



# Towards 2020:

## New Horizons for RTD and Innovation in the Western Balkan Region

WBC-INCO.NET Final Conference & Brokerage Event

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2nd Panel on Framework Conditions for  
cooperation on Research and Innovation

# Strengthening R&I capacity by applying (EU) Framework Conditions

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# Framework Conditions for WBCs on R&I

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- ▶ What are Framework conditions: no definition
- ▶ All aim at valorising results of research/return on investment in research
- ▶ Several organisations (OECD) and academic papers considering
- ▶ At EU level: Innovation Union flagship: 34 commitments

# Categories of Framework conditions

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## (1) Conditions dedicated to R&I:

- ▶ Making possible to engage jointly in R&I:
- ▶ converging programmes, joint programming; common programmes; data on scientists; mapping of RI; ethical standards; Open access;
- ▶ Access to finance: (reciprocity, common programme/Horizon 2020); friendly instruments; access to additional funding/subsidies;

## (2) Other conditions than on R&I (macro-economic):

- ▶ IPR; standards, government procurement;
- ▶ Protection of investment; etc.

Plus: language; cultural barriers

# Framework conditions for WBCs

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- ▶ Western Balkans: all have EU → perspective preparing for EU *acquis*;
- ▶ EU *acquis* on research and innovation = Innovation Union (34 commitments);
- ▶ Start/priority actions on 4 key commitments:
  - ▶ Long term R&I strategy
  - ▶ Ring-fencing public money for education, research and innovation: increase national budget (and use IPA)
  - ▶ Actions to promote excellence: quality researchers
  - ▶ Open national research systems/integrate in ERA



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# Thank You For Your Attention!

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