

Republic of Macedonia

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (June 2013 / Budva until December 2013 / Zagreb)

1 Policy actions

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

... Establishment of National Fund for Innovation in compliance with the National Innovation Strategy of the Republic of Macedonia 2012 – 2020 (in procedure)

Establishment of a Department for Innovation within the Ministry of Education and Science

2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

Regional Strategy for Research and Innovation for the WBC's adopted

Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

"2nd Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European Countries"

Skopje - 20-21 November 2013

3 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

(e.g. new bilateral/international agreements, memberships, support structures, important international projects, programmes, etc.)

...Letter of interest for association to Horizon 2020 sent to the EC. Network of NCP's created

Competition for Study visit with Slovenia on-going.

Open competition for technical assistance with INDIA

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 5, 2013.

4 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

FP 7 successfully completed. 94 projects funded (January 2007- July 2013)

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

(Optional personal opinion)

Creation of a Central Register for Postgraduate and Ph.D students, grant holders of national fellowships for studying at the most prestigious 100 Universities according to the Shangai ranking list

Appendix: additional data

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