

**“Towards 2020: New Horizons for RTD and Innovation in the Western Balkan Region”**

**WBC -INCO.NET Final Conference & Brokerage Event”**

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**Conference Programme**

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Start	End	
<b>Thursday, March 27, 2014</b>		
8:00	9:00	<b>Registration</b> <i>(Tech Gate, Vienna)</i>
9:00	9:30	<b>Welcome addresses / Introduction to the conference</b> <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i>  Heribert BUCHBAUER, Austrian Federal Ministry for Science & Research Greek EU Council presidency (tbc) EC DG Research and Innovation (tbc) Ines MARINKOVIC, Centre for Social Innovation
9:30	10:45	<b>Opening Panel Session</b> <b>Cooperation on research and innovation in the Western Balkans: main achievements and actions towards 2020</b> <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i>  <b>Moderation:</b> Klaus SCHUCH, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria  <b>Panellists:</b>  Ministry of Education and Science - Albania Ministry of Civil Affairs - Bosnia and Herzegovina Ministry of Science and Education and Sports – Croatia Ministry of Education and Science – FYR of Macedonia Ministry of Science - Montenegro Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development - Serbia Ministry of Education, Science and Technology – Kosovo*  <small>Kosovo*: This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.</small>
10:45	11:15	<b>Coffee break + Project exhibition</b>
11:15	12:00	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Key note speech</b> <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i>  “Technology upgrading and RTD challenges in Western Balkan region: issues and policy options” Slavo RADOSEVIC, UCL School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES)

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		<b>Cooperation on Research and Innovation at Regional Level: Creating Synergies</b> <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i>									
12:00	13:15	<b>Moderation:</b> Alma HASANOVIC, Ministry of Civil Affairs - Bosnia and Herzegovina  <b>Panellists:</b> Dusan VUJOVIC, The World Bank (tbc) Mladen DRAGASEVIC, Regional Cooperation Council Miroslav VESKOVIC, University of Novi Sad, Serbia Jadranka SVARC, Ivo Pilar Institute, Croatia Despina ANASTASIADOU, University of Patras, Greece									
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		<b>Parallel sessions 1+2+3</b>									
		<b>Thematic Workshops for Enhanced Research and Innovation Cooperation</b>									
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		<b>Opening Session with Presentation of Outcome Actions Identified in Thematic Workshops</b> <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i> <i>Presented by Discussants from the Thematic Workshops</i>									
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		<b>Brokerage event</b> (in cooperation with FFG, EEN, FORSEE and ICT-KOSEU) (Sky – stage) <i>Secure, Clean and Efficient Energy Information and Communication Technologies Inclusive, innovative and reflective societies Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation” + Other topics of interest</i>									
16:30	19:00										
<b>19:00</b>	<b>21:30</b>	<b>Get together reception / Networking</b> <i>(Sky stage)</i> With guest appearance of the Austrian band “Novi Sad”									

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09:00	09:45	<p align="center"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Key note speech</b> (Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</p> <p><i>“How efforts on research and innovation contribute to economic development and integration into the European Union”</i> Peter POLAJNAR, EC DG Enlargement</p>									
09:45	10:45	<p align="center"><b>2<sup>nd</sup> Panel</b> <b>Framework Conditions for Research and Innovation Cooperation</b></p> <p><i>Moderation: Elke DALL, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria</i></p> <p><b>Panellists:</b> <i>Susanne BURGER, Federal Ministry of Education and Research – Germany</i> <i>Tania FRIEDERICHS, EC DG Research and Innovation (tbc)</i> <i>Zygmunt KRASINSKI, European Association of Research Managers and Administrators (EARMA)</i></p>									
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15:00	15:15	<p align="center"><b>Conference Conclusions &amp; farewell</b>  <i>(Room 1 – Multimedia stage)</i></p> <p align="center">Tania FRIEDERICHS, EC DG Research and Innovation (tbc)          Elke DALL, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria          Ines MARINKOVIC, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria</p>
<b>15:15</b>	<b>16:00</b>	<b>Farewell Coffee &amp; Cake</b>