



Update and highlights from the POLICY ANSWERS project and the Western Balkans Info Hub

Western Balkans Innovation & Research Platform
19 March 2025, 10.00, online

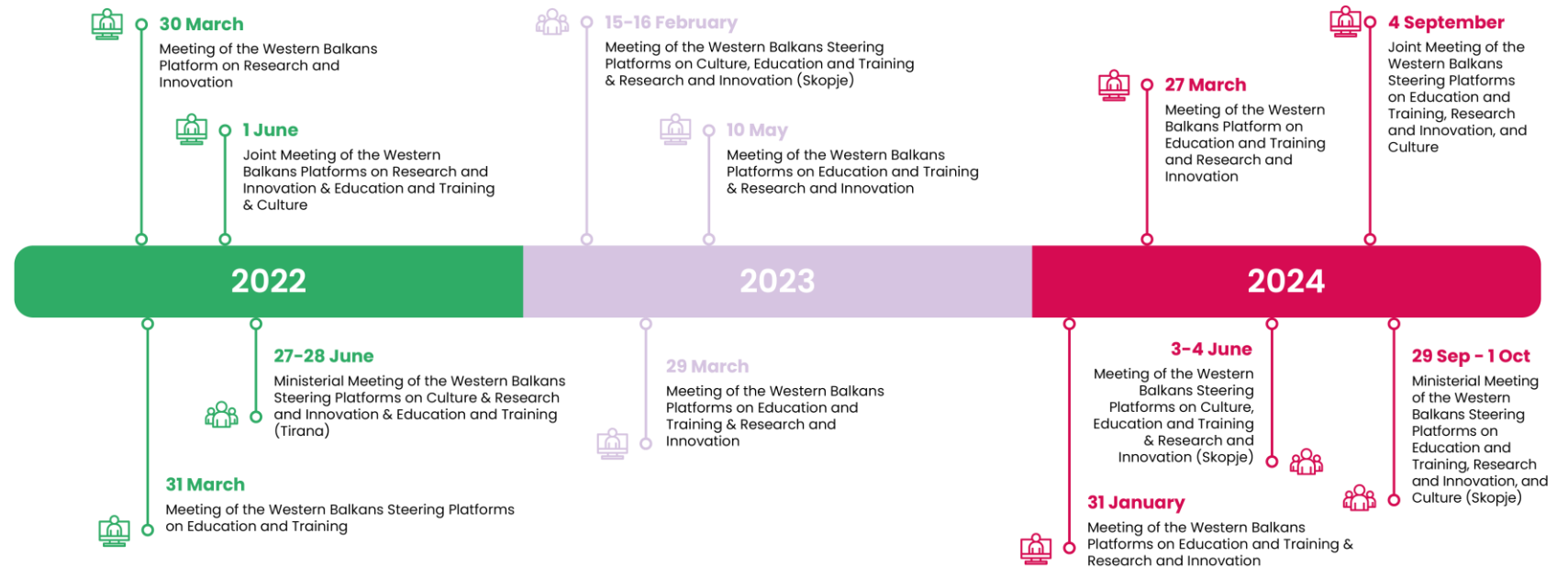
Supporting Steering Platforms and Ministerial meetings

Meetings of the Steering Platform on Research and Innovation

- Upcoming online meetings (e.g. 12 February, 2 April, 10 September 2025)
- (13) 14-15 May 2025 (Podgorica)

Ministerial Meeting of the WB Steering Platforms

- 20-21 October 2025 (Podgorica)



POLICY ANSWERS Workshop on Technology-Oriented Research Infrastructures: Opportunities for the Western Balkans

Public event on 13 May 2025
Registration to open soon!



Seminar/ Speaker Session

POLICY ANSWERS Workshop on Technology-Oriented Research Infrastructures: Opportunities for the Western Balkans

13 May 2025 | Podgorica, | Montenegro

On 13 May 2025 in the afternoon, POLICY ANSWERS organises a workshop in Podgorica, Montenegro. More information and the possibility to register for the workshop will be provided soon here. This workshop aims to explore how Technology-Oriented Research Infrastructures can serve as a catalyst for scientific and economic development in the Western Balkans (WB). It highlights best practices, investment opportunities, and strategic approaches for developing Technology-Oriented Research Infrastructures in the region. The event brings together policymakers, industry leaders, researchers, and funding agencies to discuss successful collaboration models, financing strategies, and real-world case studies from EU Member States and the Western [...]

