

# The Western Balkans in Horizon 2020



## Horizon 2020: the story so far

Funding of Western Balkan research projects has **tripled** since 2014

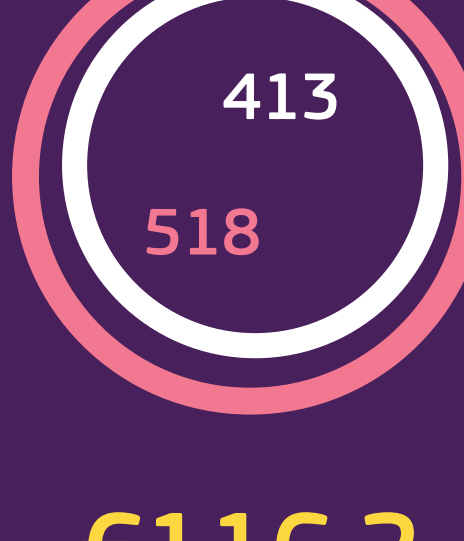
**845 participations** in 590 grants

**339 researchers** from Western Balkan countries involved in Marie Skłodowska-Curie actions

Participation of Western Balkan researchers has **increased by 50 %** since 2016



Serbia



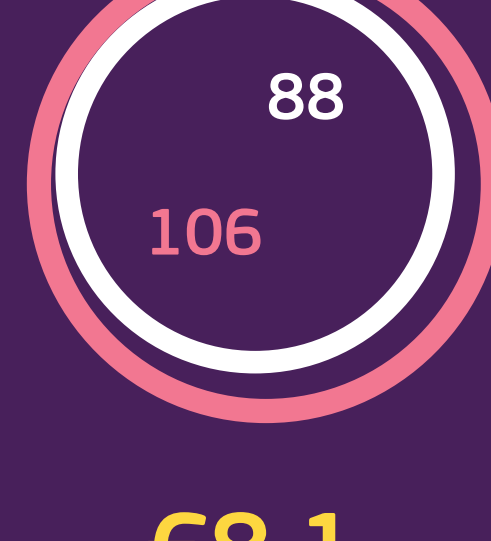
€116.2 million

North Macedonia



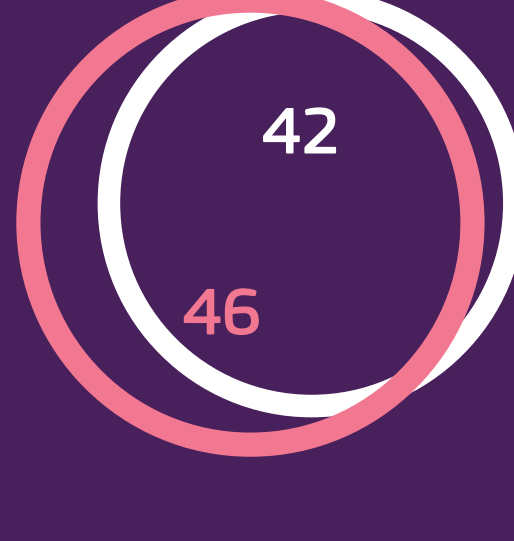
€12 million

Bosnia and Herzegovina



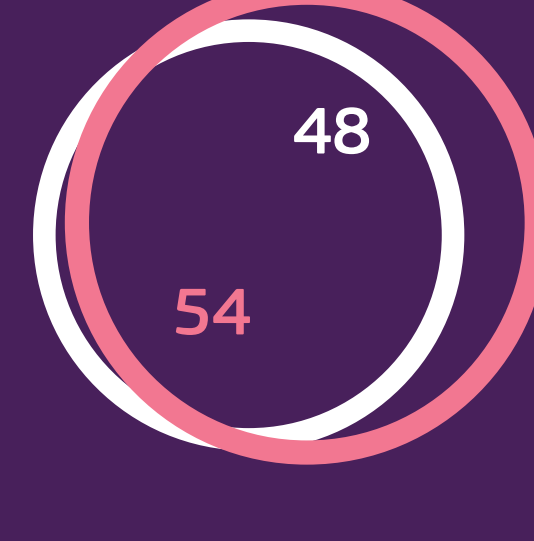
€8.1 million

Albania



