

## RTDI capacity in WBC and capacity building opportunities

**Capacity building is an enabling and empowering process; it provides researchers, scientists, R&I managers, etc. with the necessary tools and networks resulting in better chances for producing substantial, excellent research results.**

To drive innovation-led economic growth it is nowadays necessary to strengthen the S&T and Innovation Ecosystem. Countries generally have to define their need for science and technology services, while enhancing the capacity of universities to train graduates in high-demand skills. Initiatives are needed to encourage collaborative innovation between and among universities and industry—in order to harness the intellectual capital of countries' higher-education system to sustainably and efficiently support prosperity. Capacity building initiatives for instance could relate to: improving research qualifications of faculty and staff, boosting research capacity in key disciplines, strengthening university-industry links in high-growth economic sectors, and finally bolstering the policy capacity of higher-education institutions in science, technology and innovation. Over the past years it has moreover become clear, especially in the WB countries, that there is a need for training programs, workshops and internships as part of capacity building and professional development of staff working in the R&I management environment and support services...

**...Only thanks to a strengthened administrative, research and innovation capacity at national level WB countries can guarantee themselves a successful participation in Horizon 2020 and other national, regional and EU research funding programmes.**

This is why RTDI capacity and potential in the WB region is again under our spotlight. Please find below a selection of the topic related articles. More articles are available at our [website](#).

Besides, we kindly invite you to directly upload any further relevant call for papers, training and internship opportunity for young researchers, national training opportunity for administrative project staff etc. When registered at the WBC-RTI.info, you have the opportunity to upload content by yourself. Otherwise, you can contact us at any time and provide the information via [office@wbc-rti.info](mailto:office@wbc-rti.info). Do not miss this opportunity!

### • NEWS

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- Posted on March 12, 2018  
**UPDATES ON THE SEEIIST - FIRST MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE IN SOFIA**  
After signing the Declaration of Intent at CERN, a Steering Committee has been formed to play a leading role in decision-making about all future scientific and political steps necessary for the implementation...
- Posted on March 12, 2018  
**[EVENT REVIEW] - FORUM ON NEW INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH FACILITIES IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE**

An important event, titled Forum on New International Research Facilities in South East Europe, took place in Trieste (Italy) on 25th and 26th January 2018. It brought together about 100 main partners...

- Posted on March 4, 2018  
**INFO DAY HELD IN MONTENEGRO ON MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (IF) AND RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE (RISE)**  
The Ministry of Science of Montenegro held an Info Day last month on two calls for applications within the framework of Marie Curie Actions, which began by marking the International Day of Women and Girls...
- Posted on March 1, 2018  
**COST TN 1401 CAPABAL - RESULTS OF THE 6TH CALL FOR SHORT-TERM SCIENTIFIC MISSIONS (STSM)**  
The CAPABAL project received seven very good proposals for short-term scientific missions and decision was made to grant all applicants with 9000 EUR in total.
- Posted on March 1, 2018  
**WESTERN BALKANS SHOULD ENHANCE ITS COMPETITIVENESS AND IMPROVE ITS MARKET ORIENTATION TO FIGHT UNEMPLOYMENT**  
Although the Western Balkans region suffered the dramatic employment fall in the period following the global economic crisis 2008-2011, "the situation recovered over the subsequent five years and by 2016...
- Posted on March 1, 2018  
**FIRST EUROPEAN EDUCATION SUMMIT**  
Agency representatives attended the First European Education Summit on 25 January 2018, organised by the European Commission. Hosted by Tibor Navracsics, EU Commissioner for Education, Culture, Youth ...
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**BULGARIA PUTS SKILLS FOR THE FUTURE AS A PRIORITY DURING THE EU PRESIDENCY**  
Bulgaria took over the rotating EU Presidency for the first time on 1 January, and its programme focuses, among other priorities, on digital economy and skills for the future. With European economy competitiveness...
- Posted on February 6, 2018  
**[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT] MINISTERIAL MEETING - WESTERN BALKAN PLATFORMS ON EDUCATION & TRAINING AND RESEARCH & INNOVATION**  
The 20th Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation will be organised in Brussels on the morning of the 25 June 2018 within the framework of the European Commission's Support for...
- Posted on December 12, 2017  
**DECLARATION OF INTENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL SCIENTIFIC INSTITUTE IN SOUTH EAST EUROPE OFFICIALLY SIGNED**  
The Declaration of Intent for Establishment of the International Scientific Institute in South East Europe was officially signed on 25 October 2017, in CERN (Geneva), by eight countries of the SEE Region...

