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# Support for Smart Specialisation in the Western Balkans and preparatory studies

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<b>Policy Dialogue</b>	<b>Smart Specialisation</b>	<b>Analysis and Monitoring</b>	<b>Visibility and Dissemination</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Two Ministerial SP meetings</li> <li>• Four R&amp;I Meetings / regional events</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to the implementation of national S3 and cluster efforts</li> <li>• Study on the S3 status, R&amp;I clusters</li> <li>• Final study presentation event</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Analysis for the provision of WBC researcher's mobility system</li> <li>• ERA Progress Monitoring Reports for the WBC</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support for WBC Visibility at EU events</li> <li>• Dissemination of information (WBC-RTI.INFO website)</li> </ul>



## Smart Specialisation (S3)

Aim: support development and implementation of national S3 strategies and R&I clusters in the WBC by providing EU expertise through:

- 1) 25 targeted support interventions
  - based on the needs formulated by the WBC
  - including individual counselling and facilitation of regional R&I trainings and events
  - also targeting improvement of the regions' participation in H2020 and Horizon Europe
- 2) Study on the status of S3 and R&I cluster activities
- 3) Presentation of the S3 Study at a specific event to a wider public

## **1) 25 targeted support interventions for the implementation of national S3 and cluster efforts in the WBC**

- WBC needs can be addressed to the Service Facility / the EC; (in particular) by the national or regional S3 teams or clusters
- an intervention plan will be developed suggesting support activities
- interventions can be: coaching, trainings, small workshops, counselling; they will last for 15 days (incl. preparation, on site visit and follow up)
- expertise will be provided through experts from Europe: expert pool of different specialised organisations
- experts will work closely together with the relevant stakeholders of the WBC

## 2) Study on the status of S3 and R&I cluster activities

Aim: take stock of the state-of-play in developing and implementing R&I strategies for RIS3 in Western Balkans economies

- various dimensions of the S3 policy framework
- progress made and quality of results achieved
- specific focus on clusters as instrument for S3 implementation
- concept for monitoring RIS3 development and WBC cluster initiatives
- macro-regional embeddedness and territorial dimension of S3 strat.
- will be conducted in liaison with JRC and coordinated also with DG RTD, DG NEAR and national ministries
- initial desk research + six fact-finding missions to WB6 to
  - 1) validate the initial information with local experts, and
  - 2) gather qualitative data on S3 implementation and state of clusters through interviews



### **3) Presentation of the S3 Study at a specific event to a wider public**

- The Final Study will be printed and distributed at a study presentation Event (indicative February 2021/tbc)
- Programme: Discussions on S3 as a tool for transnational cooperation, strategic innovation policies, priorities of common interest and conclusions and recommendations on S3 implementation across the Western Balkans
- Speakers and participants: representatives of the S3 and R&I cluster activities across the region and in general, regional and international stakeholders from the quadruple helix (government, industry, academia, civil society)
- Some travel grants will be made available for WBC



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**Thank you !**

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