

HUNGARY

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (1st half 2012 or - November 2011 / Sarajevo till June 2012 / Tirana)

1 Policy actions

(e.g. essential changes in the political authorities, administrative bodies, agencies, institutions, personnel, development/launch of new national funding programmes, etc.)

The name of the Hungarian ministry has changed.

Ministry of National Resources => Ministry of Human resources

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

Continuous activities (inside discussions, planning and commenting) in the development procedure of the multiannual financial framework 2014-2020 (cohesion tools and also Horizon 2020).

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

EUREKA for Smart Regions conference in Pécs, Hungary March 7-8, 2012 to begin exploring the regional dimension of EUREKA with a strong focus on the Western Balkan Countries.

4 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

(e.g. new bilateral/international agreements, memberships, support structures, important international projects, programmes, 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 and will be provided for download from the WBC-INCO.Net homepage (www.wbc-inco.net) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to office@wbc-inco.net until June 5, 2012.

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

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

EUREKA membership of Montenegro.

Intergovernmental agreement is foreseen between Hungary and Montenegro (R&D cooperation, student exchange, etc.).