

CLOSING CONFERENCE

RRPP'S NATIONAL POLICY DIALOGUE IN MACEDONIA

CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH FUNDING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2017 | 12:00h – 15:00h | HOTEL HOLIDAY INN, SKOPJE

OBJECTIVES

- To promote the newly designed model for funding scientific research activity in the Republic of Macedonia;
- To share the lessons learned and experiences, including from similar processes in Estonia and Slovenia;
- To receive feedback and elaborate possible ways for moving forward.

AGENDA

12:00 – 12:30 Opening Remarks

Moderator: **Slavica Indjevska**, RRPP Senior Policy Advisor, Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

12:00 – 12:15

Welcome Address

Sybille Suter Tejada, H.E. Swiss Ambassador to Macedonia

Fani Karanfilova-Panovska, Executive Director, Foundation Open Society - Macedonia

12:15 -12:30

Regional Research Promotion Programme (RRPP) in Macedonia: Major Impact and Lessons Learned

Aleksandra Dimova Mancevska, RRPP Coordinator in Macedonia, Foundation Open Society – Macedonia

12:30 – 13:00 Proposed Model for Funding Scientific Research Activity in the Republic of Macedonia

Moderator: **Prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD** University American College – Skopje

Overview of the Development Process

Irena Cvetkovik, MA Researcher and Member of RRPP's National Policy Dialogue in Macedonia

Presentation of the Model and Identified Challenges and Opportunities

Prof. Snezana Bilik, PhD Mentor and Expert in RRPP's National Policy Dialogue in Macedonia

Prof. Emilija Simoska, PhD Mentor and Expert in RRPP's National Policy Dialogue in Macedonia

13:00 – 13:15

Q&A

13:15 – 14:00 Current Models and Lessons Learned from Estonia and Slovenia

Moderator: **Prof. Marjan Petreski, PhD** University American College – Skopje

Instruments of Public Funding as Precondition for Successful Development of R&D in Estonia

Madis Saluveer, PhD Funding Officer at the Estonian Research Council

Open Calls for Scientific Research Funding in Slovenia: Need and Frequency of General and Thematic Calls

Prof. Mitja Žagar, PhD Member of the Scientific Council at the Slovenian Research Agency

14:00 – 15:00

Discussion and Conclusions

This conference is organized within the National Policy Dialogue of the Regional Research Promotion Program in the Western Balkan – RRPP (<http://rrpp-westernbalkans.net>)