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Workshop on Mapping Research Infrastructure in the Western Balkans

Draft Agenda

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Concept: the Multi-Annual Plan on Regional Economic Area (MAP REA), endorsed by the Prime Ministers of the Western Balkans Six, summit on 12 July 2017, in Trieste, as one of the actions under the Mobility pillar foresees a commitment to *Map existing research infrastructure in the region to ensure transparent and available information to researchers interested to cooperate with and in the Western Balkans and to identify gaps* by end of 2019.

Montenegro is the only economy which had completed national research infrastructure mapping and has prepared a national research infrastructure roadmap already in 2015. Currently, Montenegro is in the final stages of updating the national research infrastructure roadmap for the next strategic period, while Serbia has launched the process of national research infrastructure mapping and has prepared an initial national research infrastructure roadmap to be approved by the relevant authorities. North Macedonia has established a working group on mapping research infrastructure and launched the process of mapping research infrastructure, while Albania has taken initial steps towards launching the process of mapping research infrastructure.

In this context, the workshop has two aims: (1) to support the economies in the process of initiating and carrying out the process of mapping of existing research infrastructure by providing practical, on-hands training based on the experience of their peers, in particular Montenegro and Serbia and (2) open the discussion of opening the existing research infrastructure in the region to ensure transparent and available information to researchers interested to cooperate with and in the Western Balkans and broader.

Agenda

09:00 – 09:30 Registration

09:30 – 09:45 Welcome remarks

- **Ministry of Science, Montenegro**
- Vanja Ivosevic, RCC
- tbc, DG R&D
- tbc, DG JRC

09:45 – 10:45 Mapping Research Infrastructure Process 1

- *Research Infrastructure Mapping*
- Case studies:
  - Montenegro
  - Serbia
  - Romania
    - Dr. Radu Gherghiu, Executive Unit for Financing Higher Education, Research, Development and Innovation (UEFISCDI)

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Mapping Research Infrastructure Process – Disciplinary case studies 2

- Concepts and procedures for mapping food and health research infrastructure: New insights from the EuroDISH project (http://www.eurodish.eu/)
  - Kerry A. Brown and Lada Timotijević, Food, Consumer Behaviour and Health Research Centre, University of Surrey, UK

- Research Infrastructures in Social Sciences and Humanities
  - Bjorn Henrichsen, Chair of EU Working Group on Social Sciences and Humanities Roadmap (https://www.esfri.eu/sites/default/files/ssh-rwg-roadmap-report-2006_en_0.pdf)

12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

13:30 – 14:30 Open Access to Research Infrastructure

- Review on regional resources and further development of Analytical Research Infrastructures - The needs and potential for macro-regional cooperation in the Baltic Sea Region (https://www.baltic-tram.eu/sites/sites_custom/site_baltic-tram/content/e24058/e24059/e66110/e67051/ReviewonregionalresourcesandfurtherdevelopmentofAnalyticalResearchInfrastructures-NeedsandPotentialformacro-regionalcooperation_eng.pdf)
  - Sari Stenvall-Virtanen, Brahea Centre at University of Turku

- The MERIL (Mapping of the European Research Infrastructure Landscape) portal (**https://portal.meril.eu/meril/static/static_about**)
  - tbc

14:30 – 16:00 Methodological plan for mapping research infrastructure (interactive smaller group workshop)

- Definition of research infrastructure
- Methods to map the research infrastructure (including questionnaire/interviews design)
- Key questions and considerations
- Key stakeholders and coordination
- Timeline

16:00 – 16:30 Closing remarks