



## Ministerial Meeting of the Western Balkans Platforms on Education and Training & Research and Innovation

2 December 2020 – online  
09:00 – 16:30 h

### AGENDA

- 9.00 – 09.10**      ***Technical set up and housekeeping rules***  
*Moderator Brian Maguire / Cecoforma*
- 9.10 – 9.30**      **Welcome and introduction**  
Themis Christophidou, Director General, DG EAC  
Signe Ratso, Deputy Director General, DG R&I  
Bernard Magenmann, Deputy Director General, DG JRC  
Genoveva Ruiz Calavera, Director, DG NEAR
- 9.30 – 10.30**      **1<sup>st</sup> Ministerial Round Table on Culture**  
Chair: Tamas Szucs, Director, DG EAC  
Keynote: Walter Zampieri, Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency  
Statements by the Ministerial participants of Culture of the Western Balkans:  
Elva Margariti, Minister of Culture, Albania  
Suvar Dzaferovic, Assistant Minister for Culture and Science, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Engelbert Zefaj, Vice Minister for Culture, Youth and Sport, Kosovo\*  
Milena Raznatovic, Advisor, Ministry of Culture, Montenegro  
Irena Stefoska, Minister of Culture, North Macedonia  
Maja Gojkovic, Minister of Culture and Information, Serbia
- 10.30 – 10.35**      **Keynote ETF – human capital development**  
Cesare Onestini, Director European Training Foundation
- 10.35 – 11.35**      **2<sup>nd</sup> Ministerial Round Table on Education**  
Chair: Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director, DG EAC  
Keynote: Vanessa Debiais-Sainton, Head of Unit, DG EAC  
Statements by the Ministerial participants of Education of the Western Balkans:  
Evis Kushi, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Albania  
Adnan Husic, Assistant to the Minister of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Ramë Likaj, Minister of Education and Science, Kosovo\*  
Mubera Kurpejovic, Director General, Ministry of Education, Montenegro  
Mila Carovska, Minister of Education and Science, North Macedonia  
Branko Ruzic, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

<sup>1</sup> \* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

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**11.35 – 11.40**

**Keynote TUBITAK**

Hasan Mandal, President, TUBITAK

**11.40 – 11.45**

**Video message: Keynote EUREKA**

Margarete Schramböck, Austrian Federal Minister for Digital and Economic Affairs

**11.45 – 12.45**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Ministerial Round Table on Research & Innovation**

Chair: Signe Ratso, Deputy Director General, DG R&I

Keynote: Simon Schmitz, International Service Facility of the EC

Statements by the Ministerial participants of Research and Innovation of the Western Balkans:

Oltion Rumbullaku, Vice Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Albania

Suvad Dzafic, Assistant Minister for Culture and Science, Ministry of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ramë Likaj, Minister of Education and Science, Kosovo\*

Sanja Damjanovic, Minister of Science, Montenegro

Mila Carovska, Minister of Education and Science, North Macedonia

Branko Ruzic, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

Closing: Jean-Eric Paquet, Director General, DG R&I

**12.45 – 12.55**

**Keynote**

Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth

**12.55 – 13.05**

**Keynote**

Thomas Rachel, German EU Council Presidency, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research

**13.05 – 13.30**

**Discussion**

Chairs: Mariya Gabriel, Commissioner for Innovation, Research, Culture, Education and Youth and Thomas Rachel, German EU Council Presidency, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research

Messages by the Ministerial representatives of Culture of the Western Balkans:

Elva Margariti, Minister of Culture, Albania

Vlora Dumoshi, Minister for Culture, Youth and Sport, Kosovo\*

Milica Nikolic, Secretary General of the National Commission for UNESCO, Ministry of Culture, Montenegro

Irena Stefoska, Minister of Culture, North Macedonia

Maja Gojkovic, Minister of Culture and Information, Serbia

Messages by the Ministerial representatives of Education, Research and Innovation:

Evis Kushi, Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Albania

Ankica Gudeljevic, Minister of Civil Affairs, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Ramë Likaj, Minister of Education and Science, Republic of Kosovo\*

Mubera Kurpejovic, Director General for Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Montenegro

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Sanja Damjanovic, Minister of Science, Montenegro

Ms Mila Carovska, Minister of Education and Science, North Macedonia

Branko Ruzic, Minister of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

**13.30 – 14.30**      ***Offline lunch break***

**14.30 – 14.40**      **Keynote OECD**

Richard Li, Analyst, Directorate for Education and Skills, OECD

**14.40 - 15.10**      **Supporting Innovation in the Western Balkans**

Chair: Colin Wolfe, Head of WB Regional Cooperation and Programmes, DG NEAR

**European Investment Bank**

Matteo Rivellini, Head of Division, EIB

**European Bank of Reconstruction and Development**

Zsuzsanna Hargitai, Director, EBRD

**Innovation incubator**

Martin Mössler, ESA Business Incubation Center Austria, ESA IAP Ambassador

**15.10 – 15.15**      **Keynote**

Majlinda Bregu, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council

**15.15 – 16.15**      **4<sup>th</sup> Ministerial Round Table on Innovation and S3 strategies**

Chair: Stephen Quest, Director General, DG JRC

Keynote: Alessandro Rainoldi, Head of Unit, DG JRC

Statements by the Ministerial participants in charge of Smart Specialisation of the Western Balkans:

Oltion Rrumbullaku, Vice Minister of Education, Sport and Youth, Albania

Ramë Likaj, Minister of Education and Science, Kosovo\*

Sanja Damjanovic, Minister of Science, Montenegro

Mila Carovska, Minister of Education and Science, North Macedonia

Marijana Dukic Mijatovic, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

**16.15 – 16.30**      **Closing**

Stephen Quest, Director General, DG JRC