

WESTERN BALKANS AGENDA ON INNOVATION, RESEARCH, EDUCATION, CULTURE, YOUTH & SPORT

Action Table - Achievements

Political	Regional	Thematic
Western Balkans Agenda launched at the Western Balkans Summit under Slovenian EU Presidency.	Launch of WB Horizon Europe Twinning and support to WB Policy Making Calls - grants about to start.	Connection of Kosovo* to GEANT. Successful launch of Horizon 2020 Green Deal projects.
Conclusion of the HE Association Negotiations with all the partners from the region.	Launch of the EIT Cross-KIC initiative to boost circular economy in the Western Balkans.	Improve Quality Assurance Mechanisms in the field of VET through ETF Quality Assurance Platform and dialogue on assessment of teachers and trainers.
Conclusion of the Creative Europe association negotiations with all the partners from the region.	Publication of the <i>Foresight Study research and Innovation in Western Balkans in 2035</i> .	Initialised monitoring and capacity building measures for metrology.
Conclusion of the Erasmus+ Association Negotiations with North Macedonia and Serbia.	Strengthened cooperation with Intergovernmental organisations, EUREKA and COST: concluded full membership of Albania and Bosnia and Herzegovina in EUREKA; launched dedicated EUREKA WB Working Group and active participation of Western Balkan partners at the Global Innovation Summit.	Completed the scenario analysis of air quality impacts on health, crops and climate until 2050 in the Western Balkans.
Conclusion of the European Solidarity Corps Association Negotiations with North Macedonia.		Published the Science for policy Report on the status of air pollutants and greenhouse gases in the Western Balkans.
Completion of the ERA monitoring reports.		
Launch of the monitoring of Osnabrück Declaration and VET Communication.	Launch of FINNO-Access2Finance and Innovation platform for financial instruments and innovation support for SMEs in South East Europe – with strong focus on the Western Balkans.	Science for policy Report on the status of water and soil in the Western Balkans.
Launch of the of the Horizon Europe support project facilitating policy making in the Western Balkans (currently being evaluated).		Further expanded the ETF ENE, Centres of Excellence network to Western Balkans Six.
Started discussions with MS on the governance structure of the Strategic framework for European cooperation in education and training towards the European Education Area and beyond (2021-2030))	Launched exploratory study on Impact Investment for skills for innovation and recommendations to policymakers.	Prepared Tool Kit for Skills as to support the implementation of Smart Specialisation Strategies in the region.
	Finalisation of EU4TECH PoC capacity building programme for technology transfer with over 47	Participation of Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia in the X round of the European

<p>including possible increased participation of the Western Balkans'.</p> <p>Smart Specialisation Framework milestones reached by North Macedonia, Kosovo and Albania.</p>	<p>project from the region receiving tangible innovation support.</p> <p>Work started in cooperation with RCC on the Regional Research Infrastructure Roadmap.</p> <p>First Western Balkan workshop on thematic cooperation on Smart Specialisation in the agri-food priority domain.</p> <p>Launched and currently implementing the projects financed under the EU4Youth.</p> <p>Implementing 5 Vocational Education and Training Pilot mobility projects with partners in the Western Balkans.</p> <p>Adoption of the Erasmus+ Multinational Indicative programme and EUR 374m from the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance earmarked for the participation of the Western Balkans in the international dimension of the programme</p> <p>Launched the European Week of Sport Beyond Borders in the Western Balkans.</p> <p>Involvement/Inclusion of the WB sport stakeholders in the HealthyLifestyle4All initiative.</p> <p>Launched the Regional Youth Cooperation Office School Exchange Scheme.</p> <p>Initiated the Second Regional Youth Policy Lab.</p>	<p>Social Survey.</p> <p>Delivered courses related to the acquis communautaire on security of gas supply for the Energy Community (including all countries in the Western Balkans) in 2017 (in Belgrade, Serbia), 2019 (in Kiev, Ukraine), in the context of the JRC Enlargement and Integration action.</p> <p>Delivered the Eurocodes Balkan Summer School on the use of European standards in the construction sector for the seismic design of buildings with participation of designers from all Western Balkan countries. A training kit has been developed to further support training activities in the Western Balkans.</p>
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