

FRANCE

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (December 2012 / Belgrade till June 2013 / Budva)

1 Policy actions

In the Parliament, discussion for a new Bill of orientation for the higher education and scientific research.

It aims at 4 objectives :

- offer better chances of success to all students, improve the relevance of their orientation and their occupational integration and reach 50% of a qualified age group in the Higher Education system,
- give a new momentum and a better visibility to our research, to face the main economic and societal challenges in a ambition shared with society,
- strengthen the cooperation between all actors and reduce the institutional complexity, reconcile the corporatism in the university and promote the excellence for all,
- amplify the participation of French research in European programs and the international influence of our universities, schools and laboratories, encourage the mobility of students, teachers, researchers, technical and administrative staff, and to improve the attractiveness of our campus.

2 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

CROATIA:

- 1- Start of the 15 new projects selected in December 2012 within the “Cogito” (Hubert Curien partnership) programme.
- 2- Start of a cooperation between the university of Orléans and the Zagreb University in physics.
- 3- Preparation of a bilateral seminar on “pôles de compétitivité” and clusters with the Ministry of Education, Research and Sports.
- 4- Signature by CNRS (university of Lyon) and the Split University of a LIA (international associated laboratory) in the nanosciences field.

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 May 29, 2013.

MONTENEGRO

1) The Institut français of Montenegro has confirmed this year the priority given to young scientists for the allocation of scholarships for PhDs :

- scholarships for shorter stays (1 or 2 months) are allocated for young scientists (about 3 in 2013)
- 1 scholarship for a PhDs in “co-tutelle” in the field of remote sensing at the Institut National Polytechnique de Grenoble (part time) and at the Electrotechnic Faculty of Podgorica.

BOSNIA-HERZEGOVINA

- 1) The French Embassy has confirmed this year the priority given to young scientists for the allocation of scholarships for PhDs : 3 scholarship for a PhDs in “co-tutelle” in the field of civil engineering (Sarajevo University and ENS Cachan), law (Sarajevo University and universit  de Poitiers), psychology (Sarajevo University and universit  de Bordeaux).
- 2) Cooperation with scientists from architecture and natural sciences Faculties in Mostar, Banja Luka and Sarajevo.
- 3) Cooperation in social and human sciences with Sarajevo University.
- 4) Participation in the “Sarajevo School of High Energy Physics” with the Sarajevo University, the CERN and CNRS.

SERBIA

- 1) Launch of the joint call for research projects for the “Pavle Savic” (Hubert Curien partnership) programme for 2014-2015.
- 2) Within the new call for proposals cofinanced by CNRS and Serbian Ministry for Education and Science, 9 projects have been selected for 2013-2014 out of 19 proposals received.
- 3) The Institut franais de Serbie has confirmed this year the priority given to young scientists for the allocation of scholarships for masters and PhDs : the new call has been launched for 6 scholarships for master’s degree and 8 for PhD in “cotutelle”.
- 4) The Institut franais de Serbie is providing support to international scientific seminars and summer schools taking place in Serbia : 1 seminar took place in May 2013 in mathematics with C dric Villani (Fields prize)
- 5) The Institut franais de Serbie has developed new actions of cooperation for the promotion of sciences :
 - The Institut Franais has a partnership with the Institute of Molecular Genetics and Genetic Engineering for the “DNA Day” (in may 2013)
 - The French Institute is presenting an exhibition on Marie Sk łodowska Curie.