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## DRAFT AGENDA

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

11 December 2013

14.00 – 14.05

#### **Welcome address by**

- Representative from Croatia (host)

14.05 – 14.30

#### **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

#### **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).

16.00 – 16.30

*Family photo followed by Coffee break*

16.30 – 18.00

**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.

19.30

***Dinner / Social Event***

**12 December 2013**

09.00 – 10.30

**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

10.30 – 10.45

**Coffee break**

10.45 – 12.30

**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” (WBCInno – TEMPUS 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).

12.30 – 13.15

#### **Round Table & Discussion**

- Regional cooperation: strategic approaches
- Challenges and opportunities for the WBCs
- Future of the Steering Platform
- AOB

13.15 – 14.00

#### **Concluding Remarks**

Presentation and adoption of conclusions including recommendations on future actions and work  
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