

## Final conference

# "Sustaining Responsible Research and Innovation in the Western Balkan"

**Date:** 08.02.2024 - 09.02.2024

**Place:** Skopje, North Macedonia

**Venue:** Macedonian Academy of Sciences & Arts, Boulevard Krste Petkov Misirkov, 2, Skopje

The WBC-RRI.NET final event aims to disseminate project results, highlight key achievements, and enable discussions for continuation of this successful journey. A **skills competition** on the **"Responsible Research and Innovation (RRI) in practice – a case study competition"** will be one of the key activities within the event, where students selected from the project partners will be working in mixed teams. Project partners from each WB territory will ensure participation of 4 students per country and 1 or 2 mentors. Students will be divided into mixed teams and guided by mentors assigned through a random selection process. Also, all non-WB countries partners in the project are welcome to send their students and/or mentors. Participants in the team can be students from secondary schools, university undergraduate or master students – it is up to each country to decide who will participate in the competition. Mentors can be experts outside of the consortium, or any member from the project team. Costs for covering the participation of the teams and mentors are within each partner's own budget.

**Day 1:** A half-day public event introducing project achievements, mainly focusing on the anchor initiatives and the established Regional Association for Responsible Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Students will be divided into mixed teams and the details of the competition case will be presented. The other half of the day features closed sessions for consortium members, working groups, and the advisory board, while student teams work on the case.

**Day 2:** Public event gathering ministry representatives, stakeholders, and participants from other projects. The event will be finalized with a pitching session by the students' teams taking part in the skills competition, and the announcement of the winners.



Wednesday afternoon, 07.02.2023 (optional)	
17:00 – 19:30	<b>Guided city tour (optional – up to interest of the participants)</b> <i>Meeting point: <a href="#">Mother Theresa Memorial House</a></i>
19:30	<b>Informal dinner</b> <i>Location: <a href="#">Restaurant “Debar Maalo”, Zhivko Chingo 5, Skopje 1000</a></i>

Thursday, 08.02.2024 <b>PUBLIC EVENT</b> Macedonian Academy of Sciences & Arts (Amphitheatre)	
09:30 – 10:00	<b>Registration of participants</b>
10:00 – 10:15	<b>Opening and Welcome</b> <i>Moderator: Prof. Dr Radmil Polenakovikj, NCDIEL &amp; UKIM</i> <i>Dr Jana Prodanova, Macedonian Academy of Sciences and Arts</i> <b>Announcement of the established Association: Regional Association for Responsible Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship</b> <i>Prof. Dr Goran Stojanovic, University of Novi Sad, coordinator of the WBC-RRI.NET project</i>
10:15 – 10:45	<b>Presentation of the WBC-RRI project results and impact on the region</b> <i>Representative from each territory</i> <b>Key results &amp; key findings</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Albania</i></li> <li>• <i>Bosnia and Herzegovina</i></li> <li>• <i>Montenegro</i></li> <li>• <i>North Macedonia</i></li> <li>• <i>Serbia</i></li> </ul>
10:45 – 11:15	<b>Opening the skills competition “Responsible Research and Innovation in practice”</b> <i>Representative from NCDIEL</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Introducing the mentors. Setting up of mixed teams.</li> <li>• Presenting the case and dividing students into different rooms (Room: Small rooms/Mali sali)</li> </ul>
11:15 – 12:00	<b>Workshop for policy paper in relation to regional innovation systems and S3</b> <i>Moderator: Representative from SEERC</i>
12:00 – 12:30	<b>Coffee break</b>



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**CLOSED EVENT**

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<p><b>12:30 – 13:00</b></p>	<p><b>Working groups parallel meetings</b>  <i>WG1 room: Amphitheatre</i>  <i>WG2 room: MANU ICT Centre</i>  <i>WG3 room: Meeting room (2nd floor, new building)</i></p>	<p><b>External advisory board meeting</b>  <i>Room: MANU club</i></p>
<p><b>13:00 – 13:30</b></p>	<p><b>Joint meeting WG session</b>  <i>Room: Amphitheatre</i></p>	
<p><b>13:30 – 14:30</b></p>	<p><b>Sustainability of our project: Other initiatives of the project team for continuous cooperation. Discussion / Brainstorming on next applications.</b>          Consortium members, WG representatives, external advisory board  <i>Moderator: Dr Adam Brandstetter-Kunc, ESF</i></p>	
<p><b>14:30 – 15:30</b></p>	<p><b>Lunch break</b></p>	
<p><b>15:30 – 16:30</b></p>	<p><b>General Assembly meeting</b>          Project management (reporting issues)  <i>Only for consortium members</i></p>	
<p><b>19:30</b></p>	<p><b>Official Dinner</b>  <i>Location: <u>Restaurant Lyra, Nikola Tesla 11, Skopje 1000</u></i></p>	



Friday, 09.02.2024  
**PUBLIC EVENT**

**Macedonian Academy of Sciences & Arts (Amphitheatre)**

<b>09:30 – 10:00</b>	<p><b>Opening and Welcome</b> <i>Moderator: Prof. Dr Radmil Polenakovikj, NCDIEL &amp; UKIM</i></p> <p><b>“INTEGRATING WB via RRI PRINCIPLES”</b> <i>Elke Dall, Centre for Social Innovation, Austria</i> <i>Prof. Dr Miroslav Veskovic, University of Novi Sad, Serbia</i> <i>Milena Milonjic, Ministry of Science, Montenegro</i></p>
<b>10:00 – 10:30</b>	<p><b>Synergy in Action: WBC-RRI.NET Working Groups</b> <i>Presentation, WG1 Gender &amp; Ethics</i> <i>Presentation, WG2 Science Education &amp; Public Engagement</i> <i>Presentation, WG3 Open Science &amp; Open Access</i></p>
<b>10:30 – 11:15</b>	<p><b>Transferring lessons learnt from other initiatives to the Western Balkans</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Citizens science projects in Serbia</b> <i>Dobrivoje Lale Eric, Center for the Promotion of Science, Serbia</i></li> <li>• <b>REINFORCING</b> <i>Dr Petar Vrgovic, University of Novi Sad, Serbia</i></li> <li>• <b>POLICY ANSWERS</b> <i>Gabriela K. Bogoeska / Emilija Andonova, Foundation for Management and Industrial Research, North Macedonia</i></li> <li>• <b>GREENOVET</b> <i>Asst. prof. dr Trajce Velkovski, Head of Centre for Excellence in Green Innovation, Faculty of Mechanical Engineering, UKIM, North Macedonia</i></li> </ul>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Coffee break</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:30</b>	<p><b>Pitching: Skills competition “Responsible Research and Innovation in practice”</b> 4 teams x 15 min 10 minutes pitching, 5 min QA &amp; live voting</p>
<b>12:30 – 13:00</b>	<b>Announcement of the winners</b>
<b>13:00 – 13:30</b>	<b>Conclusions and final remarks</b>
<b>13:30</b>	<b>Cocktail</b>

