

2. Update on progress in implementing SWP 2014-16

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| Component 1: Horizontal activities | | | | |
| RCC Board and coordination meetings | <i>Meeting of the RCC Board (26 February, Sarajevo)</i> | Adoption by the RCC Board of the Report on the activities of the RCC Secretariat for the period 21 September 2014 - 31 December 2014 | Additional progress in the implementation of the RCC SWP for 2014 – 2016; political support for RCC activities | Finalized ² |
| | <i>Coordination Meetings between the SEECP Troika, RCC Secretariat and EU (24 February, Tirana)</i> | Briefing and the coordination between the SEECP Troika, RCC and EU related to the implementation of the most recent and other planned activities | Better synergy and cooperation between RCC and SEECP. Continued operational and technical assistance of the RCC to the SEECP CiO, with the prominence given to the continuity between the chairmanships of SEECP | Finalized |
| Cooperation between RCC and SEECP | <i>Meeting of the SEECP Political Directors (23 February, Tirana)</i> | Exchange of views on the latest developments in SEE, agreement on the draft SEECP Joint Statement on Terrorism | Maintenance of strong coordination and synergy between the SEECP, the RCC and the European agenda | Finalized |
| | <i>Informal meeting of SEECP Ministers of Foreign Affairs (24 February, Tirana)</i> | Assessment of regional developments in SEE and adoption of the SEECP Joint Statement on Terrorism | Specific political guidance and support for RCC activities. The RCC was tasked to work towards establishing a regional platform on terrorism and the issue of foreign fighters | Finalized |
| Consultations of the Secretary general with SEECP participants | <i>Meeting with the Prime Minister of Serbia, 9 January, Belgrade</i> | Briefing on the RCC activities and the implementation of the RCC SWP for 2014 - 2016 | Better alignment of priorities and actions, political support of Serbian government to RCC activities | Finalized |
| | <i>Meeting with the MfA of Bulgaria, 26 January, Sofia</i> | Political consultations, alignment of priorities, joint preparations for the handover of the SEECP CiO to Bulgaria in | Better policy alignment. Agreement on drafting a joint work program, harmonizing the RCC work plan with the | Finalized |

² Status of completion is described as “Finalized”, “On-track”, “Delayed”, or “Dropped”

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| | <p><i>SEECF format "Networks of Excellence"- exchanging best practices from SEE: Workshop developing Regional Program on Networks of Excellence</i></p> | <p>The main outputs of the regional workshop were gathering of 28 representatives from the Ministries in charge of science, and other relevant agencies and bodies, and having in-depth discussions on the first draft of the Regional Program for Improving Networks of Excellence in the SEE region in order to improve it with concrete proposals when activities and priorities, as well as its structure, financing and sustainability are concerned</p> | <p>Main outcome from this process was a finalized regional program on Networks of Excellence which aims at promoting networks of excellence with the overall aim of advancing research excellence and productivity by investing in human capital for research and improving the incentive for research performance and smart specialization.</p> | <p>Finalized</p> |
| | <p><i>Regional Scientific Forum (deliberations of WISE statutory documents)</i></p> | <p>No results in the reporting period - the Regional Scientific Forum was intended to be held when the agreement on establishing the regional mechanism WISE will be in place. Since the agreement is still in progress RCC is delaying this activity until the finalization of establishing WISE has been agreed</p> | <p>Launching of WISE as a regional mechanism and coordinator of the SEE2020 R&D and Innovation dimension.</p> | <p>Delayed</p> |

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| | <i>Regional workshop on Teacher Education and Training</i> | The main outputs of the regional workshop were the gathering of 44 representatives from Ministries of Education and other relevant agencies and bodies. As well as elaborate discussions on the first draft of the regional program for Teacher Education and Training order to improve it with concrete proposals when activities and priorities, as well as its structure, financing and sustainability are concerned. | Main outcome from this process was the finalization of the regional program on Teacher Education and Training (TET) which is still in the process of final consultation with the representatives from the Ministries of Education. The program aims at enhancing the quality of TET in order to support measures on reduction of early leavers from education and training as main strategy objectives of the SEE2020 education and competences dimension. | Finalized |
| | <i>Completion of existing contract - consultant on "Teacher education and Training"</i> | RCC hired an external expert to draft a regional program on Teacher Education and Training. The regional program was developed and finalized through an intensive consultation process during a regional workshop and through electronic correspondence with wide range of regional stakeholders on the topic. The regional program was consulted and improved with concrete proposals in regard to the activities and priorities, as well as to its structure, financing and sustainability with representatives from of Education and other related agencies and bodies | Main outcome from this process was a finalized regional program on Teacher Education and Training guided by the external expert on the topic with the aim of fulfilling action of Education and competences dimension of the SEE2020 strategy | On-track |
| | <i>ERISEE governing board meeting</i> | The ERI SEE Governing Board meeting will be held on April 24 th 2015 in Belgrade. Work Program and Budget for 2015-2016, together with the Regional Action Plan (RAP) for the Education and Competences | Main outcome of this meeting will be the concrete activities adopted for 2015-2016 in the education and competences dimension which paves way for implementation activities from the | On-Track |