## • EVENTS

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- March 13, 2018 | Brussels, Belgium  
**FOURTH MEETING ON DONOR COORDINATION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**  
The Fourth Meeting on Donor Coordination in the Western Balkans is organized by the Regional Cooperation Council and will address needs and priorities in the region, providing an overview of the ongoing...
- March 14, 2018 | Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
**10TH RCC ANNIVERSARY AND CHAMPION OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AWARD CEREMONY**  
This year Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) marks 10 years since its establishment. On the occasion of its 10 anniversary RCC is to host a reception for its partners, stakeholders in Sarajevo on 14 March...
- March 23, 2018 | Maribor, Slovenia  
**SOCIAL-, SERVICE-, AND ECO-INNOVATIONS IN BIO-ECONOMY: "MADE IN DANUBE" BEST PRACTICE WORKSHOP ON CAPACITIES AND OPPORTUNITIES**  
The Danube macro-region provides ideal framework conditions for bio-economy due to high-quality natural

resources, well-known universities and a strong industrial tissue of SMEs. However, the...

- February 9, 2018-March 31, 2018 | Tirana, Belgrade, Skopje, Pristina, Podgorica, Sarajevo, OTHER  
**2018 CYCLE OF CONSULTATIONS ON THE SEE 2020 STRATEGY PROGRAMING DOCUMENT 2018–2020**  
The Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) Secretariat and the SEE 2020 National Coordinators from each of the South East Europe (SEE) 2020 Strategy participating economies are organising new cycle of national...
- April 16-18, 2018 | Brussels, Belgium  
**24TH ANNUAL EARMA CONFERENCE**  
EARMA understands that winning research funding has never been more competitive than now and excellent impactful research requires excellent research support from motivated and up to date professionals...
- April 18, 2018-May 19, 2018 | Sofia, Bulgaria  
**REGIONAL WORKSHOP “SPACE-BASED SERVICES FOR REGIONAL STRATEGIES IN THE DIGITAL ECONOMY: BALKAN & BLACK SEA PERSPECTIVES”**  
The Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU have set as priorities, inter alia, to promote the digital economy, jobs for young people and security and stability in the Western Balkans.
- May 23, 2018 | online, OTHER  
**IP MANAGEMENT IN H2020 - WITH A SPECIAL FOCUS ON MSCA**  
The webinar will provide an overview of key aspects in the field of intellectual property management in Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions.
- June 5, 2018 | Sofia, Bulgaria  
**COST CONNECT: CLIMATE CHANGE AND FOREST SYSTEMS**  
The COST Connect event on "Climate Change and Forest Systems" will look at new horizons for research and innovation in the forest-based sector. The event will be held in Sofia on the 5th June and is by...
- July 4, 2018 | online, OTHER  
**IMPACT AND INNOVATION IN HORIZON 2020 – A GUIDE FOR PROPOSERS**  
From finding the right management framework for one's activity to the question of how to develop a credible strategy focused on the management and exploitation of the research results, this webinar addresses...
- July 18, 2018 | online, OTHER  
**MAXIMISING THE IMPACT OF HORIZON 2020 PROJECT RESULTS**  
Learn more about exploitation of IP rights in H2020 projects. This webinar gives an overall view of the creation and the development of IP rights both during and after the duration of an H2020 project...
- September 26-28, 2018 | Seville, Spain  
**2018 SMARTER CONFERENCE ON SMART SPECIALISATION AND TERRITORIAL DEVELOPMENT**  
Four years have now passed since smart specialisation officially entered European policy. This approach to territorial development through the promotion of smart, inclusive and sustainable growth represents...
- December 4-6, 2018 | Vienna, Austria  
**ICT 2018**  
The key European ICT research and innovation event is organised by the European Commission and hosted by the 2018 Austrian Presidency.

