

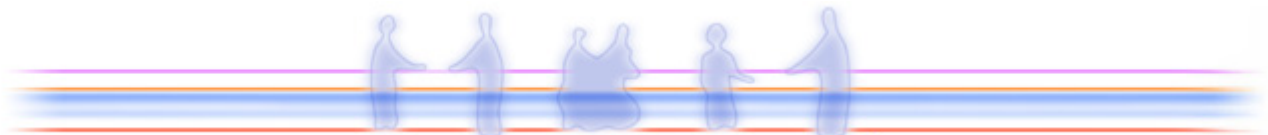
# Integrating and Strengthening the European Research Area in Southeast Europe

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# SEE-ERA.NET makes an essential contribution to the European Research Area

## The objectives of the SEE-ERA.NET:

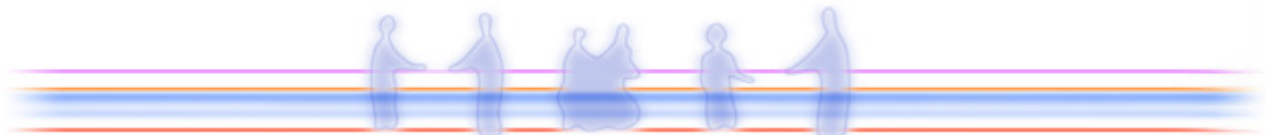
- integration of Southeast Europe into the European Research Area
- adding value to existing bilateral S&T agreements
- improving interregional research cooperation
- contributing to the 'EU-Balkan countries Action Plan in Science & Technology'.



# SEE-ERA.NET – Transparency, Interactivity, Synergy

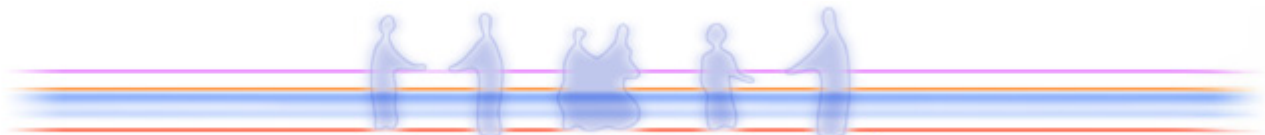
These objectives will be met through:

- exchange of information and best practice on bilateral RTD activities
- needs analyses in the target countries
- support of policy dialogues and awareness raising in the EU
- identification of complementary approaches
- mutual initiatives such as a joint call for research proposals in 2008.



# Mission Statement

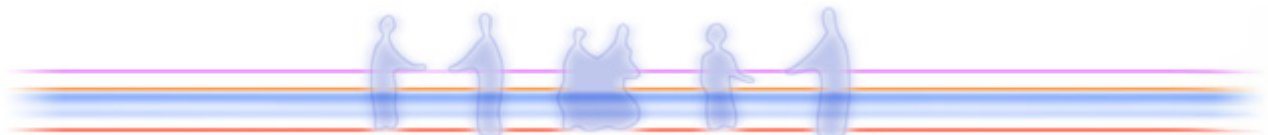
- Based on the European Union's 6th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development, SEE-ERA.NET is committed to the **networking of research activities within national, bilateral and regional research programmes throughout Europe, especially targeting Southeast Europe**. Its main objective is to explore and exploit synergies among bilateral S&T agreements of the partner countries.
- The network conducts its work primarily through **data analyses, exchange of best practice, strategic planning and research programme coordination at meetings, workshops and conferences**. These measures will enable the identification of complementarities and the implementation of **joint initiatives** and finally result in a **multilateral call for research proposals in 2008**, open to researchers from participating SEE-ERA.NET partner countries. In this way, SEE-ERA.NET will have made an essential contribution to the realisation of the European Research Area.



# 15 institutions from 12 countries are members in the SEE-ERA.NET partnership

## Ministries and financing agencies from

- Austria
- Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Bulgaria
- Croatia
- France
- Germany
- Greece
- Hungary
- Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
- Montenegro
- Slovenia
- Romania



# The SEE-ERA.NET partnership

## ■ Austria

- Ministry for Education, Science and Culture
- Centre for Social Innovation

## ■ Bosnia and Herzegovina

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs

## ■ Bulgaria

- Ministry for Education and Science

## ■ Croatia

- Ministry of Science, Education and Sports

## ■ France

- Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique

## ■ Germany

- Federal Ministry of Education and Research
- International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research

