

# Development of Knowledge Based Society in South Eastern Europe / the Role of the RCC

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## Regional Cooperation Council

- **27 February 2010 – two years of operation**
- **Transformation from the Stability Pact achieved successfully**
- **RCC structures and the Secretariat set up and became fully operational**
- **Regional cooperation: not only political declarations of good will, but also realization of genuine and concrete regional projects**
- **RCC is ready to enter into a new stage of work**

## **RCC Strategic Work Programme 2011-2013**

- **Sets concrete timeframe of the realisation of specific activities within the RCC priority areas**
- **Developed in Cooperation with the European Commission since November 2009**
- **First presented to the RCC Board on 4 March 2010**
- **Adoption expected at the SEECF Summit in June 2010**

# 1. Higher Education Reform

## *Objectives:*

- **Fostering cooperation in higher education reform**
- **Reach convergence with European Higher Education Area**
- **Attain effective and coherent implementation of Bologna reforms**
- **Bringing the countries closer to provisions of the European Qualification Framework**
- **Professionalization of administration in higher education**

# 1. Higher Education Reform

## *Partners:*

- **Universities from the region**
- **Ministries of Education and Science WB**
- **Universities of London, Stockholm and Cluz,**
- **Scottish FC, Irish HEA, Swedish NAHE**
- **ERI SEE**
- **The RCC TF BHC**
- **ETF**
- **EC**

# 1. Higher Education Reform

## *Time Frame:*

- **Continuing from 2005;**
- **Constituting phase:**
- **2009-2010; Conference on Higher Education - “Building Capacity for Change in the Western Balkans”, held in Sarajevo, on 30-31 October 2009, organised by the RCC Secretariat and the Universities of Novi Sad, Sarajevo and Zagreb.**
- **Operational period: January 2011- October 2015**
- **Completion: October 2015**

## **2. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans**

### ***Objectives:***

- **Strengthening innovative capacity of the Western Balkans/ Revitalization of Institutes and R&D capacities**
- **Improving existing and creating new networks of researchers and scientists from the Western Balkans**

## **2. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans**

### ***Partners:***

- **Ministries of Education and Science WB**
- **Research Institutes from the region**
- **EC**
- **World Bank**
- **Steering Platform for Research for the WB**



## **2. Development of Regional Strategy for Research and Development for Innovation for the Western Balkans**

### ***Time Frame:***

- **Continuing from 2009**
- **Constituting Phase: April 2009- November 2011; Ministerial conference organized by the RCC and the Czech Republic Presidency of the Council of the EU in April 2009 in Sarajevo;**
- **RCC hosted Follow-up Meeting to the Ministerial Conference on 7 September;**
- **Operational period: November 2011- November 2013**
- **Completion: November 2013**

### **3. Promotion of culture, cultural heritage and art** **(Ljubljana Process II)**

#### ***Objectives:***

- **Cultural heritage rehabilitation and management through elaboration of projects in their cultural, economic and social context**
- **Taking over the coordination of the next phase of Ljubljana Process**

### *3. Promotion of culture, cultural heritage and art (Ljubljana Process II)*

#### *Partners:*

- **Ministries of Culture WB**
- **RCC Task Force on Culture**
- **EC**
- **CoE**

### **3. Promotion of culture, cultural heritage and art** **(Ljubljana Process II)**

#### ***Time Frame:***

- **Preparatory phase 2009-2010;**
- **Ljubljana Process Ministerial Conference, held in Ljubljana, 6-7 November under the auspices of the Slovenian Presidency of the Council of Europe's Committee of Ministers;**
- **Operational period: January 2011- December 2013;**
- **Completion: December 2013**

# Why Foresight?

- **Valuable policy instrument complementing more classical steering approaches**
- **Evidence based future analyses assisting policymakers**
- **Added value to efficiency level and better utilization of funds**
- **Partners:**
  - **Joint Research Centers / IPTS**
  - **Centre for e-Governance Development**



Thank you