

## **EUREKA**

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

# on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (from 12 June 2012 /Tirana/ till 6 December 2012 /Belgrade/)

#### **1** Policy actions

Appointment of new Head of the EUREKA Secretariat

 Mr. Pedro Miguel Santos de Sampaio Nunes from Portugal (starting from 1 January 2013 for 4 years term).

#### 2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

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

EUREKA Clusters presentation at the Open Science Days in Montenegro (Podgorica), 24-28 September 2012

#### 4 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

Montenegro

 New EUREKA member (decision of the EUREKA Ministerial Conference held in Budapest on 22 June 2012).

Approval of updated EUREKA project participation rules (individual projects and Cluster subprojects) for NIP countries and Associated countries

• EUREKA NIP in WBCs: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina

<sup>&</sup>lt;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 (<u>www.wbc-inco.net</u>) about one week before the meeting takes place. Therefore please submit your report to <u>office@wbc-inco.net</u> until June 5, 2012.



- 1+1 project participation rules are applied under the following criteria:
  - Project consortium must be composed at least by one EUREKA member country and one NIP country (and/or Associated country); project consortium composed from one NIP country and one Associated country is not allowed;
  - NIP country (and/or Associated country) could be main partner (leader) in a project;
  - A balanced project partnership is quite necessary.

#### 5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

Involving of WBCs in EUREKA individual projects

Call on 7 November 2012

- Approval of 31 EUREKA Individual projects (25 projects bilateral and 6 multilateral)
- Any Individual project with participation of WBCs

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

#### **Optional opinion**

 <u>Renewal of activities</u> regarding EUREKA projects generation in WBCs <u>is very</u> <u>urgent</u>.

#### Additional information

- Turkish EUREKA Chairmanship (from 1 July 2012 till 30 June 2013)
  - Chairmanship programme: EUREKA as a Global Platform for Coopetitive Innovation
    - Priority 1: Act Global
    - Priority 2: Remain the Preferred Platform for Innovation
    - Priority 3: More Competition
    - Priority 4: Cover the Entire Innovation Process