## ■ Greece

- Ministry of Development: General Secretariat for Research and Technology

## ■ Hungary

- National Office of Research and Technology

## ■ Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

- Ministry of Education and Science

## ■ Montenegro

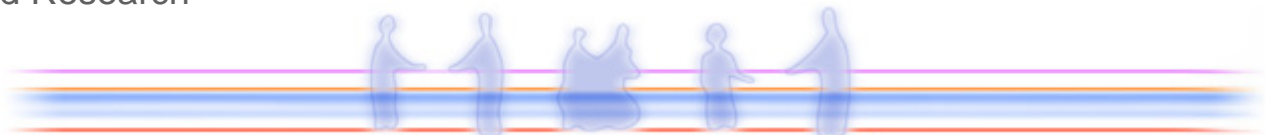
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## ■ Romania

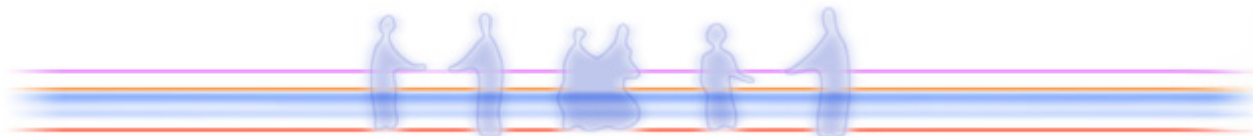
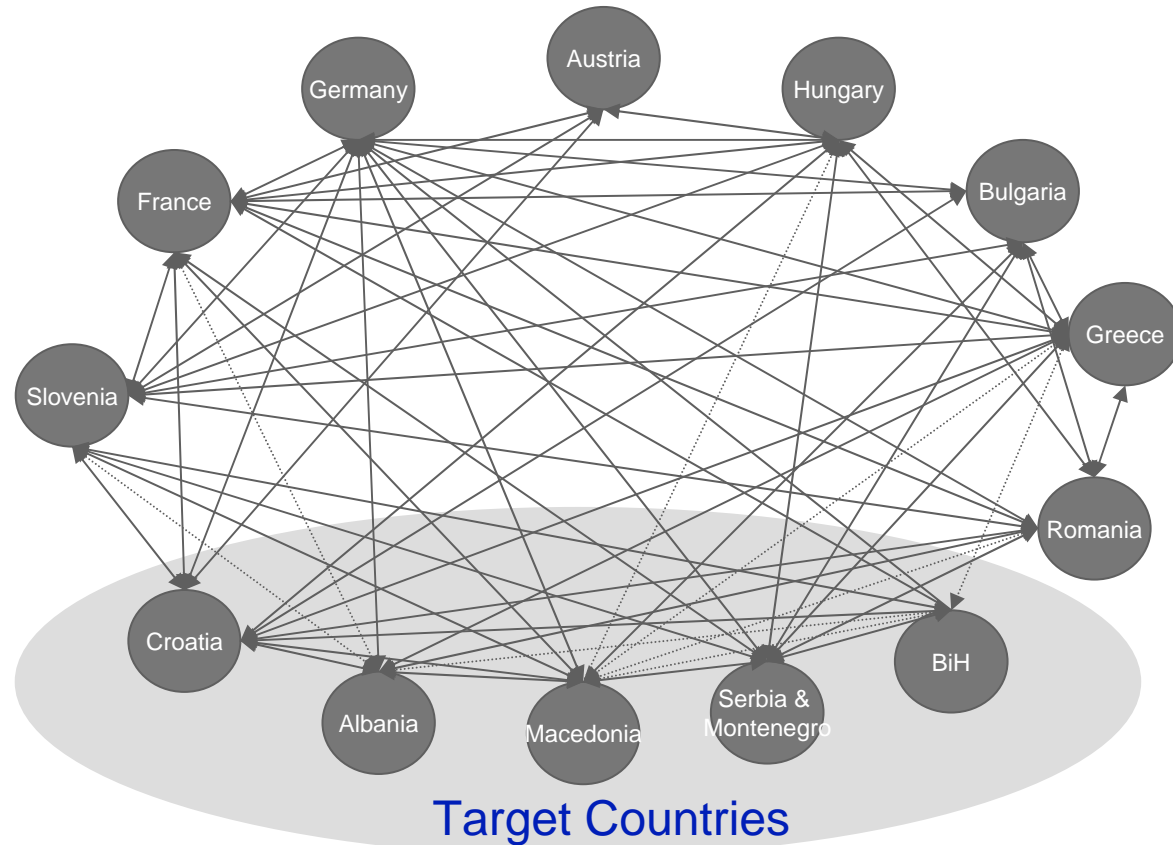
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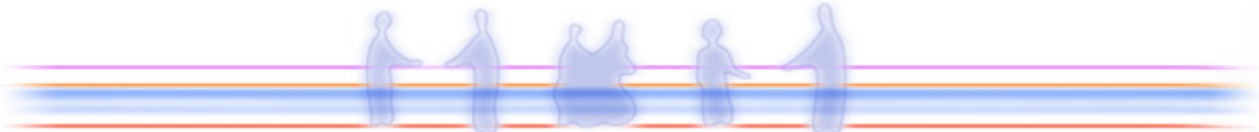
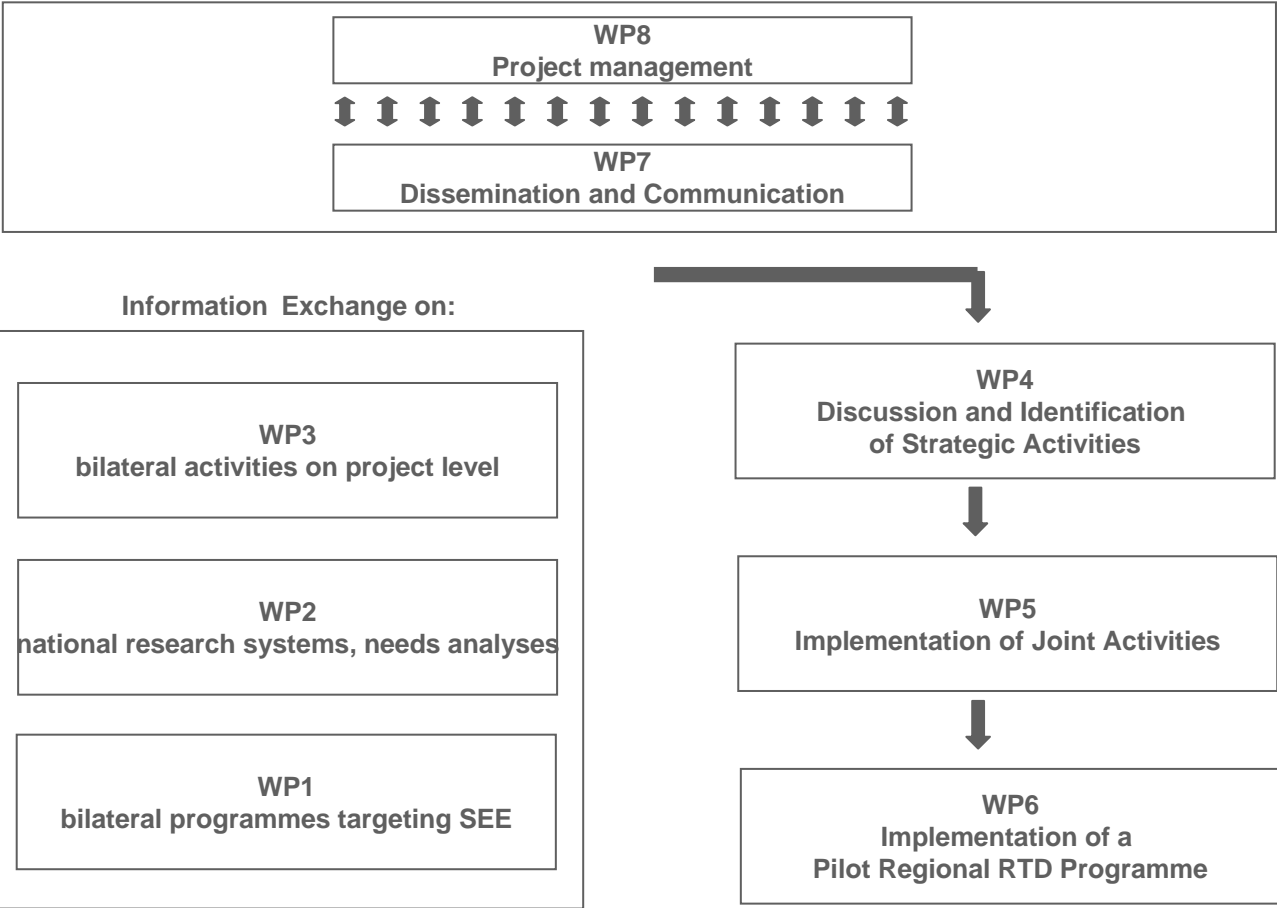
- Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology