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| | | will be adopted at this meeting | SEE2020 strategy in this dimension in the forthcoming period. | |
| | <i>Two Coordination Meetings of the Task Force on Culture and Society</i> | First of the two, the 11 th RCC TFCS Meeting, will be organized on 28-29 April 2015 in Durres, Albania, in coordination with SEECIP CiO, to discuss the regional work plan, promotion of three regional programs, monitoring and assessment, existing EU funding mechanisms, joint projects and activities. 30 participants from Ministries of culture are expected. Added value to the meeting is the presence of National IPA Coordinators that will discuss prioritization of CCS within the programming cycle | The expected results are to achieve agreement on joint projects, encourage applications for various funding programs and mechanisms. Raise awareness about the importance of CCS for the overall development, and include CCS as priorities in the next programming cycle in order to fulfil the objectives of the SEE2020 strategy in CCS dimension which is too increase the share of creative industries in GDP and employment | On-Track |
| | <i>Prepare marketing and promotional materials for the purpose of fundraising activities for the programs developed under CCS Dimension (with a focus on heritage)</i> | Four brochures/flyers (400 all together) are under preparation for the: (i) cultural and creative sectors (general), (ii) promotion of cultural heritage rehabilitation, (iii) regional design incubator and (iv) regional audio visual fund. Procurement of services for design and printing has been completed. Expected time of completion 27 April. First distribution on 11 th TFCS Meeting | Improved visibility on the cultural and creative sectors within the SEE 2020 Strategy, showing the importance of inclusion of culture in a development strategy and securing the cultural capital and brand of the region. | On-Track |
| | <i>Consultations with the eSEE initiative members and secretariat</i> | Two meetings were held with the eSEE secretariat in the reporting period and one virtual consultation round with selected representatives of eSEE initiative with the aim to propose and agree on the organization of the next ministerial conference on ICT and gain support for | The government of Montenegro has expressed interest of hosting ministerial conference during INFOFEST activities in Budva and follow up discussions are planned in the coming weeks. The regional program on e-services has been formally or verbally supported by | On track |

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| | | the e-services regional program | all relevant line ministries. | |
| | <i>Electronic SEE working group meeting</i> | The meeting, initially planned for the first quarter of 2015, has been postponed to the second quarter, pending the information on the host country for the ministerial conference. | The planned outcomes of this meeting are to round up discussions on the regional program on e-services, prepare for the upcoming ICT ministerial conference in the second half of the year, and discuss the concrete operational platform for cooperation in ICT in the framework of eSEE initiative | Delayed |
| | <i>Ministerial conference on Digital Society</i> | The conference envisioned for the first half of 2015 has been postponed for the second half of the year due to the delays in agreeing on the host country and securing additional financial support for its organization | Enhanced political commitment and momentum for digital society and e-governance development | Delayed |
| Sustainable Growth: Energy; Transport; Environment; Competitiveness. | <i>Continued dialogue with energy Community Secretariat on implementing joint actions</i> | Regional program on Energy | Enhanced possibilities on furthering cooperation on energy efficiency and related topics | On-track |
| | <i>SEECF format - Expert Meeting on Railway Network, "Upgrading Railway as growth engine for SEE"</i> | 1 conference 50 participants | Support to the legal and institutional railway reforms, provided conditions for more targeted use of financial resources and strengthened internal communication with the EU, national administrations, regional structures and railway experts | Finalized |
| | <i>RCC/SEETO meetings and consultations</i> | 1 Meeting and consultation 5 participants | Review of ongoing SEETO activities as regards the SEE2020 Strategy | Finalized |
| | <i>RCC/JSPAI Consultation meeting</i> | 1 consultation meeting | Review of ongoing JSPAI activities as | Finalized |

