



# WESTERN BALKANS

## AGENDA

### STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETINGS

23 SEPTEMBER 2019  
BRUSSELS

MONDAY, 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

#### MORNING SESSION (08:30 - 12:00) - REGIONAL COOPERATION COUNCIL MEETING ON HORIZON EUROPE

Venue: RCC Offices, Rue Joseph II 12-16, 1000 Brussels, Belgium

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| 08:30 - 09:00 | <b>Registrations</b>  |
| 09:00 - 09:30 | <b>Welcome remarks   Opening statements</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Regional Cooperation Council</li><li>• European Commission, DG Research and Innovation</li><li>• Finnish EU Council Presidency</li><li>• Bosnia and Herzegovina co-chair on behalf of the Western Balkans</li></ul>                                       |
| 09:30 - 10:00 | <b>Progress reports on R&amp;D and Innovation in the Western Balkan</b>   |
| 10:00 - 11:45 | <b>Views and discussion on Horizon Europe – Western Balkan Six and EU Member States</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Horizon Europe: current status and next steps, DG Research and Innovation</li><li>• Reflections on Horizon Europe proposal by the Western Balkan Six</li><li>• Discussion with the EU Member States</li></ul> |
| 11:45 - 12:00 | <b>Summary and Conclusions</b>  |

#### AFTERNOON SESSION (13:30 - 18:45) - STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MEETING

Venue: Hotel Le Plaza, Boulevard Adolphe Max 118/126, 1000 Brussels, Belgium (Room: Adolphe Max)

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| 12:30 - 13:30 | Networking Lunch (Room: Charleston)   |
| 13:30 - 15:30 | <b>First Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Researchers' mobility (Ronald de Bruin, COST; Claire Morel, DG EAC; Fabio Mazzolini, Elettra Sincrotrone; EU Member States)</li><li>• Horizon Europe – State of Play (Dusan Sandor, DG RTD)</li><li>• Smart Specialisation Strategies (Marek Przeor, DG REGIO; Ales Gnamus, JRC; WB6)</li></ul>  |
| 15:30 - 16:00 | Coffee break (Room: Esterel)  |
| 16:00 - 18:30 | <b>Second Session</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Research Infrastructures, Roadmaps (Adam Tyson, DG RTD; David Ringrose, DG CNECT; Branka Zizic, SEEIIST; Fabio Taucer, JRC; Fabio Mazzolini, Elettra Sincrotrone)</li><li>• IPA support for R&amp;I (Colin Wolfe, DG NEAR)</li><li>• Widening in Horizon Europe (Stefan Weiers, DG RTD)</li><li>• Open Science, Open Access, European Open Science Cloud (Anette Bjornsson, DG RTD)</li><li>• Why you need to have a National Research and Education Network (Dirk Haex, BELNET)</li><li>• Research and Innovation aspects of the instrument for pre-accession assistance for rural development - IPARD (Liam Breslin, DG AGRI)</li></ul> |
| 18:45         | End of meeting  |
| 20:00 - 22:00 | Official Networking Dinner at La Manufacture (Rue Notre-Dame-du-Sommeil 12, 1000 Brussels)  |

[23 and 24 September 2019: Ministerial Meeting – Western Balkans Steering Platform on Research and Innovation]



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### STEERING PLATFORM ON RESEARCH AND INNOVATION MINISTERIAL MEETING

24 SEPTEMBER 2019  
BRUSSELS

TUESDAY, 24 SEPTEMBER 2019

08:00 - 08:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**  
*(Hotel Le Plaza, Boulevard Adolphe Max 118-126, 1000 Brussels, Room: Theater)*

08:30 - 09:00 **Finalisation of Conclusions for the Ministerial Meeting**

09:00 - 12:30 **Ministerial Meeting**

**09:00 - 10:30 Welcome Remarks | Opening Statements**

- European Commission, DG Research and Innovation, Signe Ratso, Deputy Director-General
- Finnish EU Council Presidency, Hanna Lehtinen, Ambassador
- Keynote Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation
- Keynote Vesselin Petrov Valkanov, Head of Liaison Office in Brussels, Regional Cooperation Council
- Keynote Paulo Ferrão, President, European Cooperation in Science and Technology

#### First session

- Report from the Steering Platform and R&I Meeting, Ammar Miraščija, Head of Department for Science, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Western Balkans Position Paper on Horizon Europe, Viktor Nedovic, State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

#### • **First Round of Discussions, Ministers with Commissioner** **Participation in Horizon 2020 – Expectations from Horizon Europe**

- Announcement by Elettra - Sincrotrone Trieste, Alfonso Franciosi, President Elettra
- Wrap up of the session by Commissioner Carlos Moedas

10:30 - 11:00 *Coffee break (Room: Gallery Theatre)*

11:00 - 12:30 **Second Session**

- Keynote Charlina Vitcheva, Deputy Director-General, Joint Research Centre
- Keynote Viviane Hoffmann, Deputy Director-General, Education, Youth, Sport and Culture
- Keynote Lorena Boix Alonso, Director, Communications, Networks, Content and Technology

#### • **Second Round of Discussions, Ministers** **Smart Specialisation Strategies – Implementation, Impact on the national economy;** **the role of Research and Innovation to support this process**

- Closing Intervention by Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General, Research and Innovation

12:30 End of meeting

12:30 - 13:30 *Lunch (Room: Adolphe Max)*

14:00 **Opening of R&I Days in Centre Pompidou**