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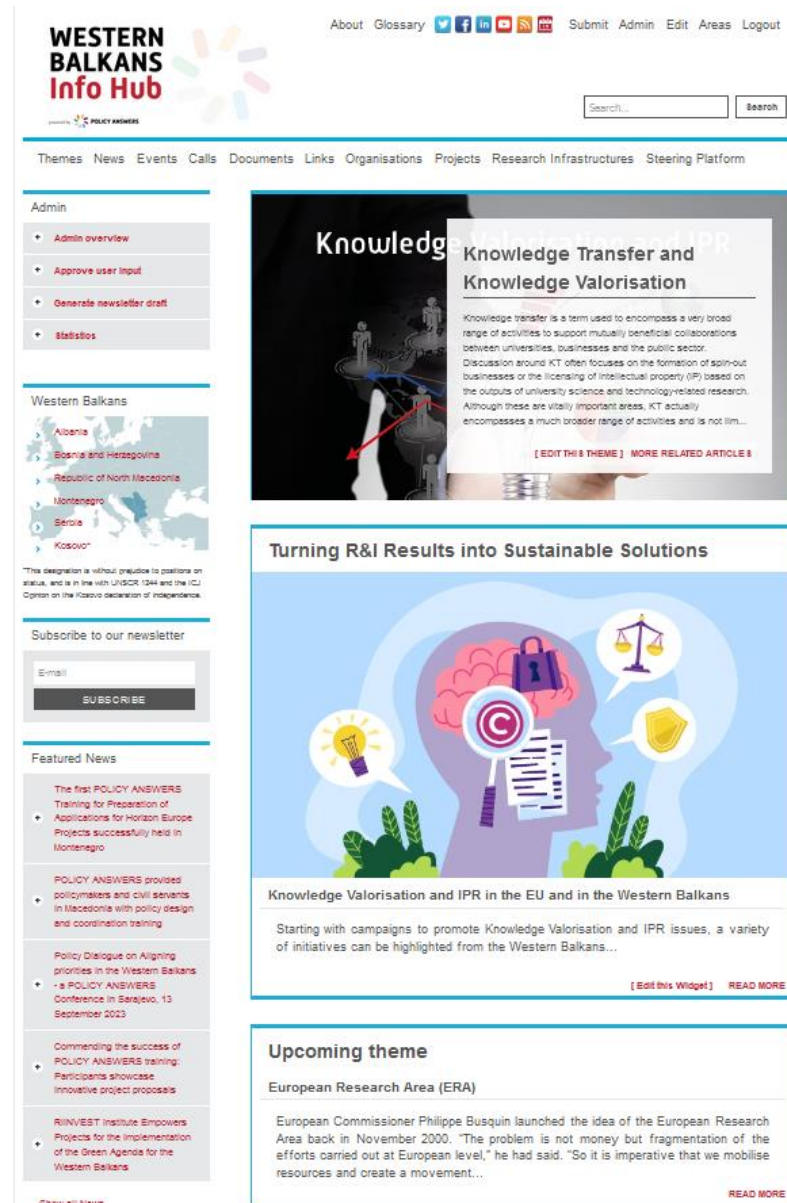


Western Balkans Info Hub powered by POLICY ANSWERS

Progress Report

What?

