



# Virtual Western Balkans Steering Platform Meeting 10 March 2021; 09:30 - 12:00 h

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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 12:30 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](mailto:gajdusek@zsi.at) and [ulrike.kunze@dlr.de](mailto:ulrike.kunze@dlr.de) by 8 March 2021.

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## AGENDA

- 09:25 - 09:30      *Technical instructions*  
*International Service Facility*
- 09:30 - 09:50      Welcome remarks and introduction**  
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I  
Carla Matias dos Santos, Portuguese EU Council Presidency  
Arafat Shabani, Deputy Minister for Education and Science North Macedonia, WB Co-chair  
Albert Sese Ballart, EC DG EAC  
Liliana Pasecinic, Deputy Head of Unit 'Inter-institutional, International Relations and Outreach', EC DG JRC
- 09:50 - 10:30      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)  
Q&A, general discussion (10 min)
- 10:30 – 10:55      How the JRC supports the Green Agenda in the Western Balkans**  
Claudio Belis, Project Leader, Unit 'Air and Climate', EC DG JRC Directorate "Energy, Transport and Climate" (10 min)  
Q&A, general discussion (15 min)
- 10:55 - 11:00      *Technical Break***
- 11:00 - 11:35      Partnerships: Overview and cooperation perspectives for the Western Balkans**  
Christiane Wehle-Reinnarth, German Aerospace Center (15 min)  
Discussion and interaction with the WB6 and other stakeholders (20 min)
- 11:35 – 11:55      State of play of activities by the International Service Facility of the EC**  
Ulrike Kunze and Felix Gajdusek, ISF (10 min)  
Interaction with the WB6 and other stakeholders (10 min)
- 11:55 - 12:00      Concluding remarks and next steps**  
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I

# Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

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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**  
*In case of technical problems during the meeting, you can communicate to the International Service Facility staff through the chat line. On 10 March 2021, you will be able to access the virtual meeting room already at 09:00 for technical tests*

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## Technical aspects / How to participate in the meeting

**VIRTUAL WESTERN BALKANS STEERING PLATFORM (10 March 2021, 09:30 – 12:00 CET)**

The meeting is hosted by the International Service Facility at the following link:

[Join meeting](#)

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Meeting number: 181 781 1003

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You can also dial 62.109.219.4 and enter your meeting number.