

# Opening up Member States: “Opening up Balkans” as regional pilot for Openness

Open Education as an opportunity to  
reshape Western Balkans education

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# What does “Opening up Member States mean?

- Use the blueprint and example of Opening Up Slovenia for digital transformation in education with OE and OER in the W Balkans
- Learning can no longer be confined to classrooms and timetables, but must take full advantage of technology and innovation to break boundaries and transfer knowledge across Western Balkans cultures, generations, and geographical borders.



# Why Opening up Balkans?

- Large efforts in “connectivity” agenda: energy, transport and digital market
- There is an implementation plan for a Western Balkans common market
- Many mechanisms are already in place; EU enlargement agenda, UNESCO policies, RCC
- The momentum is right with all stakeholders aligning for the digital transformation of Gov

# Milestones

- Build on the achievements of previous Ministerial Summits - Berlin (2014), Vienna (2015), Paris (2016), Trieste (2017)
- Build on previous open education achievements: OpeningupSlovenia, events, projects, etc.
- Western Balkans' economies joined the EU in pursuing the EU Open Science Agenda (2016)

# Main objective

- Present an idea and first steps towards mainstreaming Openness in the WB Region
- Introduce the European agenda for Open Education, including all aspects of Openness such as Open Access, Open Educational Resources, Open Data, etc., into the Western Balkans
- With the purpose of maximizing the educational potential in the Region.

# Direct objectives

- Create a Roadmap for Opening up Western Balkans
- Define the first pilot project on connecting all researchers in the region
- Harmonize standards for open education processes
- Support development and availability of open educational resources

# What approach was taken?

- We created a background document
- We created a ministerial document
- We shared it with Govs (corrections deadline)
- We shared it with the experts for corrections
- Now experts present the state of Open
- We design a set of projects we want to pilot
- We finalize the ministerial document
- Tomorrow morning the ministers sign it



## Speakers:

- Macedonia - Zoran Janevski
- Serbia - Ivan Obradovic
- Croatia - Sandra Kucina
- Montenegro - Snjezana Šćepanović
- Albania – couldn't join us
- BiH – couldn't join us