



#### SEE-ERA.NET

is a networking project aimed at integrating EU member states and Southeast European countries in the European Research Area by linking research activities within existing national, bilateral and regional RTD programmes.

SEE-ERA.NET is financed by the European Commission and managed by a consortium of 15 institutions from 12 European countries.

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#### The objectives of SEE-ERA.NET are

- to enhance research cooperation in Europe by fostering integration of Southeast Europe into the growing European Research Area;
- to add value to existing bilateral S&T agreements through multilateral coordination;
- to improve interregional research cooperation following the principles of the stabilisation and association process in Southeast Europe;
- to contribute to the 'EU-Balkan countries Action Plan in Science & Technology' adopted at the Thessaloniki Ministerial Conference in 2003.



#### These objectives will be met through

- systematic exchange and dissemination of information and best practice models on bilateral RTD activities. This will contribute to a sound understanding of research systems and policy approaches in the SEE-ERA.NET partner countries;
- needs analyses from the viewpoint of researchers, RTD organisations as well as policy makers in the target countries, concentrating on international RTD cooperation;
- support of the policy dialogue on ERA-integration of countries referred to as West Balkan countries and related awareness raising activities in the European Union;
- identification of complementary approaches followed by the implementation of joint instruments and initiatives, including a joint evaluators database and a joint call for research proposals in 2008.

These efforts will lead to the identification of opportunities for enhanced ERA-integration in order to develop and implement joint strategic research activities and policy recommendations besides contributing to economic growth in the target region.



### Project partners

SEE-ERA.NET is managed by a consortium of 15 institutions from 12 European countries. The consortium consists of ministries and agencies from (in alphabetical order):

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

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### What is an ERA-NET?

The ERA-NET scheme under the Sixth European Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (FP6) aims at stepping up coordination and cooperation in the field of research in EU member states, EU bodies and neighbouring third countries through networking and mutual opening of national and regional research programmes.

### Mission Statement

Based on the European Union's 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, 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.

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