

## CEI

### **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**

(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.**

Through its Cooperation Fund, the CEI has co-financed two events which took place in the WBC, namely:

- Training on Smart Specialisation Strategies, in the context of the WBC-INCO.NET project, held in Belgrade on 11-12 April 2013;

- Balkan Workshop BW2013 – Beyond the Standard Models, organized by the University of Nis in its capacity of leader of the SEENET-MTP Network (Southeastern European Network in Mathematical and Theoretical Physics), held in Vrnjacka Banja on 25 – 29 April 2013.

Yet different in their scope, both projects witnessed a very good participation from the SEE region, with excellent opportunities for further development of regional projects in the respective fields.

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

The annual call of the CEI Cooperation Fund is currently open, with deadline set on 30 June 2013. S&T project-proposals dedicated to the integration of WBCs' scientific communities into ERA are welcomed. More information at: <http://www.cei.int/> ("open calls").

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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 May 29, 2013.

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

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

In the near future, scientific cooperation will represent one of the CEI main priorities. The following activities may be envisaged:

- a) a meeting of the CEI Network of Focal Points on Science & Technology, tentatively scheduled on July 2013;
- b) a ministerial meeting on Science & Technology, tentatively scheduled on October 2013;
- c) the elaboration of 3 pilot project-concepts to promote Research and Innovation through centers and groups of excellence in WB, Danube Region and other Member Countries.

### **Appendix: additional data**

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