Read more

<https://westernbalkans-fohub.eu/events/policy-answers-workshop-on-technology-oriented-research-infrastructures-opportunities-for-the-western-balkans/>

Western Balkans R&I Youth Awards



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Western Balkans R&I Youth Awards

**Inspire the next generation.
Win a prize for your impact!**

**Call for participation
Prizes of up to
EUR 8,000**

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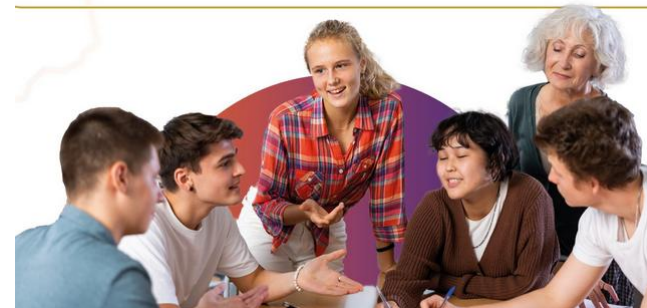
- !!! The deadline for Western Balkans R&I Youth Awards is **18 April 2025 !!!**

Prizes

- Grand winner: €6,000
- 6 Economy winners: €2,000 each
- All travel & accommodation fully covered

Your initiative must:

- Be youth-focused
- Be Western Balkans-focused
- Be Research & Innovation-focused
- Be able to show tangible outcome and substantial impact



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Join us in Skopje!
29-30 May 2025

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Live pitch & award ceremony
Network, showcase your work & get recognized!

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POLICY ANSWERS "POLICY MAKING, IMPLEMENTATION AND SUPPORT IN THE WESTERN BALKANS" Grant Agreement #101019232

