

Conclusions of the 20th WB Steering Platform on R&I and the Ministerial Meeting

The Western Balkans (WBs) Steering Platform (SP) on Research and Innovation was organised in Brussels in the morning of June 25th, 2018. The meeting was co-chaired by the European Commission (DG Research and Innovation, Directorate for International Cooperation), the Bulgarian presidency of the Council of the European Union and Albania represented by the National Agency of Scientific Research and Innovation (NASRI). In the afternoon of June 25th, the Ministerial part of the Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation took place.

The Steering Platform on Research and Innovation was held together with the Ministerial Meeting of the Western Balkans Platform on Education and Training. The Ministers met in the afternoon of June 25th, 2018 to discuss research and innovation topics and in the morning of June 26th, 2018 to discuss the education and training part of the agenda. Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation Carlos Moedas opened the Ministerial meeting on June 25th, 2018 and Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth and Sports Tibor Navracsics addressed the Ministerial meeting on June 26th, 2018... [Find the full text here.](#)

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THIRD WESTERN BALKAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING WILL BE HELD IN SPRING 2019 IN SARAJEVO
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 - **CONCLUSIONS OF THE 2ND WESTERN BALKANS RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING HELD IN SKOPJE ON MARCH 21-22, 2018** - The second Western Balkans Research and Innovation meeting was organised in Skopje on March 21-22, 2018 within the framework of the European Commission's Support for the Steering Platform (SP) on Research... (Posted on July 19, 2018)
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VIENNA WILL COORDINATE EU STRATEGY FOR THE DANUBE REGION
The coordination of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region will in future be carried out from Vienna. The Vienna Coordination Office - also known as the "Danube Strategy Point" - will develop a new action...
- **THIRD AUSTRIAN COUNCIL PRESIDENCY - RTI PRIORITIES**
Starting on 1 July 2018, Austria is holding the Presidency of the Council of the European Union (EU) for the next six months.
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WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT IN LONDON – BUILDING STRONGER LINKS WITHIN THE REGION AND WITH THE

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At the Digital Assembly in Sofia - Bulgaria (25th June 2018), the European Commission has launched the Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans.
- Posted on June 25, 2018
[EVENT REVIEW] STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION, 25 JUNE 2018, BRUSSELS
On 25 June 2018, this year's Steering Platform on Research and Innovation and Ministerial Meeting was held back-to-back with the Steering Platform on Education and Training. Ministers from Western...
- Posted on April 18, 2018
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The Enlargement Package includes countries' individual reports and are aimed at assessing the implementation of the European Union's enlargement policy which is based on established criteria and fair ...
- Posted on March 28, 2018
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• DOCUMENTS

- **HARNESSING THE POTENTIAL: RESEARCH CAPACITY IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**
The present study has been conducted under the European Commission's initiative «Support to the Higher Education Reform Experts» (SPHERE) by a small team of experts. It discusses the research capacity...
- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON KOSOVO* (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**
There is some level of preparation in the area of public administration reform. Some progress has been made especially with the review of agencies and (semi)independent bodies. Kosovo* continued its efforts...
- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**
Bosnia and Herzegovina is at an early stage with the reform of its public administration and no progress has been achieved in the past year. A country wide public administration reform strategy is being...
- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON ALBANIA (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**
Albania has continued to participate actively in regional cooperation and maintain good neighbourly relations. Important steps have been taken to address bilateral issues with Greece. Albania has made...
- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**

The country has finally overcome its most severe political crisis since 2001 and is moderately prepared with the reform of its public administration. Good progress has been made with the adoption of the...

- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON SERBIA (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**
Serbia overall remained constructively committed to bilateral relations with other enlargement countries and neighbouring EU Member States and an active participant in regional cooperation. Serbia is moderately...
- **KEY FINDINGS OF THE 2018 REPORT ON MONTENEGRO (ENLARGEMENT PACKAGE)**
In Montenegro the economy has been growing uninterruptedly since 2013 amidst low or moderate inflation. The Country made some progress and is moderately prepared in terms of capacity to cope with competitive...
- **THE BERLIN PROCESS 2014-2018**
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