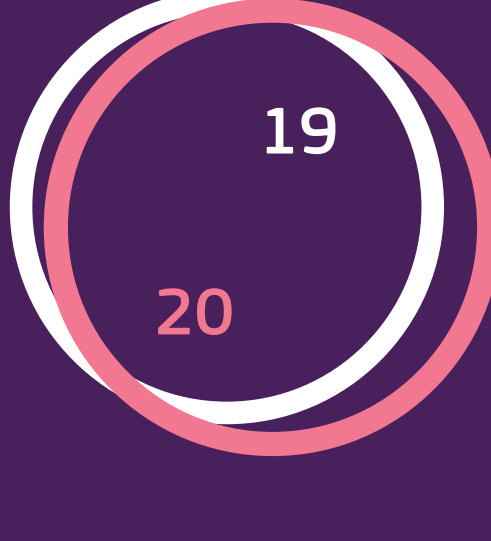
€4.4 million

Montenegro



€3.7 million

Kosovo\*\*



€2.5 million

Total **845 participations** **€146.9 million EU contribution**

Projects\*

Participations

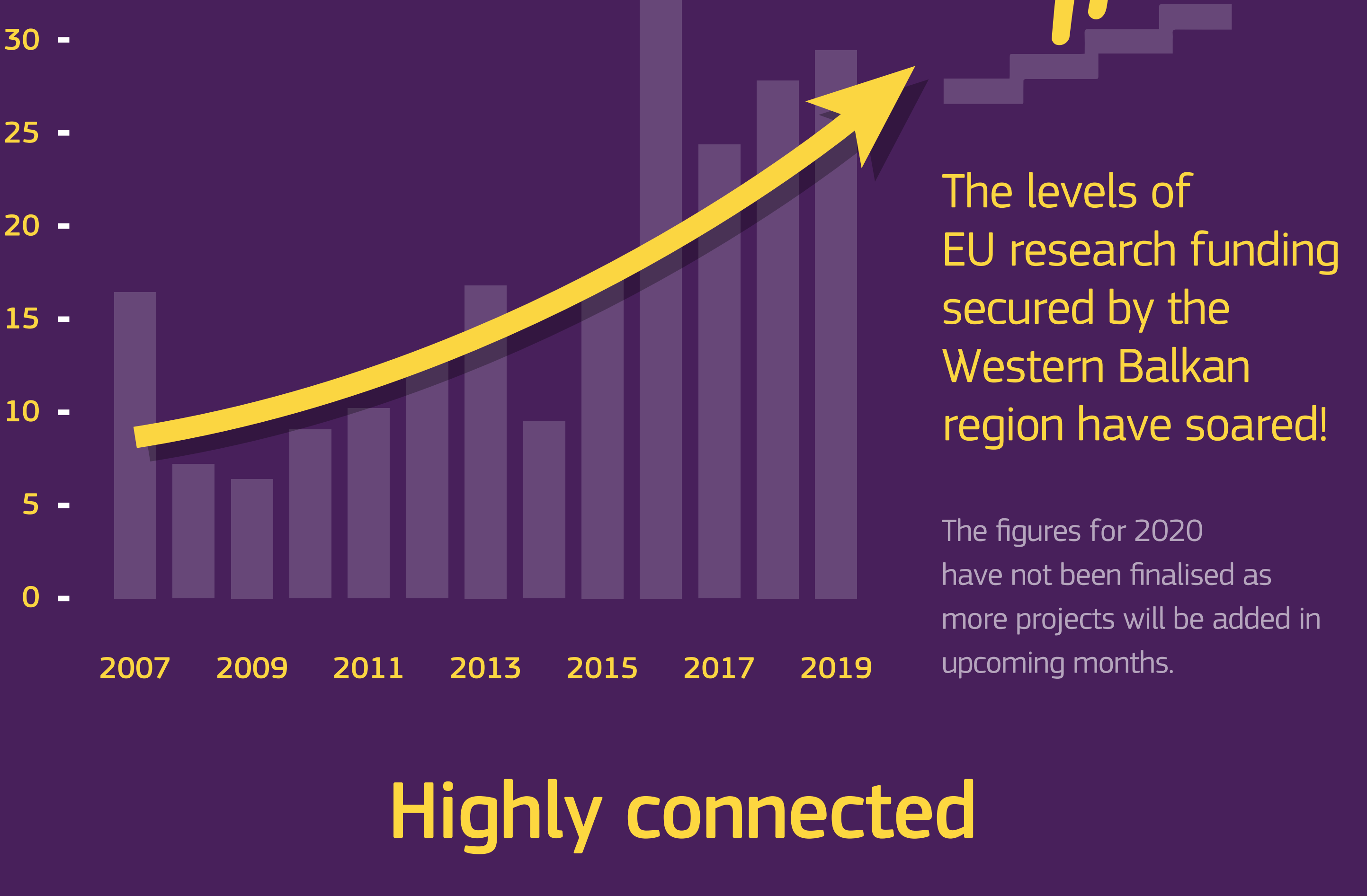
EU contribution

Figures as of 26/11/2020

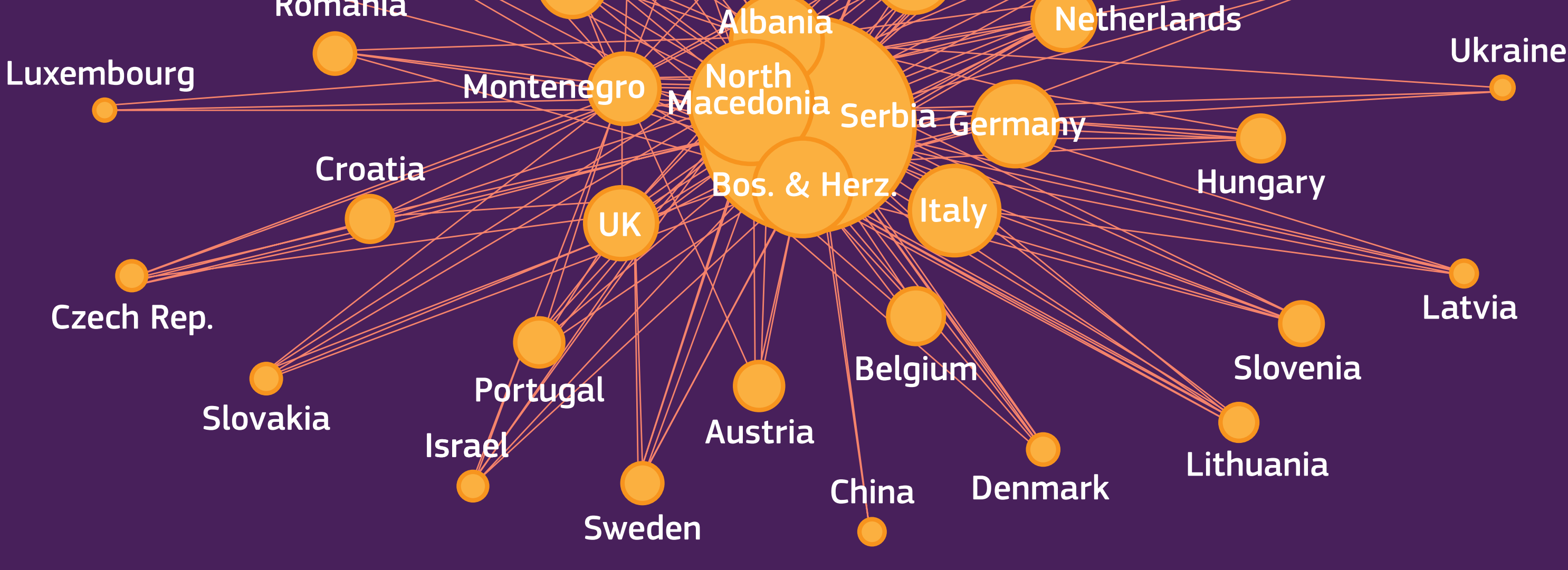
\*Individual projects may include participants from more than one of the countries.

\*\*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.

## Increasing cooperation with the Western Balkans



## Highly connected



Through their involvement in Horizon 2020 collaborative projects, researchers in the Western Balkans are cooperating with partners across Europe and beyond.