Western Balkans Mobility Scheme in operation

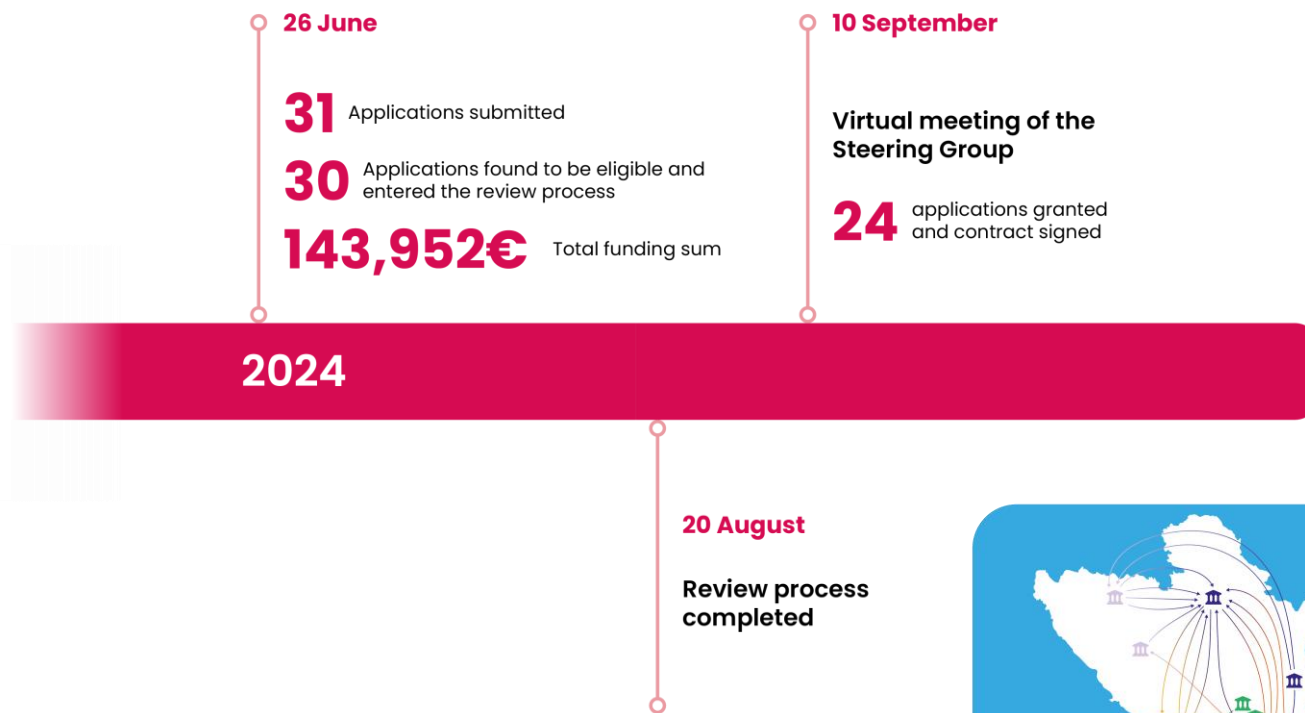


Research in Motion

Empowering Innovation in the Western Balkans through the POLICY ANSWERS Western Balkans Mobility Scheme for Early-Career Researchers



POLICY ANSWERS "R&I POLICY making, implementation ANd Support in the WEsteRn Balkans", Grant Agreement N° 101058873.



Western Balkans Innovation Vouchers currently finalising contracting

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THIS IS NOT BUSINESS AS USUAL

Improve your business!
The **POLICY ANSWERS** Western Balkans Innovation Vouchers promote collaborations between academia and SMEs

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Monitoring the implementation of the Western Balkans Agenda

Two monitoring rounds already implemented (2023, 2024)
2025 monitoring round is ongoing.

The monitoring is organised around six dimensions, measuring the progress in implementing the WB Agenda:

1. Research and innovation
2. Digital competitiveness
3. Environment
4. Education and skills
5. Youth, culture, sports
6. Common regional market



Ongoing capacity building activities

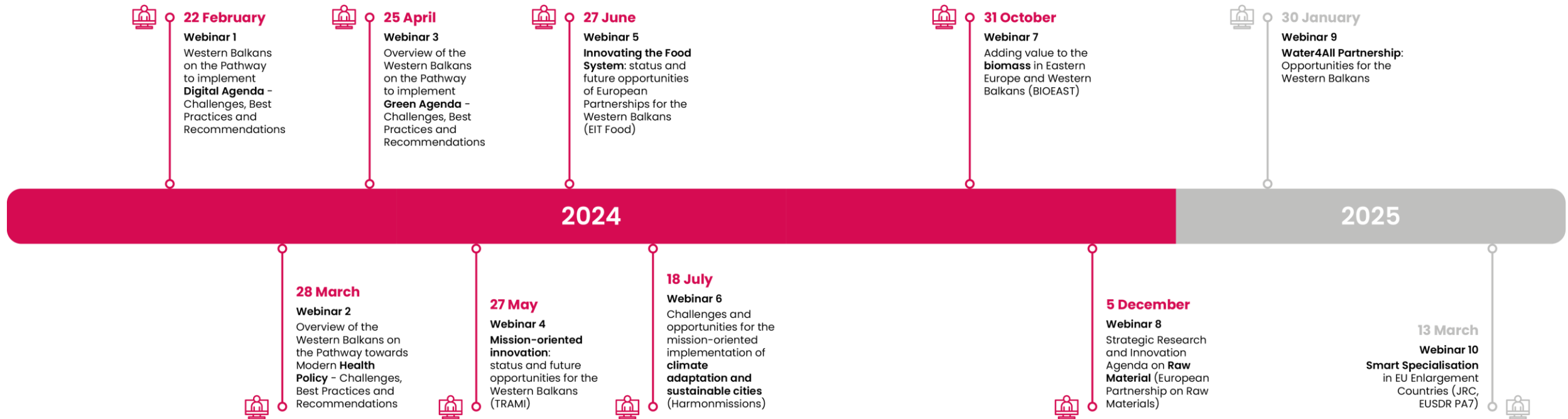
Upcoming activities include (selection):

- **Info days** (e.g. upcoming Info Day in Albania 14 April)
- **Trainings** (e.g. on Support the Development of Sustainable Agriculture and the Food Value Chain in Montenegro in Tivat 8 and 9 April 2025)
- **Workshops** (e.g. Monitoring and Evaluation workshops in Nis 2 April and 16 April in Kragujevac, etc.)
- **Study visits** (e.g. peer learning in UK on support programmes and policies for research, innovation, start-ups and sustainability by NM)
- **Consultations** (e.g. fact finding and needs assessment on libraries as enablers of scientific research in the era of open science in BiH)
- **Reports** (e.g. Report on State of Play on Digitalisation to be presented to the larger audience on 27 March in Prishtina)

Webinars

Regularly organised to promote missions and partnerships and align priorities.

