

**EUROPEAN UNION – KOSOVO**  
**SUBCOMMITTEE ON INNOVATION, INFORMATION SOCIETY AND SOCIAL POLICY**

**5<sup>th</sup> Meeting**

**Venue: TBC**

**10<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 09:00 - 17:20**

**DRAFT AGENDA**

**WEDNESDAY, 10<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

<b>09:00 - 09:15</b>	<b>1 - OPENING REMARKS AND ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA</b>
<b>09:15 - 10:30</b>	<b>2 - INFORMATION SOCIETY AND MEDIA</b>
<b>09:15 - 09:25</b>	<b>Progress on 2020 Report recommendations/General implementation of 2020 Subcommittee conclusions / ERP measures and policy guidance and ERA priorities</b>
<b>09:25 - 09:45</b>	<p><b>2.2 Information Society</b></p> <p>2.2.1 Alignment of legislation with the Security of Network and Information Systems Directive (NIS Directive)</p> <p>2.2.2 Transposition of the Electronic and Trust Services for Electronic Transactions (eIDAS); timelines for adoption of the Draft Law and implementation</p> <p>2.2.3 Update on implementation of the Digital Agenda 2013-2020/plans for new strategies</p>
<b>09:45 - 10:05</b>	<p><b>2.3 Electronic Communications</b></p> <p>2.3.1 Alignment of legislation with EU <i>acquis</i> in this field</p> <p>2.3.2 Update on the measures taken to ensure the minimum capacity of the Computer Emergency Response Team (CERT), in line with the recommendations of the European Union Agency for Network and Information Security (ENISA)</p> <p>2.3.3 Update on the activities of the Regulatory Authority of Electronic and Postal Communications (RAEPC), particularly efforts to liberalise the market, ensure portability of numbers and preparations for 5G</p> <p>2.3.4 State of play on the implementation of the Regional Roaming Agreement</p>
<b>10:05 - 10:25</b>	<p><b>2.4 Audio-visual Policy and Media</b></p> <p>2.4.1 Alignment of legislation with the Audio-visual Media Services Directive</p> <p>2.4.2 Liberalisation of the first digital dividend / state of play on implementation</p> <p>2.4.3 Update on the amendment of the Law on Public Broadcaster (RTK), especially on ensuring a solution for sustainable funding</p> <p>2.4.4 Update on the amendment of the Law on Independent Media Commission</p>
<b>10:25 - 10:30</b>	

	<b>ROUND UP &amp; DRAFT CONCLUSIONS</b>
<b>10:30 - 10:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>10:45 - 12:30</b>	<b>3 - SOCIAL POLICY AND EMPLOYMENT</b>
<b>10:45 - 10:55</b>	<b>Progress on 2020 Report recommendations/General implementation of 2020 Subcommittee conclusions / ERP measures and policy guidance and ERA priorities</b>
10:55 - 11:30	<p><b>3.2 Employment policy</b></p> <p>3.2.1 Update on legal initiatives from the Ministry of Labour and Social Welfare</p> <p>3.2.2 Implementation of the 2018-22 Strategy for Employment and Social Welfare and the action plan for tackling youth unemployment, and monitoring their results</p> <p>3.2.3 Update on the activities of the Agency for Employment, with a focus on implementation of the active labour market measures to address unemployment and to ensure equal opportunities among women and youth</p> <p>3.2.4 State of play regarding efforts to reduce informal work</p> <p>3.2.5 Improvement of the quality of VET programmes, by aligning them with the labour market needs and by finishing the catalogue of qualification on VET sectors</p>
11:30 - 11:45	<p><b>3.3 Health and safety at work</b></p> <p>3.3.1 Update on the number of accidents at work, particularly, in construction and services sector, and measures to address them</p> <p>3.3.2 Update on Labour Inspectorate's activities, as well as developments to address last year's conclusions in terms of capacities and allocation of needed resources</p>
11:45 - 12:00	<p><b>3.4 Social Dialogue</b></p> <p>3.4.1 Updates on social [tri-partite] dialogue, including negotiations of a new Collective Agreement</p> <p>3.4.2 Updates on the amendments to the Law on the Economic and Social Council</p>
12:00 - 12:15	<p><b>3.5 Social inclusion and protection</b></p> <p>3.5.1 State of play with decentralisation of social services, including the amendment to the Law on Local Finance</p> <p>3.5.2 Update on Social and Family Policy, particularly in view of the newly adopted legislation, as well as the delivery of services</p>
12:15 - 12:20	<b>ROUND UP &amp; DRAFT CONCLUSIONS</b>
<b>12:20 -13:30</b>	<b>LUNCH BREAK</b>