## • CALLS

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- Deadline: March 16, 2018  
**RESINFRA@DR 2ND EXPERT TRAINING IN BANJA LUKA – CALL FOR PARTICIPATION**  
After the successful completion of the first training for building capacity for planning, evaluation, management and operation of research infrastructures (RIs), the ResInfra@DR team is preparing for ...
- Deadline: March 21, 2018  
**RESEARCH AND INNOVATION STAFF EXCHANGE (MSCA-RISE-2018)**  
The RISE scheme promotes international and cross-sector collaboration through exchanging research and

innovation staff, and sharing knowledge and ideas from research to market (and vice-versa). The...

- **Deadline: March 26, 2018**  
**TRAINING SCHOOL: HOW TO MANAGE KEY FINANCIAL TASKS FOR H2020 EUROPEAN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION PROJECTS: FINANCE FOR BEGINNERS**  
Beneficiaries of EU projects have to commit themselves to the requirements of budgetary management, accounting, and financial reporting regulations. It is crucial that projects both meet the overall strategic...
- **Deadline: April 13, 2018**  
**OPEN ACCESS TO JRC RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES**  
Joint Research Centre is glad to announce that the a new series of calls for open access to JRC scientific laboratories and facilities in the non-nuclear and nuclear areas has been opened...
- **Deadline: May 8, 2018**  
**CEI COOPERATION FUND: CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2018**  
Public and private institutions registered in a CEI Member State, as well as international and regional organisations, are invited to apply to the CEI Cooperation Fund for innovative actions...
- **Deadline: May 31, 2018**  
**VI-SEEM CONTINUOUS OPEN CALL FOR SMES: ECOURAGING COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE INDUSTRY AND SCIENTIFIC COMMUNITIES**  
VI-SEEM has a specific continuous Call for Proposals for preparatory/development projects accessing the VI-SEEM services and associated infrastructure specifically for partnerships involving SMEs and ...
- **Deadline: June 1, 2018**  
**APPLY FOR THE INTERDISCIPLINARY JOINT MASTER'S PROGRAMME IN SOUTHEAST EUROPEAN STUDIES. GRAZ AND BELGRADE**  
The University of Graz and the University of Belgrade – Faculty of Political Sciences (FPS) are pleased to announce the call for applications for the academic year 2018/2019 for the Interdisciplinary ...
- **Deadline: September 6, 2018**  
**H2020 - RESEARCH, INNOVATION AND EDUCATIONAL CAPACITIES FOR ENERGY TRANSITION**  
The energy sector is evolving rapidly creating new job opportunities while requiring new skills and expertise to be developed. The challenges are significant. Over the coming years, the growing low-carbon...
- **Deadline: September 12, 2018**  
**MARIE SKŁODOWSKA-CURIE INDIVIDUAL FELLOWSHIPS (MSCA-IF-2018)**  
The goal of the Individual Fellowships is to enhance the creative and innovative potential of experienced researchers, wishing to diversify their individual competence in terms of skill acquisition...
- **Deadline: November 15, 2018**  
**WIDESPREAD-03-2018 TWINNING**  
Specific Challenge: The specific challenge is to enhance networking activities between the research institutions of the Widening countries and internationally-leading counterparts at EU level. Driven...
- **Deadline: April 2, 2019**  
**SWAFS-09-2018-2019 SUPPORTING RESEARCH ORGANISATIONS TO IMPLEMENT GENDER EQUALITY PLANS**  
Specific Challenge: Gender equality is a key priority set with the Member States and Associated countries in the European Research Area. Research funding and performing organisations and universities...
- **Deadline: April 2, 2019**  
**SWAFS-08-2019 RESEARCH INNOVATION NEEDS & SKILLS TRAINING IN PHD PROGRAMMES**  
Specific Challenge: Within the New Skills Agenda (adopted in June 2016)[1] and in the Modernisation Agenda (adopted in May 2017)[2] specifications on innovative employment-oriented curricula recommendations...
- **Deadline: November 15, 2019**  
**WIDESPREAD-04-2019 ERA CHAIRS**  
Specific Challenge: With adequate institutional support outstanding researchers can have a decisive and positive

impact on the culture and performance of research institutions. Yet issues such as the...

