

AGENDA

Western Balkans Innovation & Research Platform

Wednesday, 19 March 2025, 10.00, online

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10.00 – 10.15 Welcome remarks and RCC's key actions

The session will inform about the RCC's activities within the [Common Regional Market Action Plan \(CRM\)](#) designed to foster, inter alia, innovation ecosystem in the Western Balkans Six.

- Regional Cooperation Council
- Krzysztof Gulda (University of Warsaw) – RCC's regional Knowledge Transfer Toolkit technical assistance

10.15 – 11.15 Innovation & research initiatives in the Western Balkans

The session will provide participants with a deeper understanding of key innovation and research developments in the Western Balkans. It will highlight ongoing and planned initiatives that create opportunities for the region's research organisations, innovators and businesses.

- Bernhard Fabianek - DG Research & Innovation
- Elke Dall - Policy Answers Project
- Prof. Ivan Svetlik (University of Ljubljana) – Rectors' Forum of Southeast Europe and Western Balkans
- Emilija Jovanova – Western Balkans Circular Economy Hub
- Gazela Pudar Drasko – Universities Revitalising Growth and Empowerment in the Danube Region (URGE) project
- Katarzyna Kotowska – EIT InfraBooster initiative
- Milica Trajkovic - ETF WB Agri-food Network
- Katalin Alfoldi – COST Association
- Aleksandar Stamboliev - EIT Jumpstarter

11.15 – 11.25 Questions and answers

Participants will be encouraged to ask questions and share information and announcements about initiatives that may interest other colleagues. *Note:* if needed, we will extend this session to accommodate our colleagues' requests.

- All participants

11.25 – 11.30 Concluding remarks



- *Regional Cooperation Council*