**The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**PROGRESS REPORT[[1]](#footnote-1)**

**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC**

**(Budapest, June 8-9, 2015)**

# Policy actions

Main achievements:

* Fund for Innovation and Technological Development – activities started
* Agreement for loan for skills and innovation with World Bank (about 20 mil. euro/ 9 for the Fund)
* Establishment of a Department for EU Framework
Programmes for research and innovation within the Ministry of Education and Science – 7 employees

# Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

* National Innovation Strategy, 2012-2020
* National Programme of Higher Education and Scientific and Research Activity, 2015-2019
* Law on Scientific and Research Activity, adopted 2008
* Law on Innovation Activity, adopted 2013

# Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

* 7 Info days and 3 workshops on Horizon 2020
* Marie Sklodowska Curie Info day May 2015
* SMEs in H2020 – February 2015
* H2020 Workshop – Technical support on Project Proposal Preparation – October 2014
* JRC Info Day – Harmonization of GMO Detection and Analysis October 2014

# Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

Newly signed programmes and agreements

* Kosovo – Cooperation Agreement in the field of Education and Science
* Serbia – Cooperation Agreement in the field of Education, Science and Technology
* Croatia – Programme for collaboration between the Ministry of Education and Science of RM and the Ministry of Science, Education and Sport of Croatia

 IAEA - National project: Establishing the Centre for PET-scan diagnostics continuing (IAEA providing expertise in all segments)

# Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

N/A

# Assessment of the developments and outlook on the next 6 months

*Focus on the Innovation fund activities and their implementation, strengthened actions on H2020 promotion and support for participation, Marie Sklodowska Curie Actions presentation and encouragement for participation, COST Actions promotion etc.*

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1. The progress reports are collected in preparation of the meetings of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries. Please submit your report to office@danube-inco.net **until June 1, 2015**. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)