## • PROJECTS

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- EU4Tech  
**TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER CAPACITY BUILDING IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (EU4TECH)**  
This initiative supports and strengthens the technology transfer and innovation ecosystem in the countries of the Western Balkans (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, the Former Yugoslav Republic...
- NCP Academy  
**NATIONAL CONTACT POINTS FOR QUALITY STANDARDS AND HORIZONTAL ISSUES (NCP ACADEMY)**  
National Contact Points (NCPs) will play a key role in Horizon 2020 as providers of information and assistance to potential applicants and project beneficiaries. They constitute the main interface to ...
- COORP  
**COLLABORATIVE ONLINE AND OFFLINE RESEARCH PLATFORM – COORP**  
COORP Aim and Objectives The overall objective of COORP is to assist in the integration of the Albanian academic community into the international community of researchers; to facilitate networking...
- multEE  
**FACILITATING MULTI-LEVEL GOVERNANCE FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY (MULTEE)**  
MultEE aims to improve the ease and quality of energy efficiency (EE) policy planning and implementation in the project's partner countries and beyond, addressing the challenges of evidence-based policy...
- ANTARES  
**CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES IN SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY (ANTARES)**  
ANTARES is a smart investment, as it simultaneously helps an associated country to bridge the gaps with Europe through research and innovation, while at the same time contributes to safe and adequate ...
- CBIB+  
**CROSS-BORDER INSTITUTION BUILDING PLUS**  
The project "Cross-border Institution Building Plus (CBIB+)" is funded by the European Union (EU) and implemented by a consortium led by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH...

## • DOCUMENTS

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- 2018  
**BASIS CONCEPT FOR SEE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE TECHNOLOGIES**  
This document was produced under the auspices of the Ministry of Science of Montenegro and provides introductory information on the project for a SEE International Institute for Sustainable Technologies...
- 2018  
**BOOKLET: H2020 FOCUS AREAS FOR 2018-2020**  
For the last three years of its duration, the EU's Research Framework Programme Horizon 2020 Work Programme focuses on fewer topics with bigger budgets, directly supporting the Commission's ...
- 2017  
**IMPACT ON BUILDING RESEARCH EXCELLENCE AND COOPERATION NETWORKS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS**  
An overview of the Regional Research Promotion Programme in the Western Balkans (RRPP) 2008 – 2017
- 2017  
**ACCESS4SMES GUIDE: TO ASSIST AND SUPPORT SME'S IN APPLYING FOR HORIZON 2020 PROJECTS**  
This guideline, containing "Analysis report on SME success factors and best practices" and "Supporting tool to assess an SME's pre-requisites and suitability to H2020 projects" is created in order to assist...
- 2017

## **EU FRAMEWORK PROGRAMMES FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION – EVOLUTION AND KEY DATA FROM FP1 TO HORIZON 2020 IN VIEW OF FP9**

This in-depth analysis of the European framework programmes (FPs) for research feeds into the current discussions on the structure and priorities of the future FP9, i.e. the successor of Horizon 2020. ...

- 2017  
**BALKAN BAROMETER 2017: PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY**  
The 2017 edition of BALKAN BAROMETER (BB) is yet another instalment in the series of annual public opinion surveys commissioned by the Regional Cooperation Council. It collects and analyses data across...
- 2016  
**STRATEGY ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA FOR THE PERIOD 2016 – 2020**  
The draft strategy on scientific and technological development for the years 2016-2020 has been published in November 2015. It also refers to the macroregional environment, Europe 2020 and other international...
- 2015  
**MULTI-COUNTRY– FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER IPA II: SELECTED IPA 2014-2020 ACTION PROGRAMMES**  
The multi-country programme helps meet the targets identified in the Country Strategy Papers, albeit through different means. In line with the Multi-country Indicative Strategy Paper 2014-20 , the programme...

