

***Developing Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans
- Ministerial Conference -***

Venue: Radon Plaza Hotel, Sarajevo

Date: 24 April, 2009

-Draft agenda –

9:30 - 10:00

Registration

10:00-11:00

Introductory Remarks

- **Mr. Vlastimil Růžička**, Deputy Minister - *Research and higher education section*, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic
- **Mr. Hido Bišćević**, Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council

Key - note Speaker

- **Mr. Janez Potočnik**, European Commissioner for Science and Research
Concept of the Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans -

11:00 - 11:30

Group photography / Press opportunity /Coffee break

11:30 - 12:30

Speeches of the Western Balkans Ministers in charge of science and research:

- **Mr. Božidar Djelić**, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Science and Technological Development of the Republic of Serbia
- **Mr. Sredoje Nović**, Minister of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Hercegovina
- **Mr. Sreten Škuletić**, Minister of Education and Science of Montenegro
- **Mr. Dragan Primorac**, Minister of Science, Education and Sport of the Republic of Croatia (tbc)
- **Mr. Pero Stojanovski**, Minister of Education and Science of The Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (tbc)
- **Mrs. Ardiana Gjonaj**, Deputy Minister of Education and Science of the Republic of Albania

- Representative of UNMIK on behalf of Kosovo in accordance with the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244

12:30 -13:30

Tour de Table and discussion

- Representatives of other RCC members from South Eastern Europe
- Heads of delegations of International organizations and respective stakeholders (DG Enlargement, OECD, UNESCO, World Bank, Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital, Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkans, Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe)

13:30 - 14:00

Adoption of the Joint Statement Launching Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans

14:00 -15:30

Lunch, hosted by the Deputy Minister of Education, Youth and Sports of the Czech Republic, Mr. Vlastimil Růžička, and Secretary General of the Regional Cooperation Council, Mr. Hido Bišćević.

Venue : Restaurant “Plava prizma”, Radon Plaza Hotel.

***Developing Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans
- Preparatory Expert meeting for the Ministerial Conference -***

***Venue: The RCC Secretariat premises, Sarajevo
Date: 23 April, 2009***

-Draft Programme -

14:00 - 16:00

Drafting of the Joint Statement Launching Regional Research Strategy for the Western Balkans

16:00 - 16:30

Coffee break

16:30 - 18:30

Continuation of drafting of the Joint Statement / Further discussion on the Project proposal

20:00

Reception /Buffet Dinner,

Venue - Radon Plaza Hotel (Zlatni Salon).