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**PROGRESS REPORT[[2]](#footnote-2)**

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

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

# Policy actions

* Initiation of the development of regulations and standards for certification of scientific journals;

# Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

* The initiation of drafting the Law on Innovation and Technology transfer;

# Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

Bilateral Cooperation with Austria:

* Organization of one-day International Conference on Higher Education and Research, with invited speakers from region and international countries (Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Greece, United Kingdoms, etc). The conference was held on 4th May 2015, which gathered more than 200 participants (academics, government, research institutions, etc);
* Organization of four-day international research conference, with participation of more than 300 speakers and researchers from the region (Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro) and EU countries (Greece, Romania, Estonia, etc);
* In the bilateral agreement with Austrian institutions:
* Two-day training of Kosovo NCPs and exchange of practices with Austrian partners;
* 2 Day Workshop on “How to make your organization/ country fit for Participating in international R&I Programmes”;
* Four-day training visit for 9 evaluators (scientific councils and Ministry officials) of R&D programs/projects in Austrian R&D institutions;

# Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

* Bilateral Agreement with the Scientific and Technological Research Council of Turkey (TUBITAC) for supporting mobility of researchers between two countries;
* Bilateral Agreement with Republic of Albania for cooperation in Higher Educaiton and Research;

# Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

Activities supported from the National Research Program:

* 12 small-scale research projects;
* 22 research publications;
* 110 short-term outgoing mobility researchers;
* 40 PhD scholarships for students abroad;

1. Kosovo\*: This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. 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-2)