## **• ORGANISATIONS**

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- ICTP  
**ABDUS SALAM INTERNATIONAL CENTRE FOR THEORETICAL PHYSICS (ICTP)**  
Founded in 1964 by the late Nobel Laureate Abdus Salam, ICTP seeks to accomplish its mandate by providing scientists from developing countries with the continuing education and skills that they need to...
- TAFTIE  
**TAFTIE (THE EUROPEAN NETWORK OF INNOVATION AGENCIES)**  
This is a group of 29 organisations from 28 European countries has established an intense collaboration in the field of the implementation of national technology Programmes. This is to the benefit of ...
- ZEDA  
**ZENICA DEVELOPEMENT AGENCY**  
ZEDA Agency is an institution for development whose mission is to design developmental priorities of Zenica Municipality and to create partnerships for implementation of develop-mental projects, to prepare...
- NTPARK  
**SCIENCE TECHNOLOGY PARK BELGRADE**  
STP Belgrade is established by the RS Government (represented by the Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development), the City of Belgrade and the University of Belgrade, with the aim to...

## **• LINKS**

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- **RESTI INFODESK**  
The ReSTI Infodesk will provide you with support and information on how to manage social and technological innovation projects. It will serve as a first contact point for interested individuals seeking...
- **7 TIPS ON HOW TO SUCCESSFULLY SURVIVE AN EC AUDIT IN HORIZON 2020**  
Do you expect a Financial audit for your Horizon 2020 project? Are you scared about it? You shouldn't as financial audits, that are performed directly by the Commission officials or by subcontractors...
- **RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES OFFERING FREE ACCESS WITH EU SUPPORT**  
The current list of Research Infrastructures offering free access with EU support can be found at this link
- **INNOVFIN – EU FINANCE FOR INNOVATORS**

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- **EU SCIENCE HUB**  
The European Commission's science and knowledge service. The Science Hub brings together scientific knowledge produced by the Joint Research Centre, the science and knowledge service of the European...
- **60 MINUTES WEBINAR HELPING YOU COMMUNICATE YOUR H2020 PROJECTS**  
The webinar provides all information related to helping you communicate your projects (guidelines, tips & tricks, the right EU logo, presentations from this webinar etc.), please click here Questions...
- **WEB PLATFORM POLICYHUB DEDICATED TO DEVELOPMENT OF SOCIAL RESEARCH (FOCUS ON WESTERN BALKANS)**  
Center for Social Research Analitika (Bosnia and Herzegovina) started a web platform PolicyHub ([www.policyhub.net/bs](http://www.policyhub.net/bs)) now also available in English: <http://www.policyhub.net/en> and easily accesible at...
- **CONTACT POINTS FOR ERASMUS+: YOUTH IN ACTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS (SUPPORT FOR PROJECT PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION IN EACH COUNTRY OF THE REGION)**  
All Contact Points have the mission to support organisations and people interested in organising projects in the youth field within the Erasmus+ programme. To this end they offer information and ...
- **FOSTER COURSES ON OPEN SCIENCE / OPEN DATA / OPEN ACCESS**  
Are you interested in proposing new courses? Get in touch with us at [elarning@fosteropenscience.eu](mailto:elarning@fosteropenscience.eu) and take a look at our course on "how to create a course". COURSE: Designing Successful...
- **ACADEMLINK**  
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*Interview with Minister of Science of Montenegro, Sanja Damjanovic*

"Research conditions and environment still significantly differ among the six Western Balkan countries even if research capacity presents also common characteristics. In such a framework, despite weaknesses and constraints, motivated and successful individual researchers represent the potential for improvement of research capacity; individuals could therefore play an important role in change management...

...As Minister Damjanovic said: **"The WB region needs to evolve its economy towards a knowledge-based and innovation-dominated model. In order to do that capacity building, development of infrastructure and new skills are required"**. Click below on "Read More" to access the full article and interview with Minister Damjanovic.