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| | | 4 participants | regards the SEE2020 Strategy | |
| | <i>Meeting with SEE2020 key transport stakeholders: NC & Key users was held</i> | 1 Meeting 20 participants | Increased the knowledge and capacity of NC& Key transport users on the data collection process of transport indicators and analyses | Finalized |
| | <i>Finalization of the Intermodal Study (ongoing contract)</i> | 1 Kick off (working) meeting 2 Reports 2 questionnaires | Exchanging the information regarding the progress in preparing the Study | On-track |
| | <i>Continued dialogue with national counterparts on establishing Regional Working Group on Environment</i> | Nominated members for Regional Working Group on Environment from most of participating governments | Enhanced possibilities to deliberate on development and implementation of regional initiatives in the field of environment | On-track |
| | <i>Continued dialogue on water-food-energy Nexus</i> | Conclusions of the “Regional Roundtable on Water, Food, Energy and Environment Nexus in SEE” presented at 23rd OSCE Economic and Environmental Forum “Water governance in the OSCE area – increasing security and stability through co-operation” (Vienna, 26-27 January 2015) | Awareness on the Nexus approach enhanced among relevant regional players | On-track |
| | <i>Analysis of Business Synergies and Connectivity between South Eastern European Economies and Turkey</i> | Activity initiated with TEPAV, a leading Turkish Think-Tank with the first country visit to Bosnia and Herzegovina followed by an aide memoire; project to continue until Q4 2015. | A roadmap for strengthening links between the Western Balkans and Turkey's private sectors, and prospective on the Turkish private sector possibility of contributing to the achievement of SEE 2020 targets. | On track |
| | <i>SEEIC Tourism Expert Group meeting</i> | The activity has been postponed for the second quarter of the year. | Preparations of policy responses and approaches to removing sector barriers (skills gap) and development of regional programs and pilot projects, particularly | Delayed |

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| | | | for joint regional tourism offer for the global market | |
| | <i>SEEIC Industrial Policy Working Group meeting</i> | Meeting held under the auspices of the OECD during the Competitiveness week in Paris; the follow-on meeting to be organized by the RCC under the auspices of SEE Investment Committee | Industrial Policy Working Group Established, ToRs, and Activity Plan Developed, so as to follow main policy directions in cooperation in industrial development of the region. | On-track |
| Inclusive Growth: Employment; Health. | <i>In country consultations on social economy</i> | Five events with about 50 participants from ministries of labour and other relevant institutions held. Shared findings of the RCC social economy study and discussed ways for enhanced regional cooperation in promoting social economy. A 6 th consultation will take place during the second quarter of 2015 | Increased knowledge and awareness of the benefits of social economy development Increased commitment to promote social economy both at the national and regional level | On-track |
| | <i>Social Agenda Working Group meetings</i> | A regional meeting of representatives of 7 SEE ministries of labour to discuss cooperation on labour mobility and social economy was delayed. All feedback from line ministries on the roadmap for facilitating labour mobility needs to be received and processed before the next meeting | A regional commitment reached for facilitating labour mobility based on a finalized and adopted roadmap and a regional roadmap for social economy development discussed | Delayed |
| | <i>Joint working group meetings on mutual recognition of professional qualifications</i> | A regional meeting of representatives of ministries of trade, education and labour to adopt ToRs and agree on the steps to be followed towards the mutual recognition of professional qualifications has been delayed for the second quarter of 2015. The proposal will be first presented to the steering committee of | 3 partite commitments on the joint work for the recognition of mutual qualifications. Clear tasks and responsibilities assigned and a roadmap prepared | Delayed |

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| | | the Education Reform Initiative, which will advise on the next steps | | |
| | <i>Visibility (printing)</i> | Labour Mobility Study produced and printed | Increased visibility of RCC products | Finalized |
| | <i>SEEHN consultations with other regional initiatives</i> | 4 to 5 meetings between representatives of SEE Health Network and other relevant regional initiatives scheduled for Q1 have been delayed for second quarter of 2015. Representatives of the SEEHN required additional time to prepare well for the consultations. | Reach common understanding and joint agreement with other regional structures in operationalizing health in all policies priority of the SEE 2020 Strategy | Delayed |
| | <i>Working group meetings of the SEEHN</i> | A meeting of SEEHN and partner organizations to discuss the implementation of the health dimension of the SEE 2020 strategy and prepare for the forthcoming ministerial conference on health in June 2015 has been delayed for 14-15 May in Sarajevo | SEEHN representatives initiate the implementation of tasks assigned in the context of the health dimension of the SEE 2020 Strategy | Delayed |
| Governance for Growth: Effective public services; Anticorruption; Justice; | <i>Upgrading Policy and Regulatory Capacity: Study on regulatory impact Assessment</i> | Preparation of ToR for conducting comparative study on Regulatory Impact Assessment | Comparative study on Regulatory Impact | On-track |
| | <i>Subsidiarity and Multi-level Governance: Study on Decentralization Observatory for SEE</i> | Preparation of ToR conducting comparative for inception of decentralization Observatory | Comparative Study for Inception of Decentralization Observatory | On-track |
| | <i>3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Justice (discussion on the Regional Program and the Reports on E-enforcement, Mediation and Backlog reduction programs),</i> | 3 rd Meeting of the WGJ was held in March, discussed on the Regional program, OECD indicators and Report on E-enforcement | Approval of the OECD quantitative indicators and the results of the Regional Program (to be developed) | Finalized |