# SEE-ERA.NET's starting point: existing bilateral agreements



# Overview of the planned workpackages



# Work Packages 1, 2 and 3: Exchange of information, reports and analyses

**WP 1** will provide analyses of the strengths and weaknesses of bilateral programmes targeting SEE

- National Office of Research and Technology in **Hungary**
- Ministry of Science, Education and Sports in **Croatia**

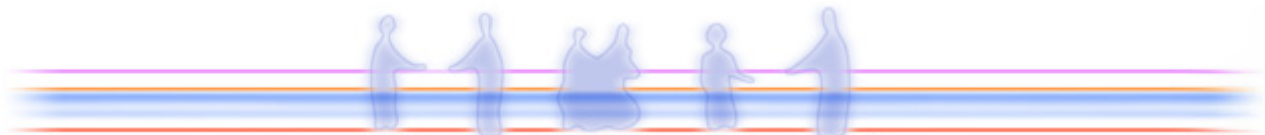
**WP 2** will provide analyses of national research systems in SEE, including needs analyses.

- Ministry of Higher Education, Science and Technology in **Slovenia**

**WP 3** will provide reports on bilateral activities at project level.

A comprehensive project database will be developed.

- Ministry for Education and Science in **Bulgaria**



# Work Packages 4, 5 and 6: Strategies and joint initiatives

**WP 4** will define strategic initiatives for joint future action (White Paper and Action Plan).

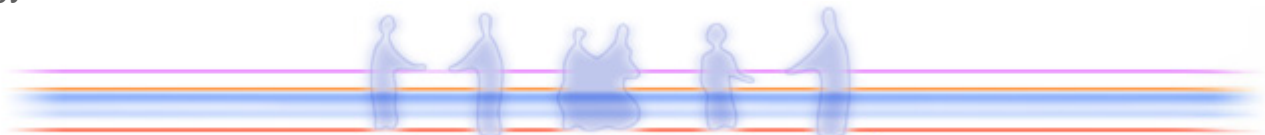
- International Bureau of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research at the German Aerospace Center in **Germany**

**WP 5**'s main objective is the **launch of first joint activities** (multilateral Pilot Call) and the set-up of an **evaluator's database**.

- Ministry of Development: General Secretariat for Research and Technology in **Greece**

**WP 6** will explore „variable geometry“ and work towards the **establishment of a regional RTD programme**.

- Ministry of Education and Research in **Romania**



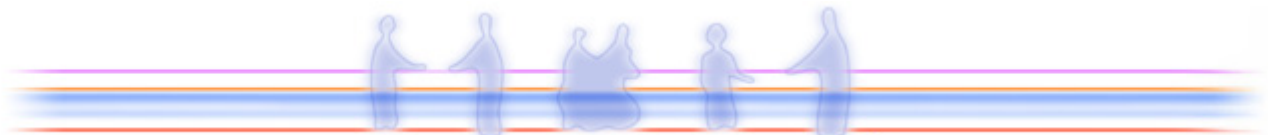
# Work Packages 7 and 8: Communication, dissemination and project management

**WP 7** ensures active **internal and external communication, dissemination, knowledge management and public relations** throughout the project.

- Centre for Social Innovation in **Austria**

**WP 8** is dedicated to the overall **project management**, monitoring, coordination and financial control, whilst also maintaining the links to the European Commission.

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# SEE-ERA.NET project details

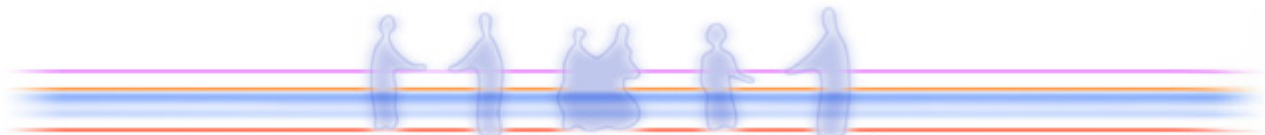
## Funded by the European Commission

- Total costs: 3,219 Mio. Euro
- EC contribution: 2,627 Mio. Euro

Coordinated by the Centre for Social Innovation, Austria  
15 partners from 12 countries

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**Project End:** August 2009



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