DRAFT AGENDA

Meeting of Steering Platform on Research for Western Balkan Countries

Meeting in Sarajevo on 1 December 2011

9.00 - 9.30	**Opening Statements by:** - Polish Presidency (including presentation of Presidency activities); - European Commission; - Representative from Bosnia and Herzegovina
9.30 - 9.45	Approval of the Agenda. Approval of the Minutes of the last Steering Platform Meeting (Ohrid, 26 May 2011).

9.45 - 11.15	**What has been done since May 2011:**
	
	Stocktaking on implementation Conclusions Steering Platform meeting in Ohrid (WBC-INCO.NET).
	
	Presentation of **recent developments regarding S&T cooperation in/with the WBCs** (see Information Sheets for more details) by:
	    - European Commission (DG RTD and 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, RCC, EUREKA, UNESCO and CEI.

11. 15 – 11.30	*Family photo* *Coffee break*

11. 30 – 12.30	**Preparations for HORIZON 2020 and synergy with Pre-Accession Instrument (IPA):** - State of play/preparations/procedures/timing; - Comments/questions by Filiz HAYIRLI from Tübitak on behalf of all enlargement countries; - Q&A
12. 30-13.00	**Regional dimension of research cooperation:** Implementation of Regional Strategy on R&D for Innovation (IPA project) by Mladen DRAGASEVIC, RCC.
13.00 - 14.15	**Lunch**
14.15 – 15.30	**Innovation Union:** - Presentation by COM on commitments relevant for WBCs; - How to prepare/support from EC - Importance of S&T statistics - Presentation of **FIRMA (B&H-US programme)** fostering innovation.
15.30 – 15.45	Coffee break
15. 45- 16.30	**Current results of WBC.INCO.NET** by Jadranka SVARC: **Innovation Systems update** - Comparative results on innovation capacities; - Mapping of Innovation infrastructure; - Social Innovation: research opportunities for WBCs.
16.30 – 17.30	**Concluding Remarks:** - Presentation and adoption of conclusions including recommendations on future actions and work. **AOB** **Announcement of the next Steering Platform Meeting**
19.00 –	**Social event**