



Virtual
Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms
on Education and Training & Research and Innovation
&
Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) Event
22 September 2021; 09:30 - 13:30 h

*Participants are kindly requested to follow the **instructions and the netiquette for participation** laid out in the final note below the agenda on p. 2*
The meeting is scheduled between 09:30 – 13:30. However, participants are kindly asked to reserve 30 additional minutes in their agendas until 13:30 for possible longer discussions.

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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
N. N., EC DG EAC
Peter Volasko., Slovenian EU Council Presidency, co-chair
N. N., WB Co-chair
N.N. , EC DG JRC
- 09:50 - 10:50** **Preparation of the EU-Western Balkans summit, 6 October 2021**
N.N, Slovenian EU Council Presidency (10 minutes)
WB6: Research & Innovation, Education & Culture: Q&A, general discussions
Preparation of the Foresight study event on 6 October 2021
N.N., ISF (10minutes)
Q&A, general discussion (10 minutes)
- 10:50 – 11:00** *Technical Break*
- 11:00 – 12:00** **Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3) Study – Overview and WB6 comparative findings**
(35 minutes)
Martin Felix Gajdusek, ISF

(Option: Highlights from the practice (policy delivery practise identified by ISF study team)

The JRC support for Smart Specialisation Strategies (S3)

(15 minutes)

N.N., JRC

Q&A, general discussion (10 minutes)

12:00 – 13:15

Discussion Panel of S3 Stakeholders from the WB6 (According to individual progress view-points may change)

Question panel round 1:

What contributed or will most contribute to advance the delivery of S3? (20 minutes)

Focus: Policy delivery instruments and their financing, evaluation tasks, cluster related issues

Question panel round 2:

What implementation activities for the S3 delivery are most challenging? (20 minutes)

Focus: Difficulties in practice and specific challenges with measures

Question panel round 2:

What can be learnt from recent practical delivery and what recent experiences can be shared within WB6? (20 minutes)

Focus: Intra – WB6 learning and complementary mutual support and exchange in the WB6

13:15 – 13:30

Concluding remarks and next steps

Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of Unit 'Horizon Europe Association', EC DG R&I

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