## What next?

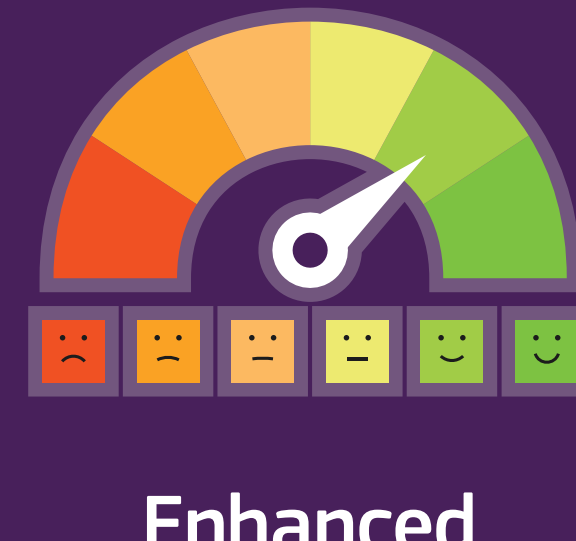
**Increased participation!**  
Horizon 2020 – same eligibility for funding as EU Member States

As Accession Countries, the Western Balkans will be further integrated into the European Research Area

## Roadmap for EU-Enlargement Countries: S&T cooperation



Higher investment in R&D



Enhanced R&I capacity



Greater synergies



Smart specialisation strategies



More attention to open science skills

## Success stories

### Antares

**ANTARES** is building a Centre of Excellence for advanced technologies in sustainable agriculture and food security in Serbia.



