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Western Balkans Info Hub powered by POLICY ANSWERS

Introducing the new Coordination and Support Action for
R&I POLICY making, implementation AND Support in the WEsteRn BalkanS

Western Balkans



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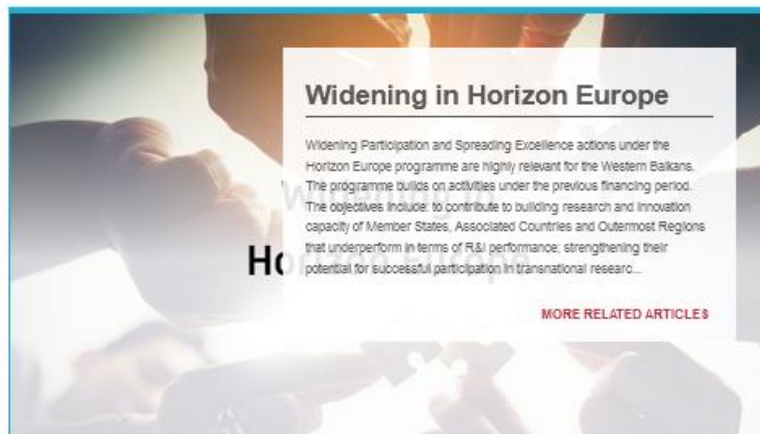
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The future of Widening support actions and their smart use in the Western Balkans



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Horizon Europe's **Widening actions** support those EU Member States, Associated Countries and Outermost Regions that continue to lag behind in research and innovation to boost the performance of their research and innovation systems and throughout the European Union and beyond. The actions are supporting centres of excellence and establishing vibrant ecosystems, as well as aim to enhance capacity to access research networks, attract new talents and improve the skills of researchers overall.

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.)
- Repository with an archive of more than 5.800 news, 1.900 documents, 800 calls, and 1.400 events.
- On average, each month we moreover register approximately 5.100 visitors, almost 10.000 visits and 32.000 visited pages.
- We currently 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.

Why?

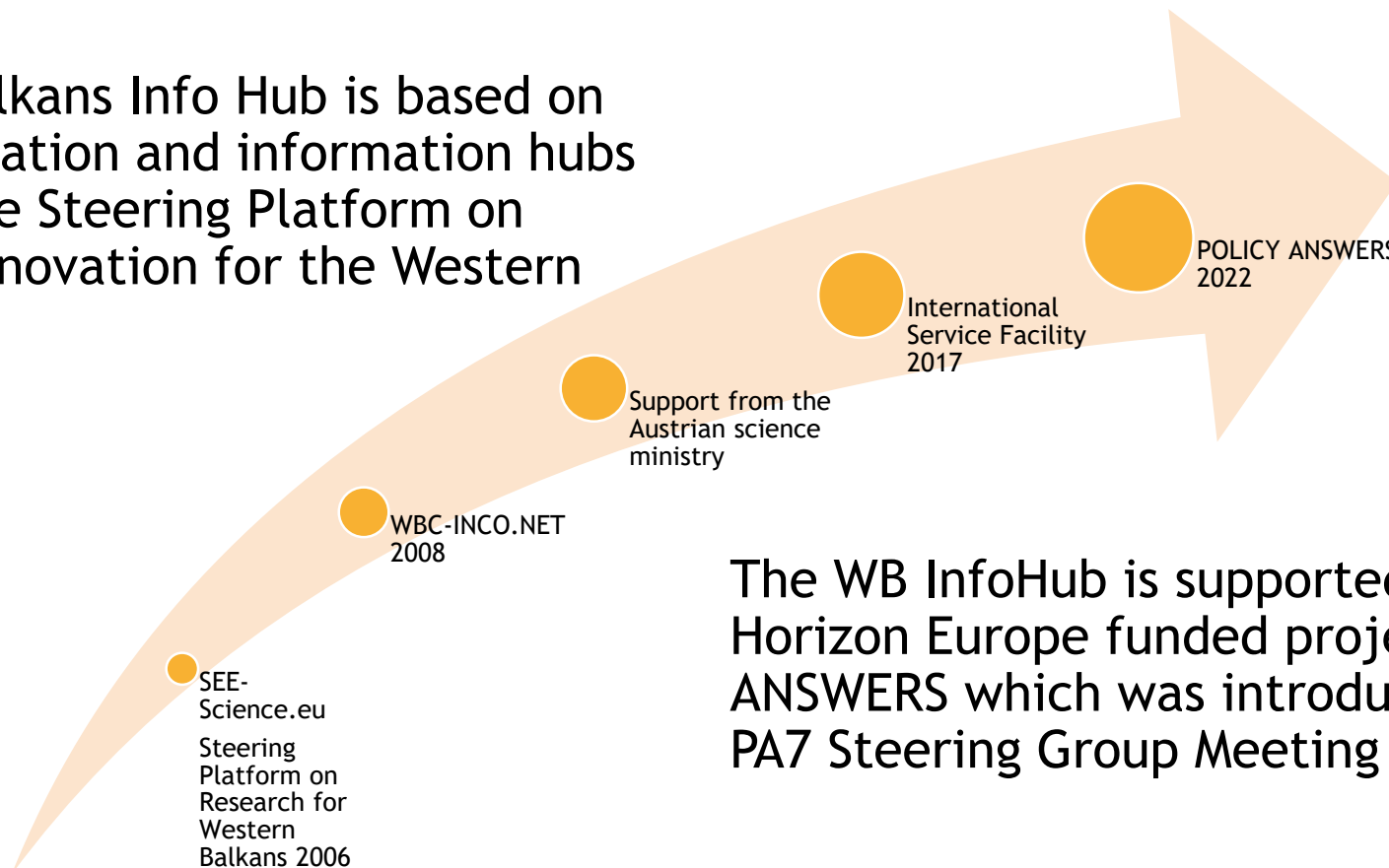
Can we help the researchers and innovators in the region to identify their EU-funding and cooperation **opportunities** and possibilities to increase their capacities?

