

**SLOVENIA –Ministry of Education, Science and Sport**  
**PROGRESS REPORT<sup>1</sup>**  
**on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC**  
**(December 2012 / Belgrade till June 2013 / Budva)**

**1 Policy actions**

In accordance with Government Act of the Republic of Slovenia of March 5, 2013 the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sport was divided into the Ministry of Education, Science and Sport and the Ministry of Culture. Just recently ministry started with the Smart Specialization procedures where global challenges for discussion were defined. These are:

- 1) Aging and health,
- 2) Environment, bio-economy and safe food,
- 3) Energy and mobility,
- 4) Internet and digital data.

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

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

**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.)

*Bilateral Cooperation*

Programs for S&T cooperation between Slovenia and Croatia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Macedonia are in the process of realization. Slovenia has ongoing 24 projects with Montenegro, 28 with Bosnia & Herzegovina, 46 with Croatia, with Serbia 50 projects and with Macedonia 13 projects.

*Multilateral cooperation*

Slovenia participates in WBC-INCO.NET and SEE-ERA.NET PLUS projects and will actively participate also inside upcoming Danube INCO.NET.

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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 December 1, 2012.

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

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

Calls for proposals for S&T cooperation for the period 2014 – 2015 with Croatia and with Bosnia and Herzegovina are running, with Serbia and Montenegro are planned to be published in the spring 2013. Joint board meetings are planned to be held at the end of the year 2013.