

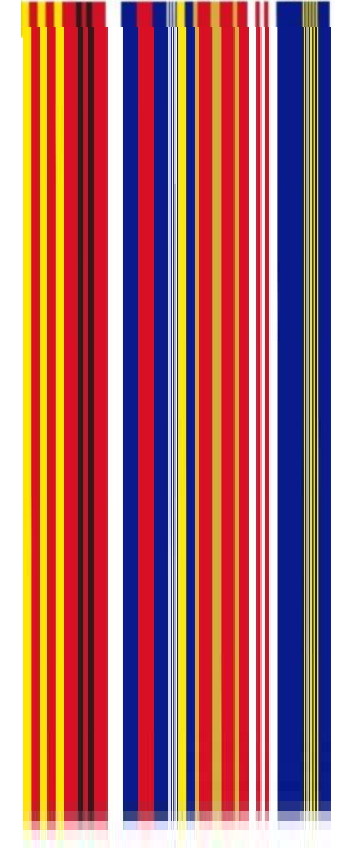
“Western Balkans Regional Strategy on Research and Development for Innovation”

◆ *Strategy objective, purpose and scope* ◆

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- Location: Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia and Kosovo under UNSCR 1244/99.
- Contracting Authority: European Community represented by the Commission of the European Communities on behalf of the beneficiaries
- Beneficiaries: Research Community in the Western Balkans, including education institutes, research centres, businesses as well as public authorities/ administrations dealing with Research and Development policies
- Final date for contracting: **30 November 2011**
- Indicative Project Duration: **24 months**

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Strategy objective, purpose and scope

- **Overall Objective:** The overall objective is to strengthen the innovative capacity of the Western Balkans by stimulating Research and Development using the regional potential.
- **Project purpose:** The project aims to define a regional strategy to further enhance the region's potential and capacity for research and development, stimulating innovation.

Thereby taking into account the existing R&D capacity and infrastructure and the needs as identified by existing studies and notably the World Bank's Innovation Capacity Study that will be completed by May 2010.

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- Specific objectives of the Strategy are:
 - i. to enhance regional cooperation in the field of R&D;
 - ii. to develop cooperation between R&D, higher education and business sectors;
 - iii. to explore possibilities for financing R&D under existing EU funds;
 - iv. to explore possibilities of better use of FP funds;
 - v. to further integrate the WB region in the ERA.

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- Link with National Development Plans:
All national plans foresee measures to enhance integration into European Research Area, and hence contribute to the overall development of the society and provide support to the process of European integration.
Improvement of the regional cooperation on R&D is one of the basic steps to be undertaken along this road, and is recognized as such among beneficiaries.

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- The main results:
 - 1) Regional priorities in R&D defined;
 - 2) Policy of structural and institutional transformation of R&D systems outlined;
 - 3) Prerequisites for development of cooperation of R&D, higher education and business sector defined;
 - 4) Action plan defining further steps in strengthening cooperation clearly set;
 - 5) Regional Centres of Excellence in R&D mapped;
 - 6) Existing mechanisms for enhancing absorption capacity of available European funds improved;
 - 7) New mechanisms for enhancing absorption capacity of available European funds developed ;
 - 8) Better integration in ERA as the overarching and long-term result.
 - 9) System of monitoring of cooperation development and criteria of assessment of the results of cooperation outlined.

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- The main deliverables:
 - o An overview/list and/or network of all relevant governmental stakeholders and experts to be involved in the process.
 - o List of potential centres and/or groups/individuals of S&T excellence in the WBC;
 - o Concept for design of Regional Strategy on R&D
 - o Reports and/or findings of workshops and seminars
 - o List of topics relating to S&T development of the WBC region;
 - o List of Regional R&D priorities for the WBC.
 - o Scenario for dissemination campaign.
 - o SWOT analysis of human resources in R&D sectors in the WBC;
 - o SWOT analysis of R&D infrastructures in the WBC;
 - o SWOT analysis of ICT infrastructure in the WBC research area;
 - o A brain-drain prevention plan.

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- **Scope:**
 - Work package 1: Building administrative capacities for cooperation in the area of R&D
 - Work package 2: Development of Human Resources in R&D in the WBC
 - Work package 3: Revitalization of Institutes and R&D Capacities and Co-operation with European Infrastructures
 - Work package 4: Building ICT infrastructure for WBC research area
 - Work package 5: Setting-up Regional R&D priorities in the WBC
 - Work package 6: Evaluation of project outcomes and Diffusion and dissemination of results
 - Work package 7: Project coordination and management

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP1 – Building administrative capacities for cooperation in the area of R&D** would be:
 - o Identification of prerequisites for development of cooperation of R&D, higher education and business sector in WBC;
 - o Setting-up of variety of communication channels between WBC and EU;
 - o Establishment of administrative support necessary for process of creation of Regional Strategy on R&D for the WBC.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP2 – Development of Human Resources in R&D in the WBC** would be:
 - o Identification of main strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and treats in the process of development of human resources in R&D sectors in the WBC;
 - o Setting-up fund and programme for mobility of young scientists, engineers and technicians within the region of the WBC;
 - o Preventing the brain-drain of scientists, engineers and technicians from the WBC.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP3 – Revitalization of Institutes and R&D Capacities and Co-operation with European Infrastructures** would be:
 - o Identification of potential centers and/or groups/individuals of S&T excellence in the WBC;
 - o Networking of R&D resources within the region of the WBC;
 - o Integration of R&D systems in the WBC into ERA.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP4 – Building ICT infrastructure for WBC research area** would be:
 - o Identification of main investments in ICT infrastructure in the WBC;
 - o Setting-up of all necessary conditions for building of ICT infrastructure in the WBC R&D area.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP5 – Setting-up Regional R&D priorities in the WBC** would be:
 - o Identification of needs and obstacles for development of WBC R&D area;
 - o Identification of regional R&D priorities in the WBC R&D area.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP6 – Evaluation of project outcomes and Diffusion and dissemination of results** would be:
 - o Responsible use of allocated resources for achievement of project activities and planned results;
 - o Widespread use of project results and outcomes in the WBC.

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- Main results to be achieved by **WP7 – Project coordination and management** would be:
 - o Effective and coordinated functioning of project teams within contracted funds and time-frames;
 - o The creation of support for a smooth interface between the work packages;
 - o The quality of the realization of work packages and project activities;
 - o The realization of the project under the overall legal, contractual, financial and administrative frame of management of the project.

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ILN

- The International Learning Network (ILN) [Peter B MAYR, D.3]:
 - o Further structure the existing information exchange between the projects supported by the International Cooperation activities of the Capacities Programme e.g. ERA-NETs, INCO-NETs or BILATs;
 - o Focus on methodological and technical aspects of coordination;
 - o Forum for coordinators where experience of various methodological aspects of the coordination process can be shared (mutual learning) and “standardisation” can be supported;
 - o Support existing information exchange on horizontal issues such as regional aspects or on outstanding initiatives of other DGs etc.



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Thank you for your attention!



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