Recordings are available on the [WB Info Hub Youtube channel](#) and the [Policy Stakeholder Platform](#).



Upcoming webinar: How to become active in EU Partnerships: The approach of Türkiye

This webinar is focusing on how TÜBİTAK is supporting their national stakeholders to get active and involved in different types of EU Partnerships.

We will learn how the participation in EU Partnerships is strengthening the national stakeholders and ecosystem.

24 April 2025 at 15:00 CET

Registration is open

Webinar 11

24th April 2025

"How to become active in EU partnerships: The approach of Türkiye"

**Serhat
Melik**

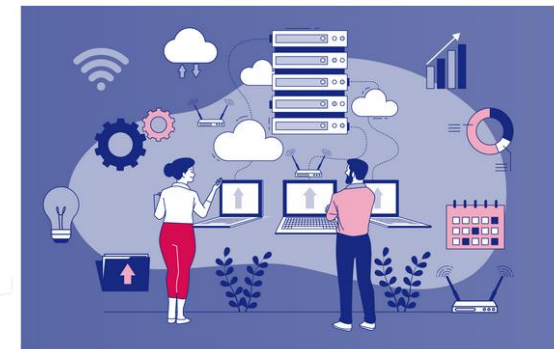
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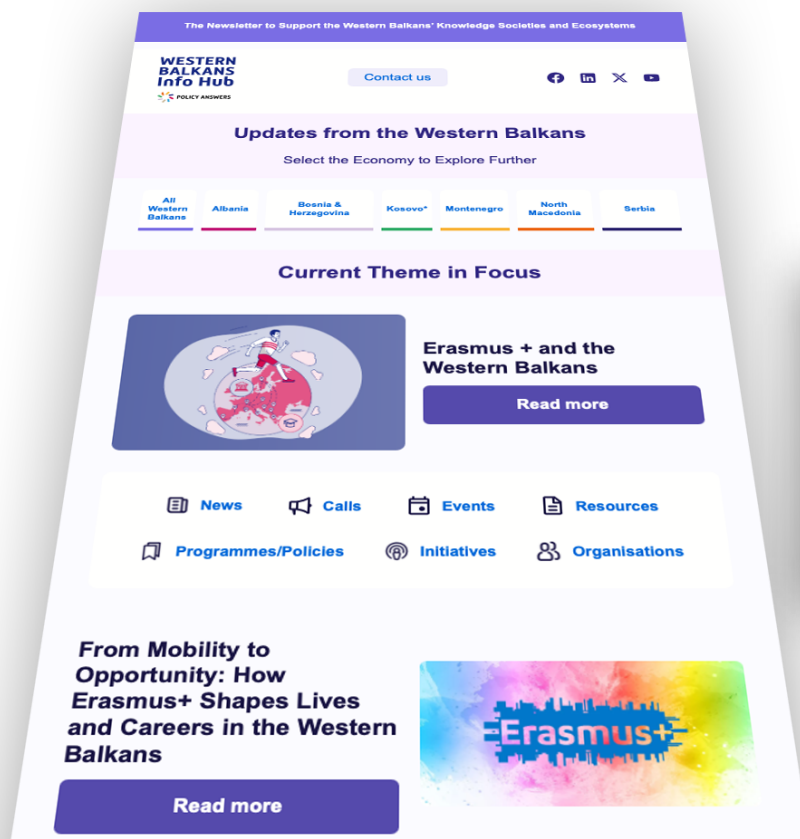
Monthly newsletters

Most recent theme: **Smart Specialisation**

Next one: **Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management**



Entrepreneurship and Innovation Management



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