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.



A history since 2006/07 ...

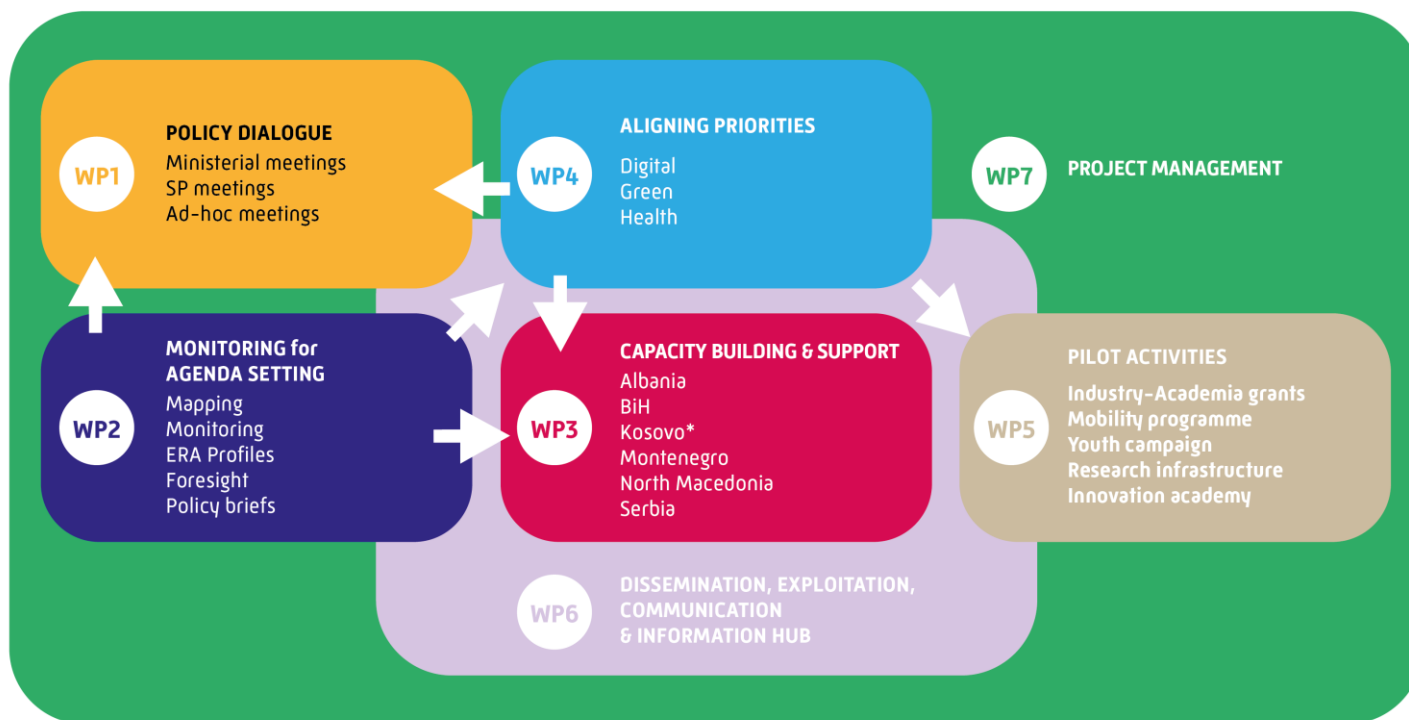
The Western Balkans Info Hub is based on previous cooperation and information hubs in support to the Steering Platform on Research and Innovation for the Western Balkans.



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Horizon Europe / POLICY ANSWERS provides funding



- Ministerials and Steering Platforms
- Analytical support (monitoring WB Agenda implementation, ERA profiles)
- Support to align with instruments (e.g. missions and partnerships) in relation to digital and green transition and healthy societies
- Start of a capacity building programme
- Preparation for pilot activities
- Regular interactions with Project Advisory Board
- Information exchange via www.westernbalkans-infohub.eu



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