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02 DECEMBER 2020 - ONLINE 09:00 - 16:30

09:00 - 09:10 TECHNICAL SET UP AND HOUSEKEEPING RULES

Moderator Brian Maguire / Cecoforma

09:10 - 09:30 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

- **Themis Christophidou**, Director General, DG EAC
- **Signe Ratso**, Deputy Director General, DG R&I
- **Bernard Magenhann**, Deputy Director General, DG JRC
- **Genoveva Ruiz Calavera**, Director, DG NEAR

09:30 - 10:30 1ST MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON CULTURE

Chair: **Tamas Szucs**, Director, DG EAC

Statements by the Ministers of Culture of the Western Balkans

10:30 - 10:35 KEYNOTE ETF - HUMAN CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT

- **Cesare Onestini**, Director European Training Foundation

10:35 - 11:35 2ND MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON EDUCATION

Chair: **Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva**, Director, DG EAC

Statements by the Ministers of Education of the Western Balkans

11:35 - 11:40 KEYNOTE TUBITAK

- **Hasan Mandal**, President, TUBITAK

11:40 - 11:45 KEYNOTE EUREKA

- **Margarete Schramböck**, Austrian Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs

11:45 - 12:45 3RD MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON RESEARCH & INNOVATION

Chair: **Jean-Eric Paquet**, Director General, DG R&I

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12:45 - 12:55 KEYNOTE

- **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

12:55 - 13:05 KEYNOTE

- **Thomas Rachel**, German EU Council Presidency, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research



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13:05 - 13:30 **DISCUSSION**

Chairs: • **Mariya Gabriel**, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth
• **Thomas Rachel**, German EU Council Presidency, Parliamentary State Secretary
to the Federal Minister of Education and Research

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13:30 - 14:30 **OFFLINE LUNCH BREAK**

14:30 - 14:40 **OECD PRESENTATION**

• **Richard Li**, Analyst, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD

14:40 - 15:10 **SUPPORTING INNOVATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**

Chair: **Colin Wolfe**, Head of Western Balkans Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR

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• **Matteo Rivellini**, Head of Division, Operations in Slovenia, Croatia and Western Balkans, EIB

EUROPEAN BANK OF RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT

• **Zsuzsanna Hargitai**, Director, EBRD

INNOVATION INCUBATOR PRESENTATION

• **Martin Mössler**, ESA IAP Ambassador, ESA Business Incubation Centre Austria

15:10 - 15:15 **KEYNOTE REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL**

• **Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

15:15 - 16:15 **4TH MINISTERIAL ROUND TABLE ON INNOVATION AND S3 STRATEGIES**

Chair: **Stephen Quest**, Director General, DG JRC

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16:15 - 16:30 **CLOSING**

• **Stephen Quest**, Director General, DG JRC