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**DRAFT AGENDA**

**Meeting of the Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries in Zagreb, Croatia**

**11 December 2013**

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| 14.00 – 14.05  14.05 – 14.30 | **Welcome address** by   * Representative from Croatia (host)   **Opening Statements** by:   * Lithuanian Presidency; * European Commission; * Representative from FYROM (co-chair); * Representative from Croatia (host and co-chair). |
| 14.30 – 14.45 | **Approval of the Agenda**  Approval of the Minutes of the last Steering Platform Meeting (Budva, Montenegro June 5/6, 2013) |
| 14.45 – 16.00    16.00 – 16.30  16.30 – 18.00  19.30 | **Preparing for ‘Horizon 2020’:**   * Latest developments on Horizon 2020 (Lithuanian Presidency) * State of play on association to Horizon 2020 (European Commission) * Actions in Support of participation in Horizon 2020: launch events and workshops/technical assistance (European Commission) * COST (COST representative Croatia) * Preparations for IPA II and Horizon 2020 (information by WBCs).   ***Family photo followed by Coffee break***  **What has been done since June 2013:**  Presentation of **recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBCs** (see Information sheets for more details), by:   * European Commission (DG R&I and DG JRC) * Western Balkan countries; * Steering Platform members: EU Member States and countries associated to FP7; * Representatives from WBC-INCO.NET, SEE-ERA.NET PLUS, COST, Eureka, UNESCO, CEI, EVAL-INNO, M-ERA.NET.   ***Dinner / Social Event*** |
| **12 December 2013**  09.00 – 10.30  10.30 – 10.45  10.45 – 12.30  12.30 – 13.15  13.15 – 14. 00 | **Regional cooperation: Strategic approaches**   * Debriefing and follow-up on “Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation” (World Bank team) * Debriefing on “South East European 2020 Strategy” – Pillar “Smart Growth” (RCC) * Debriefing and follow-up Annual CEI meeting in Trieste * Future of the Steering Platform * Preparations for the WBC-INCO.NET Final conference   **Coffee break**  **Challenges and opportunities for the WBCs:**  **Knowledge and technology transfer:**   * Debriefing on “Modernization of WBC universities through strengthening of structures and services for knowledge transfer, research and innovation” (WBC Inno project)   **Smart Regions:**   * Debriefing on Danube.INCO.NET * Debriefing on Danube Regional Research Fund * Eastern European Partnership (Lithuanian Presidency) * Debriefing on 2nd Training Workshop on Smart Specialisation for South East European countries.   **Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities**   * **Vilnius Declaration** (Debriefing on Conference *Horizons for Social Sciences and Humanities*; Lithuanian Presidency). * **Democracy challenges in SEE** (Debriefing on inaugural conference of the regional Centre for advanced studies SEE in SSH established at the University of Rijeka; CAS director). * **Evaluation culture in SEE** (Public procurement in SEE innovation evaluations: A comparative and needs assessment study; EVAL-INNO expert).   **Round Table & Discussion**   * Regional cooperation: strategic approaches * Challenges and opportunities for the WBCs * Future of the Steering Platform * AOB   **Concluding Remarks**  Presentation and adoption of conclusions including recommendations on future actions and work AOB |
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