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2030 VISION FOR THE WESTERN BALKANS

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AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30 ***Registration***

09:30 – 09:50 ***Introductory statements***
Mr. Filip Vujanovic, President of the Podgorica Club
Dr. Sanja Damjanovic, Minister of Science

Session 1: The Research and Innovation Landscape
Main Actors, Initiatives and Tools
Keynote speeches (titles to be announced)
Chair: **Mr. Zlatko Lagumdzija**, Member of the Steering Committee of the Podgorica Club

09:50 – 10:00 **Ms. Majlinda Bregu**, Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council (RCC)
Title: R&D and Innovation – corner stone of Western Balkans development

10:00 – 10:10 **Dr. Karen Hanghoj**, ICEO at EIT Raw Materials, European Institute for Innovation and Technology (EIT)

10:10 – 10:20 **Ms. Magda de Carli**, Head of Unit 'Spreading Excellence and Widening Participation', European Commission – Directorate - General for Research and Innovation (DG RTD) (via video conference)

10:20 – 10:30 **Ms. Verena Taylor**, Director, Directorate General of Programmes of Council of Europe

10:30 – 10:40 **Mr. Lucian Brujan**, Speaker of the Berlin process – Joint Science Conference
Title: The Berlin Process: Advancing Education, Research and Innovation

10:40 – 10:50 **Mr. Zlatko Lagumdzija**, Member of the Steering Committee of the Podgorica Club

10:50 – 11:00	**Prof. Dr. Christoph Schaefer**, Departmental Planning Officer, CERN International Relations
11.00 – 11.15	Q&A
11:15 – 11:45	***Coffee Break***

Session 2: Opportunities and Challenges for the Western Balkans

The Research and Innovation Roadmap

Chair: **Mr. Mirko Cvetkovic**, Member of the Steering Committee of the Podgorica Club

11:45 – 13:15	***Ministerial Panel*** (Ministers in charge of Science, Research and Innovation from the Western Balkans)
13:15 – 14.15	***Lunch Break***

Session 3: Sharing Experiences

The main Elements for a Functional and Sustainable Innovation Ecosystem

Chair: **Ms. Zorka Kordic**, Assistant Secretary General of the Government

14:30 – 14:45	**Mr. Alessandro Fazio**, Head of Competence Centre on Technology Transfer, European Commission - Joint Research Centre (DG JRC) Title: Building a Sustainable Technology Transfer Ecosystems: recipes for success
14:45 – 15:00	**Prof. Dr. Vladimir Crnojevic**, Director, Institute BioSense Title: Transformation towards market-oriented research and the role of CoEs for the innovation ecosystem
15:00 – 15:15	**Mr. Frane Sesnic**, Director, Zagreb Innovation Centre (ZICER) Title: Role of Science and Technology Parks and Incubators in the Innovation Ecosystem
15:15 – 15:30	**Dr. Sanja Damjanovic**, Minister of Science and Chairperson of the SEEIIST Steering Committee Title: Establishment of a large-scale research infrastructure in South East Europe (SEEIIST http://seeiist.eu)
15:30 – 15:45	**Mr. Nenad Celarevic**, Deputy Manager, Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation Title: The importance of social science research infrastructures in the Western Balkans
15:45 – 16:00	Q&A
16:00 – 16:15	***Closing remarks*** **Dr. Sanja Damjanovic and a representative of the Podgorica Club**

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