**TRAINEE** is creating a Knowledge Centre to support the development of energy-efficient construction skills in North Macedonia.

### GeoERA

**GeoERA** is integrating knowledge on subsurface energy, water and raw materials from around Europe. Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, North Macedonia and Serbia are all taking part.

### BEYOND

**BEYOND** strengthened capacity in multi-modal applications, focusing on aviation. Two partners from Kosovo\*\* joined 12 other countries in the project.

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## Add yours!

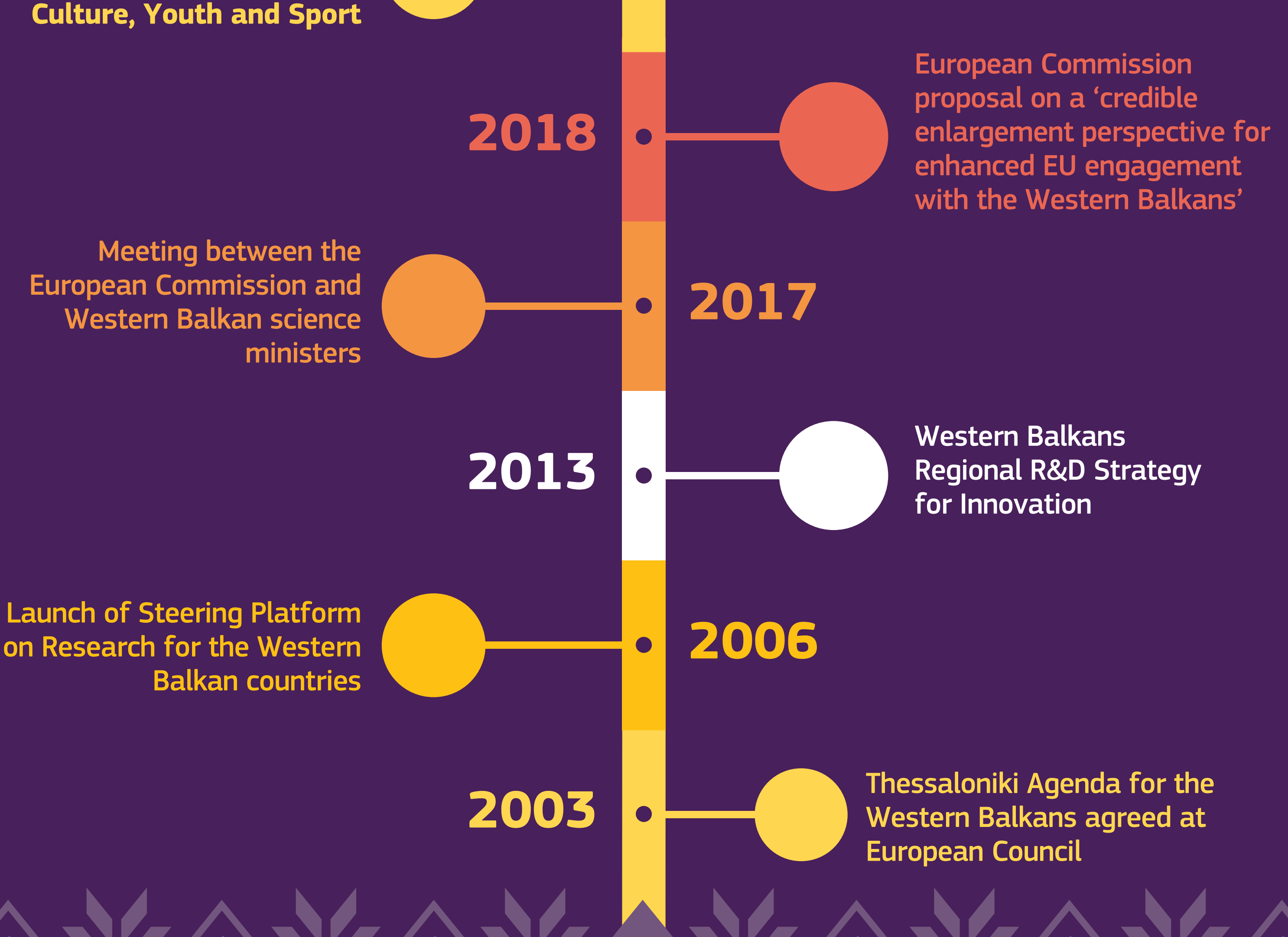


Monitor the Funding & Tender Opportunities portal for chances to get involved.

<https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal>

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## Milestones of EU-Western Balkans S&T cooperation



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Further reading  
<http://ec.europa.eu/research/iscp>

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