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DAY 1 – Monday, 25 June

- 9:00 – 13:00** Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research & Innovation
- 14:30 -15:00** Registration
- 15:00 - 15:05** Opening of the day
Maria Cristina RUSSO, Director, DG for Research and Innovation
- 15:05 - 15:15** New EU Research and Innovation Programme: Horizon Europe
Carlos MOEDAS, European Commissioner for Research and Innovation

SESSION 1: RESEARCH AND INNOVATION CAPACITY

Chair: Maria Cristina RUSSO

- 15:15 – 15:30** Update on the Activities of the Steering Platform on Research & Innovation
Viktor NEDOVIĆ, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia
- Enhanced EU Engagement for the Western Balkans under Horizon 2020
Kostas GLINOS, Head of Unit, DG for Research and Innovation
- 15:30 – 16:00** Coffee Break
- 16:00 – 16:45** Research and Innovation Centres of Excellence
Presentation of Western Balkans initiatives
- 16:45 – 18:00** Discussion with Ministers
- 18:00 – 18:10** Concluding Remarks
Jean-Eric PAQUET, Director-General, DG for Research and Innovation
- 19:30 – 22:00** Official Dinner hosted by Tibor NAVRACSICS, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport and Carlos MOEDAS, Commissioner for Research and Innovation at La Manufacture. (Rue Notre-Dame-du-Sommeil 12, 1000 Brussels)

DAY 2 – Tuesday, 26 June

- 09:25 - 09:30** Opening of the day
Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU, Director General, DG for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- 09:35 - 09:45** The Role of Education in Shaping the Future of the Western Balkans
Tibor NAVRACSICS, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport

SESSION 2: EDUCATION REFORMS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

Chair: Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU

- 09:45 – 10:00** Main Policy Developments in Education, Training and Youth
Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU
- 10:00 – 10:15** Enhanced EU Engagement under the New Western Balkans Strategy
Genoveva RUIZ CALAVERA, Director, DG Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations
- 10:15 – 11:00** Discussion with Ministers
- 11:00 – 11:30** Coffee Break

SESSION 3: RECOGNITION OF ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Chair: Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU

- 11:30 – 11:45** Recognition of Qualifications as Stepping Stone for Further Integration
Vanessa DEBIAIS-SAINTON, Head of Unit, DG for Education, Culture, Youth and Sport
- 11:45 – 12:15** Automatic Recognition of Academic Qualifications in the Western Balkans
Goran SVILANOVIC, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
- 12:15 – 13:00** Discussion with Ministers
Goran SVILANOVIC
- 13:00 – 13:15** Towards Joint Principles for Recognition of Academic Qualifications
Goran SVILANOVIC
Tina SARIC, Director, Education Reform Initiative of South. Eastern Europe (ERISEE)
- 13:15 – 13:30** Closing Remarks
Themis CHRISTOPHIDOU