



Meeting of the Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation

10 September 2025; 09:00-13:00 CET

ONLINE - [Webex](#)

The meeting is scheduled from 09:00-13:00 CET; however, participants are kindly asked to reserve 30 additional minutes in their agendas (until 13:30 h) for possible longer discussions.

Note for the speakers: Please kindly limit your contribution during the online meeting to 3 minutes. You can provide any written contributions to pecarz@zsi.at by 8 September 2025. Please see technical instructions on p.3.

Agenda

09:00-09:15	Welcome Remarks and Introduction Mina Stareva, Deputy Head of Unit 'International cooperation - Europe and Americas', European Commission, DG R&I, co-chair Mette Mørk Andersen, DK Council Presidency, co-chair Ivana Jankovic Mijanovic, Acting Director General Directorate for Innovation and Smart Specialisation, WB co-chair
09:15-10:45	Preparation of the Ministerial Meeting on 20 – 21 October 2025 Update by DG R&I, DG JRC Logistics by POLICY ANSWERS WB comments on Round Table discussions Other events and meetings: COST, JRC, RCC (20 minutes) Q&A, General Discussion
10:45–11:00	<i>Technical break</i>
11:00-12:00	Preparation of the Bilateral Ministerial Meetings Update by DG R&I WB comments on topics for bilateral discussions Q&A, General Discussion
12:00 -12:45	Ministerial Conclusions

	DG R&I, DG JRC WB (2 min per WB) Q&A, General Discussion
12:45-13:00	Concluding remarks and next steps Mina Stareva, Deputy Head of Unit 'International cooperation - Europe and Americas', European Commission, DG R&I, co-chair Ivana Jankovic Mijanovic, Acting Director General Directorate for Innovation and Smart Specialisation, WB co-chair

Instructions and netiquette for the meeting

All participants are kindly invited to follow these virtual meeting etiquette rules:

- Limit meeting distractions and background noise; Distractions make a significant impact on a video conference, please reduce distracting noises in the background and stay engaged.
- Learn how to mute/unmute your microphone. When you are not talking, it is best to keep your microphone muted.
- Stick to the schedule; Keep your contribution brief (ideally up to 2-3 min) to stay within the time schedule.
- Raise your hand/use the chat line; For oral contributions, please click on the 'raise your hand' button to request microphone permission or communicate your question via the chat line that is available within the interface.
- Technical problems/technical test: In case of technical problems during the meeting, you can communicate with the POLICY ANSWERS organisational staff through the chat line. On 10 September 2025, you will be able to access the virtual meeting room already at 08:45 for technical tests.

Technical aspects/How to participate in the meeting

Virtual Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms, Wednesday, 10 September 2025 (9:00-13:00/13:30 CET)

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