

WBC-INCO.NET setting of regional research priorities

Consultation Session on Transport

May 19 and 20, 2009 in Sarajevo/Bosnia-Herzegovina

Venue: Hotel Holiday Inn, BiH - Sarajevo
Zmaja od Bosne 4, Sarajevo 71000, Bosnia and Herzegovina

DRAFT AGENDA with annotations

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

9:00 - 11:00	<p>Welcome speech Mr. Ammar Mirascija, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Tour de Table</p> <p>Introduction to WBC-INCO.NET (Task T2.4) Outlook on expected results</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Regional research <u>priorities</u> b) <u>Recommendations</u> for further cooperation with WBC and major generic activities <p>Ulrike Kunze, International Bureau of the BMBF, Germany Tanja Knezevic, Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro, MPIN</p> <p>FP 7 Work Programme on Transport Karsten Krause, European Commission, DG RTD, Transport Directorate</p> <p>Chair: Dr. Andreas Kahle, Federal Ministry of Education and Research, Germany</p>
11:00 - 11:30	<i>Coffee</i>

In this first session, we would like to set the scene for the Consultation Session giving an introduction in the WBC-INCO.NET and outlining the major issues of the workshop. Especially, we would like to look ahead on the expected results on, firstly, regional research priorities and, secondly, giving recommendations for further cooperation possibilities with the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) and major generic activities. For both topics, an outline will be given as input for the workshop participants.

One of the aims of the workshop is to specify regional research priorities of common interest for the WBC and the EU Member States, which can then be used as input for the FP7 Work Programme of the Theme of Transport. Therefore, an overview of the FP7 Work Programme is given.

In order to achieve the goal of specifying common priorities for all the WBC, input from the participating WBC researchers and other experts is needed to take into account and to incorporate the regional needs, which will be done in the next session.

11:30 - 12:30	<p>Presentation of S&T systems and regional research priorities (Part 1)</p> <p><u>Presenters</u> Albania (Mr. Ali Dedej) Bosnia and Herzegovina (Mr. Saša Džumhur) Croatia (Prof. Dr Ivica Smojver, University of Zagreb)</p>
12:30 - 13:40	<i>Lunch</i>
13:40 - 15:00	<p>Presentation of S&T systems and regional research priorities (Part 2)</p> <p><u>Presenters</u> Kosovo (under UN SCR 1244/1999) (Mr. Ramadan Duraku) Montenegro (Dr. Danilo Nikolic, University of Montenegro) Serbia (Mr. Radosav Jovanovic, University of Belgrade)</p>

The aim of this session is to present the S&T systems in the WBC regarding the field of Transport and to highlight the major findings of the national country reports assembled prior to the Consultation Session. For each presentation, a maximum of 20 min (including a short discussion) are foreseen.

Ideally, during the presentation each analytical expert will propose a list of 3 to 5 research priorities in the field of Transport. The assembled national country report will be distributed to the other countries prior to the workshop via the nominated expert and MPIN.

15:00 - 16:30	<p>Discussion / refinement of regional research priorities (in 7 parallel working groups)</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Katerina Tzitzinou, HELP-FORWARD Network, Greece</p>
16:30 - 16:50	<i>Coffee</i>
16:50 - 18:00	<p>Report of the working groups Summing up of regional research priorities</p> <p>Moderator: Dr. Katerina Tzitzinou, HELP-FORWARD Network, Greece</p>

19:00	<i>Dinner</i> <i>Restaurant "Kibe" Vrbanjuša 164, www.restorankibe.ba</i>
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In these two sessions, we will discuss and identify regional research priorities based on the great lines of the FP7 Work Programme on Transport and the presentations of the S&T systems and the national country reports by the WBC in the previous session. The discussion will take place in 7 parallel groups according to the national delegations. The participating stakeholders from the WBC will be asked to give input to propose concrete research topics and to finally set up a priority list of not more than 5 priorities by all WBC. Back in the plenary session, a matrix will be produced with all research topics of the WBC to finally reach consensus on about 3 to 5 regional research priorities commonly agreed on. These research topics can then be used as input to the FP7 Work Programme, a regional call, actions under a Regional Research Strategy etc.

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

9:00 - 10:45	<p>Presentations by invited experts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. ETNA NCP Dr. Katerina Tzitzinou, HELP-FORWARD Network, Greece, NCP Transport b. Example for an ERA-NET: ERA-NET TRANSPORT II Walter Wasner, Federal Ministry for Transport, Innovation and Technology, Austria c. Examples for a Technology Platform (ERRAC) and a FP7 Project (TransNEW) Dennis Schut, UIC Belgium d. Initiatives such as FEHRL, ERTRAC and the Construction Technology Platform Steve Phillips, FEHRL, Belgium <p>Chair: Alma Hasanovic, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
10:45 - 11:00	<i>Coffee</i>

While discussions on day one were primarily devoted to regional research priorities, day two will focus on recommendations for further cooperation with the WBC. Prior to the discussion, external experts will highlight different aspects which are connected to the Transport theme. This will include presentations with the objective to view the Transport sector from different perspectives and to introduce further ways and instruments of cooperation to the workshop participants. This session will give the opportunity to raise new issues within the Transport theme and to discuss new ways of cooperation between the participants of the Consultation Session and with other initiatives, networks, etc.

11:00 - 12:30	<p>Discussion</p> <p>Recommendations for further cooperation with WBC and major generic activities</p> <p>Development of the regional strategy for research and development in the Western Balkans – <i>state of play</i></p> <p>Tanja Knezevic, Ministry of Education and Science of Montenegro, MPIN</p> <p>Moderator: Dennis Schut, UIC Belgium</p>
12:30	<p>Short conclusions and closing</p> <p>Alma Hasanovic, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Tanja Knezevic, MPIN Montenegro</p>
12:30 - 13:30	<i>Lunch</i>
	<i>Departure</i>

This last session of the workshop will be devoted to an open discussion about further cooperation possibilities with the WBC, and especially aspects of the Transport area. Each WBC delegation will be asked to formulate practical recommendations for major generic activities and on how the cooperation between the WBC in the area of S&T (Transport) can be further developed. Ideally, a list of recommendations given by the participating WBC and the external experts will be compiled which could then be incorporated into a regional research strategy for in the near future. Possible topics covered could include: A major generic activity regarding exchange and mobility, procedures for the exchange and dissemination of information, networking, infrastructure development, regular, annual meetings between researchers and policy makers in the WBC to discuss issues of a regional research strategy, etc.