



# Virtual Western Balkans Research and Innovation Meeting

## 13 May 2020; 10:00 - 11:45 h

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### AGENDA

*Note for the speakers: please provide written inputs to the meeting as preparation along the guidelines and questions provided in the invitation; kindly limit your contribution during the online meeting to 3 minutes*

- 10:00-10:10**    **Welcome remarks and Introduction to the meeting**  
Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I  
Stasa Skencic, Croatian EU-Presidency, Co-Chair  
Colin Wolfe, Head of Unit 'Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes', EC DG NEAR  
Liliana Pasecinic, Deputy Head of Unit 'Institutional, International relations and outreach', EC DG JRC
- 10:10-11:00**    **Update on Covid-19 impact, ongoing measures and next steps**
- Short update on ongoing measures (current international co-operation and interest to further coordinate across the region and with the EU); focus on **steps planned for the recovery period after the COVID-19 crisis** (impact on the economy in general and companies in particular, impact on the RDI community); EC DG R&I, WB6, incoming EU Council Presidency, EU MS, RCC, CEI, Berlin Process
- 11:00-11:40**    **Updates on recent developments**
- Smart Specialisation Strategies; JRC; WB6 (written contributions as already reported in last meeting)
  - Update from the Service Facility (SF) on recent activities; SF
  - Foresight efforts; DG JRC, SF
  - Innovation Agenda; EC DG R&I, WB6
- 11:40-11:45**    **Concluding Remarks and next steps; EC DG R&I**

## Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

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**All speakers are kindly requested to provide their intervention in written by 8 May 2020.** This will allow circulation of the contributions to the participants on 11 May 2020 and to focus the virtual meeting on the main points leaving enough time for additional questions and discussion.

**Interventions from the WB** shall ideally comprise information on:

- Update on the COVID-19 impact in terms of health and socio-economic aspects including ongoing measures and cooperation (to foster the creation of synergies and coordination of activities);
- Easing of the measures: expected impact on the economy in general and on companies in particular, impact on the RDI community;
- Measures foreseen for the recovery period after the COVID-19 crisis: short and long term planning, how to use IPA funds and loan guarantees already available, especially for competitiveness and innovation and support to SMEs.

All interventions are kindly requested to be sent to [pecarz@zsi.at](mailto:pecarz@zsi.at) and [ulrike.kunze@dlr.de](mailto:ulrike.kunze@dlr.de) by 8 May 2020.

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