

SLOVENIA
PROGRESS REPORT
on recent developments regarding
research and innovation cooperation in/with Western Balkans
(Period: October 2017 – June 2018)¹

1 Policy actions and legislative initiatives (legal and strategic framework)

Strategy of Internationalization of the Slovenian Science and Research (2018-2030) in preparation – one of the priority areas of the international scientific cooperation for Slovenia are Western Balkan Countries.

2 Development of international cooperation and actions on integration into ERA

- Slovenia signed Declaration of Intent – Establishment of a South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (25 October 2017).

BILATERAL COOPERATION:

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

- 36 bilateral projects adopted for the period 2016-2017 successfully finished;
- launch of the new joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Bosnia and Herzegovina is planned to be announced in September;

THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

- 15 bilateral projects adopted for the period 2017-2018 are in the process of realization;

MONTENEGRO

- 26 bilateral projects for the period 2016-2017 are successfully finished,
- the joint call for research projects between Slovenia and Montenegro for 2018-2020 is closed and Mixed committee meeting is planned to be held at the beginning of July in Podgorica;

SERBIA

- 55 bilateral projects for the period 2018 – 2019 have been approved at the Mixed commission meeting held in Ljubljana end of May 2018 in Ljubljana.

¹ The last Steering Platform was held in Belgrade on September 27-28, 2017. All related information is also available online here: <https://wbc-rti.info/object/event/16372> (including links to the conclusions and minutes).



3 Important events, meetings, training activities, studies etc.

On 1 February 2018, 4th meeting of the Prime Ministers of the Republic of Slovenia and the Republic of Serbia took place in Slovenia. In the frame of the meeting dr. Maja Makovec Brenčič, Slovenian minister for education, science and sport met Mr Mladen Šarčević, minister for education, science and technological development of the Republic of Serbia.

4 Outlook and perspectives

5 Other relevant information related to Research and Innovation cooperation in/with Western Balkan economies)