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| | <i>Zagreb</i> | | | |
| | <i>Conference on E-enforcement - presentation of study, Zagreb</i> | Conference was held on 25/26 March, the comments of the experts from the beneficiaries are to be shared in 30 days and included in the Report | Study on the E-enforcement with the recommendations for the possible improvements of the system in the Beneficiaries | On-track |
| | <i>Regional Program finalized and reported to WGJ</i> | Due to the change of the RCC approach to the Regional Program it is postponed | No results during the reporting period | Delayed |
| | <i>Tender "Report on the Training Institutions in judiciary in SEE countries and Report on comparative overview of various training models for presidents of courts and court administration", 15 working days</i> | Based on the consultations with the stakeholders in the region (directors of the training institutions), there is a proposal to reallocate the funds for the activities they think are more important and useful | Reallocation of funds to the development of the regional modules/curricula as decided at the kick-off meeting of the Regional training institutions network | On-track |
| | <i>Completion of existing three assessments on e-enforcement, mediation and backlog reduction</i> | The final draft reports are sent to RCC, e-enforcement is expected to be approved by the WGJ, mediation and backlog reduction shall be shared with experts and presented and discussed at the conferences in May 2015 | | On-track |
| Promoting Stability and Rule of Law - JHA and Security Cooperation | | | | |
| Justice and Home Affairs | <i>Mapping of all regional activities in the field of fighting serious and organized crime</i> | Activity delayed – consultations still ongoing with the involved stakeholders on the nature and scope of such exercise. Activity to be implemented once a consensus is reached on the feasibility, relevance and scope of the exercise. | Updated information on all regional actors and activities in the area of fighting against serious and organized crime, as well as against terrorism | Delayed |
| Security cooperation: | <i>Regional Steering Group Meeting</i> | The meeting co-chaired by RCC and UNDP | Strengthening regional cooperation in | Finalized |

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| Supporting, coordinating and monitoring the activities of the Regional Initiatives and Task Forces in SEE | <i>on SALW (27 February, Sarajevo)</i> | and organized by SEESAC discussed and approved activities for 2015 and presented national priorities of the focal points on SALW. | security area in SEE | |
| | <i>SEDM Coordination Committee and SEDM Political-Military Steering Committee meetings (18 – 19 March, Bucharest)</i> | Discussions on cooperation in defence area in SEE; transferring the SEDM CiO to Turkey; future cooperation projects; the future of SEEBRIG. | Building synergies among regional initiatives in defence area and avoid overlapping; strengthening cooperation with NATO. | Finalized |
| Extending Participation, Widening Partnerships – Cross-cutting Issues | | | | |
| Gender Mainstreaming | <i>Women Entrepreneurship – A Job Creation Engine in SEE</i> | Project granted no-cost extension from 31 March 2015 until 31 December 2015 Initiated development of a second-phase project, for the period 2016-2020 | Support to women entrepreneurship in the SEE region through policy reforms proposals and indicators development, training modules, peer learning, and best practices. | On-track |
| Parliamentary cooperation | <i>10th Conference of the European Integration Parliamentary Committees of States Participating in the Stabilization and Association Process in South-East Europe (10-11 March, Belgrade).</i> | Adoption of a Joint Statement, reaffirming the importance of regional cooperation through the implementation of projects in the field of energy; full support to the work of the SEECP, the RCC and the SEE 2020 Strategy was reiterated. | Ensured support for the EU integration process through parliamentary cooperation | Finalized |

3. Management and Operations

During the reporting period, RCC continued working on the implementation of the recommendations stemming from the six-pillar assessment. A draft Work Programme for Grants of the Regional Cooperation Council has been developed covering the period 2015-2016 and relating to the RCC's strategic documents - Strategy and Work programme 2014 – 2016 and the SEE 2020 Strategy. Its implementation is based on the RCC's Financial Management Manual, setting down the procedures for the financial provisions which apply to the RCC Secretariat in Sarajevo and Liaison Office in Brussels. The Work Programme is intended to start implementation in the next quarter, following the necessary approvals.

During the reporting period, one new staff member has joined the RCC Secretariat. Mr. Srdjan Susic has joined the Programme Department as the Senior Expert on Sustainable Development.

4. Key Challenges in the Reporting Period

Although the implementation of the SWP 2014-16 and the RCC Work Plan 2015 is mostly on track, the implementation of programme has met with certain challenges that have even caused delays in some areas.

While some of these challenges are of a long term and general character (such as the uneven pace of reforms and limited capacity at the national level), others are more specific and are related to the activities being implemented during the reporting period.

For example, RCC was faced with several delays resulting from a longer than expected process of brokering different agreements between the governments involved. This was the case in some of the activities relating to the R&D dimension (establishment of WISE), the Digital agenda (postponement of the Ministerial conference) and the Employment dimension (labour mobility and mutual recognition arrangements) activities. RCC is working intensively with the governments involved to facilitate agreement and remove impediments. However, in some of the instances, these delays will also hold-up other activities planned to follow as part of the process.

