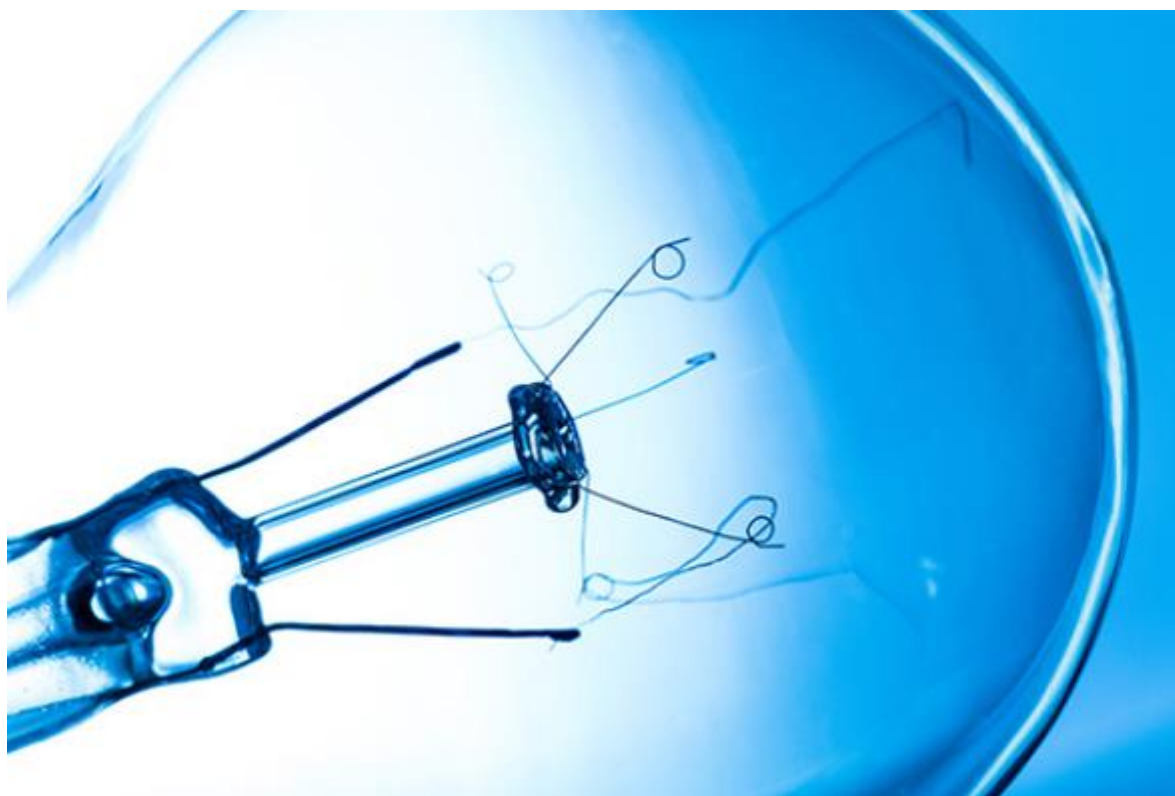




Sustainable Development | European Green Deal

Sustainable development is the organizing principle for meeting human development goals while simultaneously sustaining the ability of natural systems to provide the natural resources and ecosystem services based upon which the economy and society depend.



On 11 December 2019, the European Commission presented the European Green Deal - its ambitious flagship project aiming at Europe becoming the first climate neutral continent by 2050:

"Becoming the world's first climate-neutral continent by 2050 is the greatest challenge and opportunity of our times. To achieve this, the European Commission presented the European Green Deal, the most ambitious package of measures that should enable European citizens and businesses to benefit from sustainable green transition. Measures accompanied with an initial roadmap of key policies range from ambitiously cutting emissions, to investing in cutting-edge research and innovation, to preserving Europe's natural environment. Supported by investments

in green technologies, sustainable solutions and new businesses, the Green Deal can be a new EU growth strategy. Involvement and commitment of the public and of all stakeholders is crucial to its success. Above all, the European Green Deal sets a path for a transition that is just and socially fair. It is designed in such a way as to leave no individual or region behind in the great transformation ahead." - European Commission, Green Deal Website

The European Green Deal also includes a clear objective to set up a Green Agenda for the Western Balkans, mirroring the Green Deal. Find below some articles related to Sustainable Development. This information area has just been created and will grow also thanks to your announcements and the information you would like to share with us. Feel free to contact us at office@wbc-rti.info!

