



BMBF Western Balkans R&D cooperation programme 2025

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- Federal Ministry of Education and Research launched a new call for promotion of research and development projects between Germany and the Western Balkans (WEB2025)
- Research projects have to focus on digital transformation, the Green Deal or healthy societies
- Funding up to EURO 300,000 per bilateral cooperation project for up to 36 months (for German partners and those from the Western Balkans)
- On the Western Balkans side, the so-called “BMBF early career groups” have to be led by a junior researcher (doctoral candidates and young postdocs)
- Eligible costs are the usual project expenditures: personnel, travel, stays, workshops
- Two-step application approach (for the German partner only)

- Deadline for outlines is 11 June 2025
- Envisaged start of the projects by beginning of 2026
- Projects should:
 - have high practical relevance, provide strategies for implementation of research results in politics, society and economy
 - include measures for commercialisation of research results
 - contribute to the promotion of young scientists and to capacity building of the scientific community
- In case of any questions, please contact your German project partner who can check with the responsible call administrators