In other areas, such as justice and home affairs, consultations are still ongoing with the involved stakeholders (governments, EC) on the nature and scope of some of the activities planned. These activities shall not be implemented unless a consensus is reached on the feasibility, relevance and scope of these activities and RCC is working to reach this consensus. Furthermore, coordination in the area of justice is done through an informal working group on justice, thus lacking necessary mechanisms for enforcement and monitoring. This causes frequent changes in the composition of the working group, which hinders continuity of implementation and slows down some of the work in the respective areas. RCC will be working with the Ministries involved to stress the importance of having the same participants to this process. This problem was observed in some of the other areas as well.

Finally, a lot of RCC's work is heavily dependent on the Regional Dimension Coordinators, which also face issues regarding mandate, resources and capacity. In the area of Effective Public Services for example, the RDCs are faced with a different sets of challenges. ReSPA has been undergoing an extensive restructuring and has suffered from an acute lack of human resources hindering some of its activities. On the other hand, NALAS is facing a considerable gap in terms of funding some of its SEE 2020-related activities. It is expected that, with further hiring on the ReSPA's side, this challenge will be successfully mitigated; the funding gap for NALAS is however expected to persist unless a more strategic development partner is secured.

5. State of financial contributions to the RCC Secretariat's budget for 2015

| Contribution | Commitments | Roll Over | Contributions | Contributions net of bank charges, including roll over | Date Received | Percent |
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| Contributing Countries (Donors) | | | | | | |
| Austria | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Czech Republic | 50.000,00 | | 50.000,00 | 50.000,00 | 31-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| Federal Republic of Germany | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Finland | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Hungary | 50.000,00 | | 50.000,00 | 50.000,00 | 27-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| Italy | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Ireland | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Latvia | 50.000,00 | | 50.000,00 | 50.000,00 | 25-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| Norway | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Sweden | 50.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Switzerland | 65.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| United States of America | 120.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Total contributing countries donors: | 685.000,00 | - | 150.000,00 | 150.000,00 | | 21,90% |
| European Commission contract | 3.575.000,00 | | 3.196.301,27 | 3.196.301,27 | 9-Dec-14 | 89,41% |
| South East Europe Contributors | | | | | | |
| Albania | 60.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | 60.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Bulgaria | 140.000,00 | | 140.000,00 | 140.000,00 | 22-Jan-15 | 100,00% |
| Croatia | 80.000,00 | | 40.000,00 | 40.000,00 | 12-Mar-15 | 50,00% |
| Greece | 140.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Kosovo* | 40.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Moldova | 40.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Montenegro | 40.000,00 | | 40.000,00 | 40.000,00 | 26-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| Romania | 140.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Serbia | 80.000,00 | | 80.000,00 | 80.000,00 | 27-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| Slovenia | 80.000,00 | | 80.000,00 | 80.000,00 | 17-Mar-15 | 100,00% |
| The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia | 60.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Turkey | 140.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| South East Europe Contributors set aside funding** | 200.000,00 | | | - | | 0,00% |
| Total South East Europe Contributors: | 1.300.000,00 | - | 380.000,00 | 380.000,00 | | 29,23% |
| Total Committed Funds | 5.560.000,00 | - | 3.726.301,27 | 3.726.301,27 | | 67,02% |

*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.

Annex: RCC Annual Work Plan for 2015

| Component 1: | Horizontal activities, including political activities, coordination of SWP 2014-2016 and SEE 2020 Strategy implementation, monitoring and programming, communications | | | | | |
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| | <i>Objective: Position RCC as the main focal point and the leading resource for governments, donors, civil sector and others engaging in regional cooperation</i> | | | | | |
| PLANNED ACTIVITIES | TIMEFRAME | | | | EXPECTED OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLES | EXPECTED OUTCOME |
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | |
| <i>Meetings of the RCC Board (three meetings)</i> | x | x | | x | <i>Meetings</i> | <i>Establish or maintain functioning coordination mechanisms with the governments, private sector, business community and civil society; Finalize the first programming cycle; Complete the annual monitoring cycle. Establish an understanding and awareness of what the RCC does, to raise and maintain support, including political and financial, based on its mission to promote mutual cooperation and European and Euro-Atlantic integration of South East Europe</i> |
| <i>RCC Annual Meeting (one meeting)</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Coordination Meetings between the SEECP Troika, RCC Secretariat and EU (four meetings)</i> | x | x | | x | <i>Meetings</i> | |
| <i>SEECP support: Political Directors meetings (three meetings)</i> | x | x | | x | <i>Meetings</i> | |
| <i>SEECP support: Meetings of Ministers of Foreign Affairs (three meetings)</i> | x | x | x | | <i>Meetings</i> | |
| <i>SEECP support: SEECP Summit (one meeting)</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEECP support: Parliamentary cooperation (two meetings)</i> | x | x | | | <i>Meetings</i> | |
| <i>SEECP support: consultations with SEECP participants (six events)</i> | x | x | x | x | <i>Political consultations</i> | |
| <i>Annual briefings for Ambassadors in Brussels</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Regular consultations of SG with European Union institutions and services</i> | x | x | x | x | <i>Meetings</i> | |
| <i>Briefing of SG in COWEB</i> | | x | | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>Participation of SG in the high level conference on the Balkans, organized by Friends of Europe</i> | | | | x | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>Coordination meeting of the regional organizations</i> | | x | | | <i>Regional meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Podgorica</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Tirana</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |