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TENDERING: DEVELOPMENT OF HYDROPOWER MONITORING METHODOLOGY, PROTOCOL FOR ALBANIA, N. MACEDONIA
The European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) has published an invitation for expressions of interest for the development of a hydropower monitoring methodology and a monitoring protocol...
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BIDS OPEN IN ALBANIA SOLAR POWER AUCTION FOR 140 MW IN KARAVASTA
The Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy said investors have until March 16 to submit applications for the construction of a photovoltaic plant at the coast southwest of capital Tirana. Albania scheduled...
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COMMISSIONER GABRIEL: CO-OPERATION IN THE FIELD OF INNOVATION BETWEEN THE WESTERN BALKANS HAS PRODUCED A POSITIVE RESULT
According to the Commissioner, the Western Balkans are making progress in innovation and technological development. They have reported increased funding, but they need to be even more active in the future...
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EU HELPS TACKLE AIR POLLUTION IN KOSOVO* WITH €76.4 MILLION
A major EU-financed project to improve the environmental performance of the 'Kosovo* B' thermal power plant, Kosovo*'s largest electricity generator, was launched today during the visit of the High EU...
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CIRCULAR ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN MONTENEGRO'S SMART SPECIALISATION STRATEGY
Montenegro is the first non-EU country to have adopted a Smart Specialisation Strategy (S3) in June 2019. Three key strategic directions represent the general long-term vision of the country's development...
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SEEIIST PROJECT PRESENTED AT WORLD SCIENCE FORUM IN BUDAPEST
Within the World Science Forum in Budapest, Minister Damjanović held a presentation within the panel entitled "Basic Science Infrastructures for Ethical and Responsible Collaborative Development".
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[EVENT REVIEW] - 7TH MEETING OF THE SEEIIST STEERING COMMITTEE, 24 JANUARY 2020 - LJUBLJANA, SLOVENIA
The seventh meeting of the SEEIIST Intergovernmental Steering Committee was held on 24 January 2020 in Ljubljana, Slovenia.

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[\[CALL ANNOUNCEMENT\] IAEA CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR FELLOWSHIPS FOR SEEIIST](#)
Capacity building for the regional project of the South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (SEEIIST) is one of the key elements for its successful implementation.
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[EU LIFTS GREEN INVESTMENT TARGET BY EUR 260 BILLION PER YEAR BY 2030](#)
The Sustainable Europe Investment Plan will mobilize at least EUR 1 billion in the next decade, the European Commission has said. The so-called Just Transition Mechanism, which is being set up by the ...
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On 17 December 2019, the European Commission adopted its Annual Sustainable Growth Strategy as part of a new European Semester cycle. The economic and employment policy strategy focuses on promoting competitive...

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[MONTENEGRO: EUR 200,000 EARMARKED TO ENCOURAGE PARTICIPATION IN HORIZON 2020 AND COST PROGRAMMES](#)
The Info Day on the Call for Applications of the Ministry of Science in Montenegro for encouraging participation in Horizon 2020 and COST programmes was held on January 17th at the University of Montenegro...
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[REMINDER: CALL FOR ABSTRACTS - ENTRENOVA 2020 OPEN UNTIL 15 FEBRUARY](#)
The call for abstracts for the 2020 edition of the ENTRENOVA Conference (ENTERprise REsearch InNOVation Conference) is still open until 15 February 2020!
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[\[DOCUMENT ANNOUNCEMENT\] EUROPEAN COURT OF AUDITORS PUBLISHES REPORT ON SME INSTRUMENT](#)
On 22 January 2020, the European Court of Auditors published a new report on the SME Instrument. The SME Instrument was launched as part of Horizon 2020 in 2014 to support innovation in small and...
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This first workshop on the Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in Belgrade, Serbia, organized by the Institute for Biological Research “Siniša Stanković” University of Belgrade will take place in...
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3 February 2020 - Athens, Greece During the Open Day of the 7th Human Brain Project (HBP) summit, visitors will have the chance to interact with robots, learn about brain simulation and explore collaboration...

