

Kosovo

PROGRESS REPORT¹

on recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBC (1st half 2011 or November 2010 / Becici - May 2011 / Ohrid)

1 Policy actions

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

- It is created the Council for Science of the Ministry of Education, Science and Technology who is in charge to ménage the national budget for research.

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2 Legislative initiatives - development of the legal and strategic framework

- In procedure is redrafting and review of the law for research activity.

3 Important events, meetings, training activities, etc.

End of October:

- It was call for proposal for financing research projects and other research activities

Categories of call for proposals

- Special Research projects (500 000 Euro)
- Brain Gain (200 000 Euro)
- Publication (120 000)
- Researcher of the year and new researcher of the year (60 000)
- Short-term mobility of scientists (60 000)

May 2011

- National conference for Science and technology hold in Grand Hotel –Prishtina.

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 Monday, May 16, 2011.

4 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

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

In process:

Drafting of memorandum of understanding between MEST and TUBITAC – Turkey.

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5 Statistics - major changes / updates of relevant statistical data

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

It was a little progress in establishing some organs regarding to the law for research activity (Council of Science of the MEST). And for the first time it was a budget set for science (1 million euro).

We must work on establishing bilateral and multilateral relationships with governments and organizations from the region and Europe..

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