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| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Belgrade</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>Organization of the first meeting of the SEE2020 Monitoring Task Force</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Pristina</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Skopje</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>Organizing the first meeting of the Programming Committee of SEE 2020 to start the programming process for 2015</i> | x | | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Donor Coordination Meeting</i> | x | | | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 National Roundtable in Sarajevo</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>First Meeting of the RCC Business Forum</i> | x | | | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>RCC Advisory Council</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEE 2020 Governing Board</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Second meeting of the Programming Committee</i> | | | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Support to coordination of the economic agenda - consultant</i> | | x | | | <i>Tool/toolkit</i> | |
| <i>PR: Follow the most relevant activities of the Secretary General, the Program and the Political departments</i> | x | x | x | x | <i>Outreach events</i> | |

| Component 2: | Implementing the SEE 2020 and the Stability and Rule of Law priorities | | | | | |
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| | <i>Objective: Improve connectivity, mobility and industrial development of SEE while complementing national efforts to improve public administration and strengthen the rule of law</i> | | | | | |
| PLANNED ACTIVITIES | TIMEFRAME | | | | EXPECTED OUTPUTS/ DELIVERABLES | EXPECTED OUTCOME |
| | Q1 | Q2 | Q3 | Q4 | | |
| Integrated Growth | | | | | | |
| <i>Regional Investment Policy Review</i> | | | | x | <i>Study</i> | <i>A regional roadmap established in the area of investment policy and promotion to support further regional investment integration</i> |
| <i>SEE Investment Committee and CEFTA Investment Working Group</i> | | x | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEE Investment Committee plenary session</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEE Investment Committee and CEFTA Investment Working Group</i> | | | | x | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEE Investment Committee plenary session</i> | | | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEE Investment Committee ministerial (high-level) meeting</i> | | | | x | <i>Conference</i> | |
| Smart Growth | | | | | | |
| <i>Regional workshop on "Networks of Excellence"</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | <i>Two regional programs on networks of excellence and early stage start-ups developed to promote institutional and policy reforms and facilitate strategic investments; Enable establishment of WISE and its Secretariat as implementer of the Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation and R&D and innovation dimension coordinator for SEE 2020.</i> |
| <i>Existing contract - consultant on 'Networks of Excellence'</i> | x | | | | <i>Report</i> | |
| <i>SEECF format "Networks of Excellence"- exchanging best practices from SEE</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>Regional workshop "Early Stage Start-up Program"</i> | | x | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>Develop a regional program on Early stage start-ups as one of the four main objectives of the Regional R&D Strategy for Innovation</i> | | x | | | <i>Study</i> | |
| <i>WISE Steering Committee meeting (goals objectives of the R&D sector in SEE)</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Regional Scientific Forum (deliberations of WISE statutory documents)</i> | x | | | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>Regional workshop on Teacher Education and Training</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>Completion of existing contract - consultant on 'Teacher education and Training'</i> | x | | | | <i>Study</i> | |

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| <i>ERISEE governing board meeting</i> | x | | | | <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Regional expert pool expanded, promoting further linkages in CCS, Increase contribution of the cultural and creative sectors to economic development</i> |
| <i>Two Coordination Meetings of the Task Force on Culture and Society</i> | x | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Expand and rename the Ljubljana Process Regional Expert Pool in a way to have 3 categories covering Cultural and Creative Sectors (include experts on audio-visual, design and heritage) -Inauguration conference and workshop and creation of online database:</i> | | x | | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>Prepare marketing and promotional materials for the purpose of fundraising activities for the programs developed under CCS Dimension (with a focus on heritage)</i> | x | | | | <i>Promotional material</i> | |
| <i>Organize a regional training for indicators in culture in cooperation with UNESCO and OECD</i> | | | x | | <i>Training package</i> | |
| <i>Organize innovative on-site learning training activity targeted to history, heritage and citizenship educators in cooperation with EUROCLIO</i> | | | x | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>Regional coordination (workshops/working group meetings)</i> | x | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Ministerial conference</i> | | x | | | <i>Conference</i> | <i>Increased political momentum for digital society and e-governance development; detailed assessment of current conditions and the development of concrete regional actions to increase connectivity</i> |
| <i>Study in the identified Digital Society priorities of the SEE 2020 Strategy</i> | | x | | | <i>Study</i> | |
| Sustainable Growth | | | | | | |
| <i>Establishment of Working Group/Forum on Infrastructure and first meeting</i> | | x | | | <i>Meeting</i> | <i>Optimization of individual transport modes and promotion of green & energy efficient transport; Attracting international transport flows and increasing the mobility in the region through further development of the SEE Comprehensive Network;Contribute to the elimination of transport non-physical barriers;Encourage public sector participation in the financing of transport infrastructure and promote the PPP model;Explore and identify airspace utilization possibilities;Further implement the Single European Sky (SES);</i> |
| <i>Finalization of the Intermodal Study (existing contract)</i> | | | | x | <i>Study</i> | |
| <i>Meeting with SEE2020 key transport stakeholders: National Coordinators & key users</i> | | | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>SEECF format - Expert Meeting on Railway Network, "Upgrading Railway as growth engine for SEE"</i> | x | | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Hiring consultants on designing policy questionnaires for every transport mode and for cross-cutting issues with other dimensions (trade, energy, environment, R&D)</i> | | x | | | <i>Other</i> | |
| <i>RCC/SEETO meetings and consultations</i> | x | x | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Congress on Railways</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Working Group on Regional Program on Air Transport</i> | x | | | | <i>Meeting</i> | |