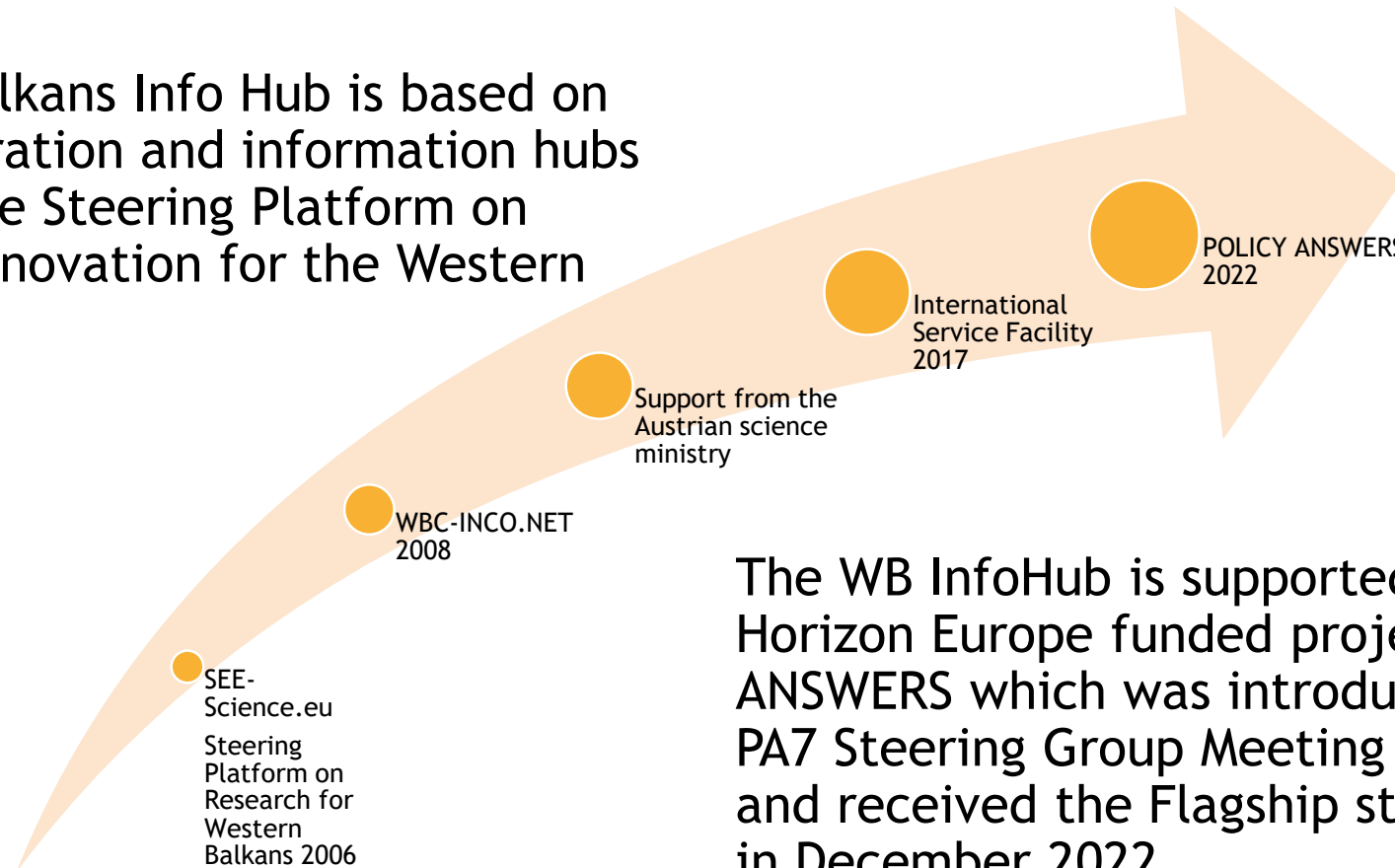
- News, events and calls announcements are published by our team on a daily base. We also receive inputs also from external stakeholders (EC, RCC, etc.)
- Presented in December 2022: Repository with an archive of more than 5.800 news, 1.900 documents, 800 calls, and 1.400 events.
Update June 2023: 6.256 news, 2.305 documents, 1.031 calls, and 1.731 events.
- On average, each month we moreover register approximately 5.100 visitors, almost 10.000 visits and 32.000 visited pages. Approximately 12.000 visitors, more than 20.000 visits and almost 100.000 visited pages (data May).
- We number 11.300 subscribers to our newsletter service while our monthly thematic bulletins include more than 100 different items as well as an in-depth focus article.
Update June 2023: 11.437 subscribers to the newsletter service.



The screenshot shows the Western Balkans Info Hub website. At the top left is the logo 'WESTERN BALKANS Info Hub' with a colorful sunburst icon. Below it are navigation links: 'About', 'Glossary', and social media icons for Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube, and Instagram. There are also links for 'Submit', 'Admin', 'Edit', 'Areas', and 'Logout'. A search bar is located on the right. Below the navigation is a horizontal menu with categories: 'Themes', 'News', 'Events', 'Calls', 'Documents', 'Links', 'Organisations', 'Projects', 'Research Infrastructures', and 'Steering Platform'. The main content area features a large article titled 'Knowledge Transfer and Knowledge Valorisation' with a sub-header 'IPR'. The article text discusses knowledge transfer and intellectual property. Below this is another article titled 'Turning R&I Results into Sustainable Solutions'. At the bottom, there is a section for 'Upcoming theme' titled 'European Research Area (ERA)'. On the left side, there is a sidebar with 'Admin' links (Admin overview, Approve user input, Generate newsletter draft, Statistics) and 'Western Balkans' links (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia, Kosovo). There is also a newsletter subscription form and a 'Featured News' section with several news items.

A history since 2006/07 ...

The Western Balkans Info Hub is based on previous cooperation and information hubs in support to the Steering Platform on Research and Innovation for the Western Balkans.



The WB InfoHub is supported by the Horizon Europe funded project POLICY ANSWERS which was introduced at the 23rd PA7 Steering Group Meeting in June 2022 and received the Flagship status presented in December 2022.



Cooperation with you ...

- Share your news and updates with info@westernbalkans-infohub.eu
 - Promote the hub to your audiences as an informative platform + subscribe / join on your favourite social media
 - Let's plan a dedicated newsletter to EUSDR / macro-regional strategies and their activities / impacts in the region
- Beyond the website and newsletter ...
 - Twitter: 660+ followers (Dec. 2022) -> 955 followers (June 2023)
 - LinkedIn: 580+ followers -> 992 followers
 - Facebook: 2.800 followers -> 2.975 followers
 - Stakeholder engagement
 - Policy meetings and advise



Why?

