate in the meeting

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