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| <i>Meetings of the Working group on NSA Expert Pool Projects</i> | | x | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>RCC/JSPAI Preparatory Team meeting</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Preparation of an Analytical Review of existing activities with regards to the Studies on Free Route Airspace, Performance-based Navigation and Wide-area Multilateration</i> | | x | | | <i>Assessment</i> | |
| <i>RCC/JSPAI Consultation meeting</i> | x | | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Regional assessment on status of irrigation and potentials for increasing irrigated agriculture land;</i> | | | x | | <i>Study</i> | |
| <i>Regional baseline report on status of forestation on annual level (last 3 years);</i> | | | x | | <i>Study</i> | |
| <i>Regional Forestry Cooperation</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| <i>Regional Roundtable on the Nexus as means to raise awareness on the issue and discuss actions to foster the implementation of the Nexus approach at the national level;</i> | | | x | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>National Nexus dialogue in one economy to assess current inter-linkages among sectors at the policy and management levels and identify actions to address trade-offs as means towards sustainable utilization of resources and sustainable growth;</i> | | | x | | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>Regional Roundtable on Private Sector Participation in South-Eastern Europe (SEE);</i> | | | | x | <i>Roundtable</i> | |
| <i>SEEIC Tourism Expert Group meeting</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEEIC Industrial Policy Working Group meeting</i> | x | | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>Analysis of Business Synergies and Connectivity between South Eastern European Economies and Turkey</i> | | | x | | <i>Study</i> | |
| <i>SEEIC Food and Beverages Expert Group meeting</i> | | x | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEEIC Tourism Expert Group meeting</i> | | x | | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
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| <i>SEEIC Food and Beverages Expert Group meeting</i> | | | x | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>SEEIC Tourism Expert Group meeting</i> | | | | x | <i>Meeting</i> | |
| Inclusive Growth | | | | | | |
| <i>In country consultations on social economy</i> | x | | | | <i>Roundtable</i> | <i>Increased commitment to promote social</i> |

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| Ministerial Conference on Social Economy | | x | | | Conference | economy; roadmap established and progress made towards the goal of mutual recognition of professional qualifications, and increased awareness and engagement for youth employment |
| Social Agenda Working Group meetings | x | | x | | Meeting | |
| Joint working group meetings on mutual recognition of professional qualifications | x | | x | | Meeting | |
| Analyses and assessments on mutual recognition of qualifications | | x | | | Assessment | |
| Youth unemployment conference (EXIT festival) | | x | | | Conference | |
| Visibility (printing) | x | | | | Report | |
| SEEHN consultations with other regional initiatives | x | | | | Meeting | Situation analysis provided with respect to cross border public health perspectives and health as an entry point for investment; established working relationships with other regional structures in the framework of health in all policies. |
| Feasibility study on opportunities for investment in health in the framework of inclusive growth | | | x | | Study | |
| Review of legislation, regulations, standards and procedures related to border control of people's movement and trade with importance for human health | | x | | | Meeting | |
| Working group meetings of the SEEHN | x | | x | | Meeting | |
| Visibility (printing) | | | x | | Report | |
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| Governance for Growth | | | | | | |
| Upgrading Policy and Regulatory Capacity: Study on regulatory impact assessment; | x | | | | Study | Provide a roadmap for increasing regulatory quality in all SEE2020 dimensions, particularly those directly linked to competitiveness and economic growth; help increase efficiency by advocating allocation of resources locally, closer to costumers, allowing the regional and municipal governments to come up with tailor-made initiatives that best fit local economic potential. |
| Upgrading Policy and Regulatory Capacity: Kick-off conference on study results; Publication of the Study; | | | x | | Conference | |
| Subsidiarity and Multi-level Governance: Study on Decentralization Observatory for SEE | x | | | | Study | |
| Decentralization Observatory for SEE: Kick-off Conference | | | x | | Conference | |
| Translation of the Methodology on CPL and Methodology on CRA and its publishing in 5 languages | | x | | | Tool/toolkit | Disseminated the work on corruption risk assessment (CRA) and corruption proofing of legislation (CPL) and developed tools to help utilization Developed regional cooperation on data exchange in asset disclosure and conflict of |
| Training on Performing CPL and using of IT tool (3 trainingsx7 participants with interpretation in local language) | | | | x | Training package | |
| Training on Performing CRA and using of IT tool (3 trainings x7participants with interpretation in local language) | | | | x | Training package | |