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- **EVENTS**

- February 12-14, 2020 | Holiday Inn Hotel, Thessaloniki, Greece
[OPENEARTH CONFERENCE ON CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION AND MITIGATION \(WITH CALL FOR PAPERS\)](#)

The Conference aims to address the main issue of climate change adaptation and mitigation in primary and secondary sectors through the promotion of agricultural practices and modern effective technologies...

- February 26-27, 2020 | Novi Sad, Serbia
9TH INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AND INVESTMENT DAYS - NOVI SAD
The International Energy and Investment Days will be held in Novi Sad from 26th to 27th February 2020. Venue: Congress Centre "Master"
- March 5-6, 2020 | The European Committee of the Regions, Brussels, Belgium
SMART SPECIALISATION AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS
The main aim of the event is to present practical experience and advances in applying Smart Specialisation (S3) as a methodology driving the achievement of the SDGs through the establishment and implementation...
- March 7-9, 2020 | Sofia, Bulgaria
SOUTH-EAST EUROPEAN EXHIBITION AND CONFERENCE ON ENERGY EFFICIENCY & RENEWABLE ENERGY
The EE & RE Exhibition puts on display a great set of existing energy technologies and it is a starting point for the launch of innovative products. It facilitates the development of the energy sector...
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2020 INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CLEAN AND GREEN ENERGY ENGINEERING
Clean and Green Energy is becoming more and more important in peoples' daily life. The energy is produced from sources that do not produce greenhouse gases during production. This form of energy is derived...
- May 12-15, 2020 | Dubrovnik, Croatia
INSPIRE CONFERENCE 2020 "BRINGING SUSTAINABILITY AND DIGITALISATION TOGETHER"
In 2020 INSPIRE will hold its annual conference focusing on sustainable digitalisation (digital transition) and digital sustainability (social, economic and environment).
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DEGROWTH VIENNA 2020 - STRATEGIES FOR SOCIAL-ECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION
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European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) Single Stage Open Competitive Selection - Request for Proposals The Western Balkan region has a very high conservation value with up to 30...
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INFRAIA-03-2020: PILOT FOR A NEW MODEL OF INTEGRATING ACTIVITIES

European researchers need effective and convenient access to the best research infrastructures in order to conduct research for the advancement of knowledge and technology. The aim of this action is to...

- Deadline: March 20, 2020
NETWORK OF RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURE INDUSTRIAL LIAISON AND CONTACT OFFICERS (INFRAINNOV-02-2019)
Specific Challenge: The concept of industry as a full partner of Research Infrastructures (both as supplier and as user) should be proactively put in practice; this implies to promote a more extensive...
- Deadline: March 25, 2020
CALL FOR PAPERS | 7TH INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN STUDIES: THE POWER AND POLITICS OF TRANSITIONAL JUSTICE
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- Deadline: March 30, 2020
LAUNCH OF THE FIRST PROESOF CALL FOR PROPOSALS
In 2020 Trieste will host the Euroscience Open Forum (ESOF), the largest interdisciplinary science meeting in Europe. It is dedicated to scientific research and innovation and offers a unique framework...
- Deadline: March 31, 2020
INNOWWIDE - 2ND CALL FOR VIABILITY ASSESSMENT PROJECTS (VAPS)
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INNOSUP-01-2018-2020 CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR CLUSTER FACILITATED PROJECTS FOR NEW INDUSTRIAL VALUE CHAINS
Opened on November 7, the INNOSUP-01-2018-2020 call for proposals for cluster facilitated projects for new industrial value chains has an allocated budget of 25.150.000 EUR and aims at ...
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DT-ICT-09-2020: BOOST RURAL ECONOMIES THROUGH CROSS-SECTOR DIGITAL SERVICE PLATFORMS
Specific Challenge: Rural areas represent most of Europe's territory (91%) and population (59%). When measuring against socio-economic indicators rural areas tend to lag behind urban areas. Lower population...
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INTEGRATION AND CONSOLIDATION OF THE EXISTING PAN-EUROPEAN ACCESS MECHANISM TO PUBLIC RESEARCH INFRASTRUCTURES AND COMMERCIAL SERVICES THROUGH THE EOSC PORTAL (INFRAEOSC-03-2020)
Specific Challenge: The phase of integration and consolidation of e-infrastructure platforms initiated under the Research Infrastructures Work Programme 2016-2017 (in particular, through the EOSC-hub...

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