

Serbia

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC
(2st half 2012 or - June 2012 / Tirana till December 2012 / Belgrade)

1 Policy actions

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

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2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

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3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

INNOVATION PROJECTS ACTIVITIES - Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development implements the 4th call for proposal supported by the Law on innovation activities for legal entities and individual persons-innovators. Ministry co-finance 99 projects through the national budget for registered legal entities with amount of €1.7m out of which 4 are infrastructure projects and 23 projects for individual persons-innovators. In December 2012, the semi-annual reports will be submitted on the implementation of innovation projects.

THE BEST TECHNOLOGICAL INNOVATION COMPETITION 2012 - On 14. November 2012 the second lap of reviewing was completed, during which 46 teams were evaluated. 33 teams qualified for the Fair of innovations. In the third round of competition technical description of innovation will be evaluated and teams which pass this stage get a chance on 27. November 2012 in Serbian Chamber of Commerce to present their professional innovations.

FP7 WORKSHOP - On 31.10/01.11 2012 Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development and Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade and with the support of Access Program of German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) organized two-day WORKSHOP "**How to improve the success of implementation of FP7 projects**". The aim

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 December 1, 2012.

of the workshop was to strengthen the capacity of research institutions in the implementation of approved projects FP7. The workshop was attended by 123 representatives from public R&D institutions, faculty and the University.



SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY PARK ZVEZDARA is designed to support small-incubator companies involved in the development of ideas and their technological application. The park will offer shared services - financial, legal, building maintenance, as well as meeting rooms, reception and other common rooms. A small book of regulation of the Scientific and Technology Park will be developed parallel with the construction works. It is planned that Park start to work at the beginning of 2013.



FUND FOR INNOVATION ACTIVITY – The results of the calls published as part of the Program of early development and Matching grants under the IPA project 'Innovation support in Serbia' were published on 14th November 2012. Independent expert commission for the investment activity has awarded 670.000 euros for projects of the Program of early development and €1.28m for Matching grants program, for a total of 14 companies, selected from 146 applications submitted to the Fund for Innovation Activity in the call that ended 31st August 2012.

INSTITUTE "MIHAILO PUPIN" AND FACULTY OF MATHEMATICS, Belgrade University in the scope of FP7 CESAR project organized one day conference "Day on Language Technologies". The conference took place on Monday, October 29th, 2012. in Hotel Hyatt, Belgrade.

This event was attended by 50 participants, including digital language technologies related high level members from ministries (Ministry for Foreign and Domestic Trade and Telecommunications and Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development) universities, research centres and public bodies. The conference presented the results and experiences in the implementation of the META-NET projects in Europe, as well as the experiences and challenges in the operationalization of CESAR project in the region (Serbia, Croatia, Bulgaria, Hungary).

THE UNIVERSITY OF BELGRADE, the largest and oldest university in Serbia, has found its place amongst the top 500 universities in the world, according to the most recent ranking carried out by the Shanghai Jiao Tong University, better known as the Shanghai List.

For the first time since the Shanghai List was created in 2003, the University of Belgrade has been ranked amongst the 500 best in the world. At the same time, UB is the only Serbian university currently ranked on this prestigious list of world universities. This has won the University of Belgrade an elite place amongst the three percent of best universities in the world..

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.)

SEERA- EI pilot joint call for project proposals in e-Infrastructure is closed. Two project proposals were submitted from Serbia.

*The first ERA-CAPS call for proposals launched on November, 19th 2012 is entitled: “**Expanding the European Research Area in Molecular Plant Sciences**”. Goal of this first ERA-CAPS call will be to fund high quality collaborative transnational research in fundamental molecular plant science. The expected duration of projects will be three years. Partners are 16 ERA-CAPS partner organisations or ERA-CAPS associated organisations from 15 countries
More info: <http://www.eracaps.org>*

Ongoing calls for submitting bilateral proposals: People Republic of China, Belorussia.

5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

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

(Optional personal opinion)