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**TWINNING: 20 YEARS OF SUCCESSFULLY SHARING EU EXPERTISE THROUGH OVER 2700 PROJECTS**  
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**EU FINANCING FOR BREAKTHROUGH INNOVATION SHOULD ADAPT TO THE NEEDS OF THE INNOVATOR, EXPERTS SAY**  
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**EIROFORUM PUBLISHES ITS POSITION ON THE NEXT EUROPEAN UNION FRAMEWORK PROGRAMME FOR RESEARCH AND INNOVATION.**  
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**LATEST INFORMATION FROM THE VI-SEEM PROJECT**  
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The VI - SEEM dissemination events were organised in January 2018 and October 2017 respectively and were organized at the Faculty of Philosophy, University of Banja Luka and at Faculty of Computer...
- Posted on February 6, 2018  
**STRATEGY FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS: EU SETS OUT NEW FLAGSHIP INITIATIVES AND SUPPORT FOR THE REFORM-DRIVEN REGION**



European Commission - Press release Strasbourg, 6 February 2018 The Commission adopted today a strategy for 'A credible enlargement perspective for and enhanced EU engagement with the Western ...

- Posted on February 6, 2018  
**[EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT] KICK-OFF MEETING OF THE WESTERN BALKANS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**  
The Kick-Off Meeting of the Western Balkans Alumni Association will take place in Ohrid on March 15-17, 2018.

## • EVENTS

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- June 13-15, 2018 | Ohrid, FYR of Macedonia  
**NUTRICON 2018 CONGRESS**  
NUTRICON 2018 is bringing together the scientific and expert work of: human medicine and dental doctors, nutritionists, food technologists and engineers to gain comprehensive insight and understanding...
- June 25-29, 2018 | Tirana, Albania  
**PIR SUMMER SCHOOL 2018: "THE WESTERN BALKANS: RECOVERY, COOPERATION AND EU ACCESSION"**  
This summer school is organised by the Department of Political Science and International Relations of Epoka University and is open to all current bachelor, master, PhD students, policy-makers, NGO activists...
- June 30, 2018-July 3, 2018 | Novi Sad, Serbia  
**3ST SOUTH EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE ON SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT OF ENERGY, WATER AND ENVIRONMENT SYSTEMS (SDEWES SEE2018 NOVI SAD)**  
The main challenge for South East Europe (SEE) economies is to commit to, and sustain the implementation of, long-term reforms aimed at increasing competitiveness and promoting sustainable, inclusive ...
- June 25, 2018-July 3, 2018 | Thessaloniki, Greece  
**SUMMER SCHOOL: REFUGEE AND MIGRANT CRISIS: NEW CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION**  
About the summer school Learn, Experience & Volunteer Have we moved from the post-2014 refugee and migrant crisis management to refugee integration in Europe or are we still in a transitional...
- July 1-5, 2018 | Lausanne, Switzerland  
**11TH WORLD CONFERENCE OF SCIENCE JOURNALISTS - WCSJ2019**  
This event brings together professionals and students in science journalism and science writing from around the world to exchange ideas and skills, to build networks and so to foster quality science journalism...
- July 10, 2018 | London, United Kingdom  
**LONDON WESTERN BALKANS SUMMIT**  
The Western Balkans Process – also known as the Berlin Process – is a joint initiative of 13 European countries and the European Commission. It supports the efforts to integrate the region into the European...
- July 9-14, 2018 | Toulouse, France  
**ESOF2018: "OPEN SCIENCE IN ACTION" SESSIONS & SIDE EVENTS**  
FOSTER+, EC's MSCA Office and Marie Curie Alumni Association invite you to join them at our various "Open Science in Action" sessions, "boot camp" and side events (Toulouse, France, 9-14 July 2018).
- July 9-14, 2018 | Toulouse, France  
**ESOF 2018 - EUROSCIENCE OPEN FORUM TOULOUSE**  
Following Stockholm in 2004, Munich in 2006, Barcelona in 2008, Turin in 2010, Dublin in 2012, Copenhagen in 2014 and Manchester in 2016, the city of Toulouse has been chosen to host for the first time...
- July 14-21, 2018 | Rijeka, Croatia  
**SUMMER SCHOOL SAIL & LEARN**  
The Summer School Sail and Learn is an international project week designed for students with a program worth 5 ECTS points. It offers a unique cultural and educational experience for international students...
- September 12-1, 2018 | Vienna, Austria  
**ICRI 2018 - 4TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES**