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| Consultancy to develop and maintain resource center, IT tools based on CPL and CRA Regional Methodology and to deliver trainings (60 days for company+45 days for CPL consultant+45 days for CRA consultant) | | x | x | x | Tool/toolkit | interest and regional legal instrument |
| Regional Workshop and Conference of the Integrity Expert Network to develop Regional Legal Instrument on Data Exchange in Asset Disclosure (Workshop 25 people x 2 days, Conference 35 x 1 day) | | x | | x | Other | |
| Consultancy to develop Regional Legal Instrument on Data Exchange in Asset Disclosure (2 consultants each 20 days) | | x | x | x | Other | |
| 3rd Meeting of the Working Group on Justice (discussion on the Regional Program and the Reports on E-enforcement, Mediation and Backlog reduction programs), Zagreb | x | | | | Meeting | Developed regionally applicable mechanisms to address backlog reduction, e-enforcement and mediation, as well as networking of judicial and prosecutorial councils and judicial training institutions to producing common training modules and curricula in EU law and Ethics in Judiciary |
| Conference on E-enforcement - presentation of study, Zagreb | x | | | | Conference | |
| Regional Program finalized and reported to WGJ | x | | | | Other | |
| Tender "Report on the Training Institutions in judiciary in SEE countries and Report on comparative overview of various training models for presidents of courts and court administration", 15 working days | x | | | | Report | |
| Completion of existing three assessments on e-enforcement, mediation and backlog reduction | x | | | | Report | |
| Kick-off event "Establishment of the network of associations of mediators", Belgrade | | x | | | Other | |
| Regional Conference "Court backlogs reduction programs and practices-presentation of Study", Split | | x | | | Conference | |
| Kick-off event "Establishment of the network of judicial and prosecutorial councils", Budva | | x | | | Other | |
| Kick-off event "Establishment of the SEE training institutions network", Tirana | | x | | | Other | |
| Stability and Rule of Law | | | | | | |
| Mapping of all regional activities in the field of fighting serious and organized crime | x | | | | Report | Help in prioritizing, in particular due to the fact that many of those crime areas are of horizontal nature. Mapping is seen only as one part of the process, the second step should be highlighting (or prioritizing) the areas of needed intervention to regional |
| Workshop with donors and regional strategic partners to contribute to the Gap analysis | | x | | | Workshop | |
| Workshop for presenting WB countries with results, updated list of needs, where priorities would be indicated | | x | | | Workshop | |

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| <i>Setting-up of an ad hoc Task Force, which would develop a draft “Plan of Activities needed in the WB region”, based on a revision of Gap Analysis recommendations</i> | | | x | x | <i>Workshop</i> | <i>donors and strategic partners active in the region.</i> |
| <i>a) Consultations with relevant national security institutions on the planning and implementation of the RCC Secretariat activities in the Security cooperation area.</i> | | | x | | <i>Meeting</i> | <i>It is expected that Inter and intra enhanced cooperation mechanisms will provide an improved information sharing means achievable through the RIs deepened cooperation. Developed operational links amongst RIs will provide space for mutual benefits in information exchange. The activities envisaged within the project will promote and achieve confidence within the Balkans, representing a unique framework in the security area.</i> |
| <i>b) Organizing and supporting one conference of SEEMIC, SEENSA, SEECIC, DPD, DPrD.</i> | | | x | | <i>Conference</i> | |
| <i>c) Organizing two WG meetings of experts in preparation and implementation of decisions of SEEMIC, SEENSA, SEECIC, DPD, and DPrD.</i> | | | x | | <i>Workshop</i> | |
| <i>d) Monitor the activities of the RI&TF in SEE, namely – SEDM, WBDPD, A5, RACVIAC, SEESAC, DPPI, RCM.</i> | | | x | | <i>Other</i> | |
| <i>e) Assessment of the lessons learned, best practices and difficulties encountered after two year of implementing the RCC WP.</i> | | | x | | <i>Assessment</i> | |
| <i>Balkan Opinion Barometer/Balkan Business Barometer</i> | | | | x | <i>Report</i> | |