Can we help the researchers and innovators in the region to identify their EU-funding and cooperation **opportunities** and possibilities to increase their capacities?

The Western Balkans actively participate in many EU programmes (e.g. Horizon Europe, Erasmus+, etc.) but information about the multitude of opportunities is not yet widely available. The researchers, innovators, educators and stakeholders on national, regional and local level need to receive information to build their strategies to integrate into the European Education, Research and Innovation Areas.



Save-the-date: 13 September

Come to Sarajevo

Policy Dialogue on
Aligning Priorities
in the Western Balkans

Digital / Green / Health Pathways

Vision 2030

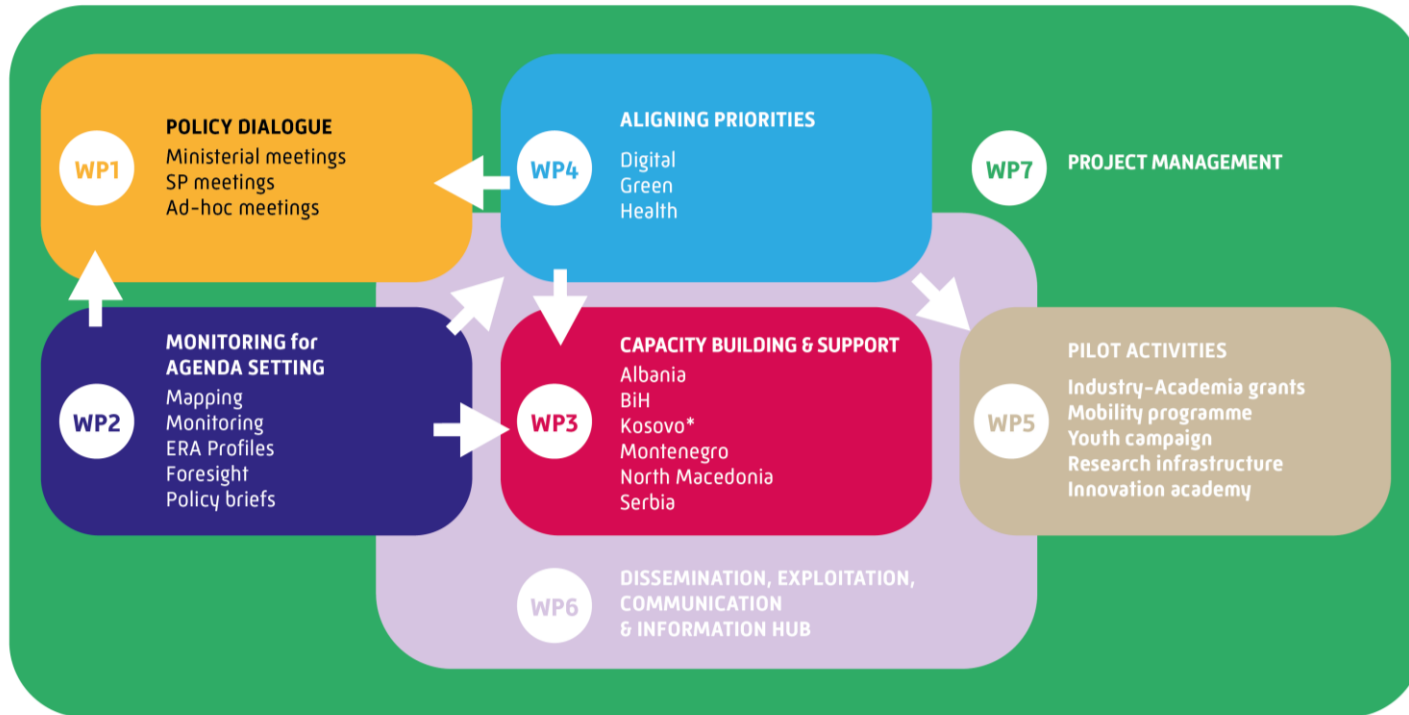
Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina
13 September 2023



- Kick-off for a cooperation and exchange platform on digital/green/health priorities
- Discussion about exploiting cooperation in missions and partnerships better, S3, research infrastructures, etc.
- Future mobility programmes (young researchers, open access to research infrastructures)



In other POLICY ANSWERS news



- Ministerials and Steering Platforms
- Analytical support (results of a Foresight workshop, profiling ERA integration, monitoring WB Agenda implementation, etc.)
- Implementation of our capacity building programme in full swing
- Preparation for pilot activities: upcoming voucher scheme
- Nomination of Research Infrastructure Ambassadors
- Cooperation with other projects, e.g. MSCAdvocacy, WBC-RRI.NET, Enterprise Europe Network, etc.

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Many thanks for your attention!

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