ICRI 2018 will take place in Vienna, Austria on 12-14 September 2018 and will be co-organised by the Austrian Federal Ministry of Science, Research and Economy (BMWFW) and the European Commission...

- September 2-6, 2018 | Ljubljana, Slovenia  
**SMARTER 6 MEETING. SAVE THE DATE**  
The Slovenian CERIC Representing Entity - National Institute of Chemistry, and the Faculty of Chemistry and Chemical Technology at the University of Ljubljana, have announced the official dates and location...
- September 6-8, 2018 | Split, Croatia  
**ENTRENOVA 2018 : ENTERPRISE RESEARCH INNOVATION CONFERENCE, SPLIT, 6-8 SEPTEMBER 2018**  
ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch InNOVation Conference) is a multi-disciplinary conference dedicated to examining, comprehending and discussion of the economic, management, organisational, marketing...
- September 24-26, 2018 | Marseille, France  
**PREDICTIVE TECHNOLOGIES & THREAT INTELLIGENCE FOR CYBERSECURITY (CALL FOR PAPERS OPEN TILL 31ST MARCH 2018)**  
Held in the framework of Smart Security Week, Predictive Security World is complementary to parallel conferences addressing complementary security technologies to block and prevent attacks: Identity &...
- September 27-28, 2018 | Belgrade, Hotel Moskva, Serbia  
**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON TRAFFIC AND TRANSPORT ENGINEERING, ICTTE BELGRADE 2018**  
ICTTE Belgrade 2018 conference will cover a wide range of topics related to traffic and transport engineering, with the aim of representing the importance of all modes of traffic and...
- October 11-12, 2018 | Amsterdam, Netherlands  
**STEMM EQUALITY CONGRESS**  
The STEMM Equality Congress 2018 will offer delegates an opportunity to hear from and interact with thought leaders in equality, diversity and inclusion strategy, policy and practice in STEMM worldwide...
- November 5-6, 2018 | Vienna, Austria  
**RTI POLICY IN SERVICE OF SOCIETY: IMPACT AT THE CROSSROADS OF POLICY DESIGN, IMPLEMENTATION AND EVALUATION**  
Austrian EU Council Presidency Conference on RTI Policy in Service of Society: Impact at the Crossroads of Policy Design, Implementation and Evaluation

## • CALLS

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- Deadline: May 6, 2018  
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON THE REVIEW OF THE SME DEFINITION**  
The European Commission welcomes all citizens and organisations to contribute to the consultation regarding the SME definition. The SME definition as provided in Recommendation 2003/361/EC is the structural...
- Deadline: May 15, 2018  
**IMPACT EVALUATION CONFERENCE - CALL FOR EXTENDED ABSTRACTS AND POSTERS**  
Under the Austrian EU Council Presidency, the conference "Impact of Research and Innovation Policy at the Crossroads of Policy Design, Implementation and Evaluation" will be organised on 5-6 November...
- Deadline: July 12, 2018  
**EIT 2018 CALL FOR PROPOSALS**  
The Call for Knowledge and Innovation Communities Proposals
- Deadline: December 31, 2018  
**EUREKA NETWORK PROJECTS**  
This is a call for transnational, market-driven innovative research and development projects, labelled by EUREKA and supported by the public administrations and public funding agencies that represent ...

- Deadline: January 29, 2019

**INFRAINNOV-01-2019: STIMULATE THE INNOVATION POTENTIAL OF SMES**

Specific Challenge: Providing an effective mechanism for inclusion of innovative, agile SMEs in a landscape characterised by strong presence of public pan-European e-infrastructures (in particular ...
- Deadline: February 28, 2019

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