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

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- 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 SEECP 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