<b>13:30 - 15:30</b>	<b>4 - EDUCATION AND YOUTH</b>
<b>13:30 - 13:40</b>	<b>Progress on 2020 Report recommendations/General implementation of 2020 Subcommittee conclusions / ERP measures and policy guidance and ERA priorities</b>
13:40 - 13:50	<p><b>4.2 Benchmarks for evaluation of education and training performance</b></p> <p>4.2.1 Data collection for the Education and Training 2020 indicators, as well as improvement of the reliability of data</p>
13:50 - 14:00	<p><b>4.3 Participation in international standardised tests</b></p> <p>4.3.1 Lessons learnt from PISA 2018 and TIMSS 2019</p> <p>4.3.2 Participation in the next round of PIRLS 2021, PISA 2022 and TIMSS 2023</p>
14:00 - 14:15	<p><b>4.4 Adoption of key legislation for policy reforms in the education sector</b></p> <p>4.4.1 Timeline for adoption of the Law on Early Childhood Development</p> <p>4.4.2 Legal initiatives in Higher Education: the Law on the Kosovo Accreditation Agency and the Law on Higher Education</p> <p>4.4.3 State of play on the implementation of the Education Strategic Plan 2017-2021, including allocation of budget and state plans for the development of the Education Strategic Plan 2022-2027</p>
14:15 - 14:55	<p><b>4.5 Update on the actions taken to improve quality of education</b></p> <p>4.5.1 Update on enrolment rates of children in early childhood education and care</p> <p>4.5.2 Implementation and monitoring of the new curriculum framework in pre-university education, including supply of schools with new textbooks to support competency based learning</p> <p>4.5.3 Update on measures taken to ensure transparent and merit based recruitment of school management and teaching staff at all levels of education. Plans to provide sustainable and continuous teacher professional development</p> <p>4.5.4 State of play on the implementation of the Law on Education Inspectorate and overall application of existing quality assurance mechanisms</p> <p>4.5.5 Kosovo Accreditation Agency</p> <p>4.5.6 Inclusive education: access to quality education for minority communities, marginalised groups and students with special needs</p>
14:55 - 15:05	<p><b>4.6 Quality of school to work transitions</b></p> <p>4.6.1 Support for school to work transitions, inclusion, data on students participating to internships in relevant study programmes, relevance of internships in enhancing</p>

	the technical competences / soft skills of students; data on employment rates of students that participated to such internships
15:05 - 15:15	<p><b>4.7 Regional EU-WBs high level meetings</b></p> <p>4.7.1 Feedback from the Western Balkans Platforms on Education and Training &amp; Research and Innovation, 2 December</p> <p>4.7.2 State of plat on the Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport</p>
15:15 - 15:25	<p><b>4.8 Erasmus+ and policy developments in the field of Youth</b></p> <p>4.8.1 Erasmus + implementation</p> <p>4.8.2 Youth policy and participation (including volunteering), including cooperation with RYCO</p>
<b>15:25 - 15:30</b>	<b>ROUND UP &amp; DRAFT CONCLUSIONS</b>
<b>15:30 -15:45</b>	<b>COFFEE BREAK</b>
<b>15:45 - 16:30</b>	<b>5 - CULTURAL HERITAGE</b>
<b>15:45 - 15:55</b>	<b>Progress on 2020 Report recommendations/General implementation of 2020 Subcommittee conclusions / ERP measures and policy guidance and ERA priorities</b>
15:55 - 16:10	<p><b>5.2 Preservation and Promotion of Cultural Heritage</b></p> <p>5.2.1 Track record of court decisions on attacks against cultural heritage</p> <p>5.2.2 Update on measures taken for sustainable funding of the Implementation and Monitoring Council (IMC) / Relations with the Serbian Orthodox Church</p> <p>5.2.3 State of the implementation of the Law on Cultural Heritage</p> <p>5.2.4 Europa Nostra, most endangered cultural heritage sites in Europe in 2021</p>
16:10 - 16:20	<p><b>5.3 Protection of cultural diversity</b></p> <p>5.3.1 Compliance with the 2005 UNESCO Convention on the Protection and Promotion of the Diversity of Cultural Expressions and track record of good practices</p>
16:20 - 16:25	<p><b>5.4 Creative Europe</b></p> <p>5.4.1 Performance and Implementation</p>
<b>16:25 - 16:30</b>	<b>ROUND UP &amp; DRAFT CONCLUSIONS</b>

<b>16:30 - 17:15</b>	<b>6 - SCIENCE AND INNOVATION</b>
<b>16:30 - 16:40</b>	<b>Progress on 2020 Report recommendations/General implementation of 2020 Subcommittee conclusions / ERP measures and policy guidance and ERA priorities</b>
16:40 - 16:55	<p><b>6.2 Participation in EU research and innovation Work Programme Horizon 2020</b></p> <p>6.2.1 Administrative capacity, including EU capacity-building support (IPA II)</p> <p>6.2.2 Actions taken to improve Horizon 2020 performance</p> <p>6.2.3 Actions envisaged to prepare for Horizon Europe association</p>
16:55 - 17:10	<p><b>6.3 Research and Innovation capacity building</b></p> <p>6.3.1 Measures taken to strengthen research and innovation capacity through the reform of higher education institutions, based on international standards</p> <p>6.3.2 Steps to support the development of institutional strategies and necessary capacities for strategic international collaboration (European level and regional Western Balkans level) – in line with national efforts to develop a Smart Specialisation Strategy</p> <p>6.3.3 Annual allocation of the 2021 budget for science and research, ensuring sufficient funds for the implementation of the Law on Scientific Research Activities</p> <p>6.3.4 Provision of reliable statistics on research and innovation to credibly monitor progress with a perspective of integration into the European Research Area by 2025</p> <p>6.3.5 State of implementation of the Law for Innovation and Technology Transfer</p>
<b>17:10 - 17:15</b>	<b>ROUND UP &amp; DRAFT CONCLUSIONS</b>
<b>17:15 - 17:20</b>	<b>CONCLUDING REMARKS</b>