

## Republic of Albania

### PROGRESS REPORT<sup>1</sup>

#### On recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (June 2012/Tirana till December 2012 / Belgrade)

#### 1 Policy actions

A Group of Experts for Science Policy, nominated by Minister of Education and Science, led by Prof. Ylli, Director General of ARTI, has concluded the Draft of “National Strategy on Science, Technology and Innovation for years 2016-2020”.

#### 2 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

As partner of WBC\_INCO.NET projects **METE** has done these important Activities:

- ICE seminar "Albania: Opportunities on industrial collaboration between Italian Albanian in the Innovation sector" and training “How to start an innovative business” – Tirana 19-20 November 2012
- AIDA held a Launching Event for the Accession of Albania in the European Enterprise Network (EEN) – November 12, 2012
- Regional Forum for Europe on Broadband: A Pillar of Social and Economic Development - Tirana 6 - 7 September 2012
- Launching the private sector development project Western Balkan Enterprise Development and Innovation Facility (WB EDIF) / OECD Round table on EDIF – Tirana October 30, 2012

As partner of WBC\_INCO.NET projects **ARTI** has done these important Activities:

- On 30-31 January 2012, ARTI became an Associated Partner in EURAXESS T.O.P II Project (Enhancing the Outreach and Effectiveness of the EURAXESS Network Partners). An ARTI representative participated in The Consortium Meeting.

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<sup>1</sup> 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](http://www.wbc-inco.net)) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to [office@wbc-inco.net](mailto:office@wbc-inco.net) until June 5, 2012.

- On 11-14 June 2012, ARTI in cooperation with European Commission, Danish Agency for Science Technology and Innovation, Ministry of Education and Science of Albania, organized in Tirana the 12th Meeting of the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkan Countries (WBC).
- On 1 September 2012 ARTI become a Partner at the Web in Union Project. The objective of this project is the enhancement of EURAXESS national and regional networks in the Western Balkans. The Partner of this Project are : Croatia, Serbia, Greece, Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia Herzegovina, Macedonia. The project is coordinated by Greece and its duration is 24 months.
- On 3 October 2012, ARTI in cooperation with Joint Research Centre – JRC organized in Tirana the event "JRC General Information Day". The objective of this event was to make Albania's researchers and entrepreneurs aware of the research activities performed at the JRC level, stimulate exchanges around common topics of interest and strengthen future collaborations between JRC and national researchers and research institutes.
- On October 2012 ARTI become a partner at the Tempus Project E-Learning Innovation and Sustainable Albanian Agriculture.
- On 12 November 2012 ARTI in collaboration with the Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA), the Regional Development Agency (ARD) and the Union of Chambers of Commerce and Industry of Albania organized in Tirana the Launching Event of the European Enterprise Network EEN – Albania.
- ARTI is actively promoting COST and assisting Albanian researchers to participate in COST Actions. Before ARTI was established, there was only one participation in COST. The number of participations reached at 9.
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### **3 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA**

- Memorandum of Understanding between the Albanian Investment Development Agency (AIDA) and the Turkish Organization for the Development of Small and Medium Enterprises (KOSGEB) - 5 November 2012, Ankara, Turkey.

### **4 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data**

Concerning the statistical data for Science and Innovation ARTI and INSTAT, with support of UNESCO, are agreed to develop this issue.

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

*Concerning to next 6 month:*

- *Approve of "National Strategy on Science, Technology and Innovation for years 2016-2020"*
- *Collection of data for Science and Innovation using OECD indicators.*