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### EU-Balkan-FABNET – Awareness Raising and Training on FP7



The EU-Balkan-FABNET project aimed at encouraging stronger participation of Western Balkan researchers in FP7 projects. The project launched its activities on January 2007 and continued its activities for two years.

EU-Balkan-FABNET had identified and incorporated as partners key National Contact Points and experienced multipliers in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, FYR of Macedonia, and Serbia, who participated in mapping, networking, training and awareness-raising activities. These partners represented gate keepers for their country's respective research communities. Furthermore, those project partners were able to actively promote the networking of local researchers and act as a conduit of information exchange. They were supported by partners from Belgium, Bulgaria, France, Greece and Italy.

The target groups got assistance with FP7-related queries on a one-to-one basis, such as the search for suitable partners, or by support for participation in major international events. During the course of the project 113 researchers have been supported, and 19 partners from the WBC received assistance to participate in proposals under the new FP7 calls.

Each West Balkan Country partner in the project was responsible for organising a minimum of three workshops for the local audience. The first workshop targeted local multipliers, who could help in motivating the research community. The other two workshops targeted local researchers. The trainings for multipliers were of 2-day duration and covered general topics such as FP7 structure and rules but also very specific topics such as writing a good proposal or using the electronic tools of the FP7. The training of multipliers also included practical exercises, quizzes, interactive discussions and visits of laboratories involved in research relevant for FAFB.

The trainings for multipliers were very successful as indicated by the number of participants and the level of acceptance by them. In total, 254 multipliers attended the training sessions offered by the project and, given their capacity in passing information to other groups of researchers, it can be safely assumed that the information passed on to them has been spread to a much larger audience.

The trainings of researchers were of shorter duration (1 day) and broader audience. The topics covered offered an all-inclusive view of the FP7 aspects, focusing, however, also on practical aspects of participation (e.g., identifying the right content in the calls, getting increased visibility and better networking, etc.). The trainings for researchers met great acceptance by the audience and – in several occasions – requests of repetition were stated.

Furthermore, the partners compiled a handbook for FP7 participation to further extend the project's reach to potential FP7 participants. The handbook covers basic information (e.g., project funding types) and has been translated into the local language of each of the Western Balkan countries.

A project website is available, at <http://www.balkan-fabnet.eu>, while the coordinator can be reached by e-mail at [info@etat.gr](mailto:info@etat.gr) or by phone on +302109270040.



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## 1. Project execution

*It should include a summary description of project objectives, contractors involved, work performed and end results, elaborating on the degree to which the objectives were reached. It briefly describes the methodologies and approaches employed and relates the achievements of the project to the state-of-the-art. It should explain the impact of the project on its industry or research sector. It includes, if available, diagrams or photos illustrating the work of the project, a project logo and a reference to the project website.*

### **WP1 – “Mapping the local research environment and identifying target groups”**

This Work Package, WP1 was the first to begin, with the opening of the project on January 2007. In the first reporting period all the deliverables that were scheduled to be delivered, were actually delivered. In the second year of the project one revision of these deliverables was foreseen and delivered. In brief description the Work Package had to develop the **methodology on mapping** primarily the end users of the project and secondly the funding opportunities that could be useful to the end users. In a second phase under this same Work Package the partners had to **actually map** the end users and the funding opportunities.

The methodology was developed by the Work Package leader at the beginning of the project. For the development of the methodology the work of other FP6 funded projects was taken into consideration. The methodology also described the way in which the relevant projects were going to create synergies. The actual exercise of mapping the end users extended during the entire project life. The WBC partners initially mapped and later updated and corrected the initially created list of researchers, research centres, companies and multipliers. Furthermore the actual exercise of mapping the funding opportunities was also continued during the whole duration of the project. Finally all the partners, including EU and WBC partners identified bilateral and multilateral funding sources available in their countries.

### **WP2 – “Training for WBC FAB contact points and multipliers”**

This work package included two different activities: (i) the training sessions for the project partners and the FP7 information multipliers in the target WBC, and (ii) the staff exchanges between the WBC partners and the NCP EU partners. A general overview of the work package is given herein.

#### **Training sessions for the project partners and the WBC information multipliers**

In the course of the project 6 two-day trainings for partners and information multipliers took place, as initially foreseen in the Description of Work. Furthermore, in addition to obligations described in the contractual documents, one extra training specifically for the WBC partners of the projects was supported by the project. This partners' training was organized by the “TrainNet Future” project, another FP6 project, and it was supported in the framework of collaboration with projects EU-Balkan-FABNET had established. It is important to stress that the particular training session gave ground for networking of the WBC partners with a large number of NCPs across the EU and other third countries.

The venues and dates of the training sessions are presented in the following table:

Partner, Country, Town	Dates
SEDA, ALBANIA, Tirana:	24,25/05/2007
UNISAR, BOSNIA&HERZEGOVINA, Sarajevo	27,28/11/2008
MSES, CROATIA, Zagreb	4,5/10/2007
CMU, FYROM, Skopje	02,03/10/2008

Partner, Country, Town	Dates
AISC, MONTENEGRO, Podgorica	21,22/04/2008
UNISAR, SERBIA, Belgrade	24,25/01/2008
<i>TrainNet Future project training for WBC partners only, Hungary, Sopron</i>	<i>20,21/06/2007</i>



*Photo from one of the quiz sessions of the training in Sopron; in the middle of the photo are two of the EU-Balkan-FABNET participants; center – Mr. Viktor Nedović (in the striped shirt), immediately to the right – Ms. Lana Žutelija.*



*Training sessions for multipliers: Photos from the training in Podgorica (left) and Sarajevo (right).*

### **Staff exchanges.**

During the two years of the project 5 staff exchanges realised. Staff exchanges gave an additional opportunity to WBC partners to discuss with their EU counterparts, identify best practises and meet, face-to-face, with researchers for the EU countries of the project.



The overall status of staff exchanges for the whole duration of the project is presented in the following table:

Partner	With	Realized
AISC	APRE	17 to 20 October 2007
CMU	BEA	12 to 16 November 2007
SEDA	BEA	12 to 15 February 2008
UNIBEL	ETAT	04 to 05 November 2008
UNISAR	APRE	06 to 09 May 2007

The agenda for each staff exchange was finalised taking into consideration the needs and preferences of the parties involved, and it included both training elements as well as networking with researchers or research managers in the host country. In general, all staff exchanges were rated as very valuable by all parties involved.

### **WP3 – “Training for researchers in the WBC”**

In WP3 the partners organised training sessions specifically for the local audience of researchers in the target WBC countries. The trainings were organized in two cycles. As a rule, the first of the 2 workshops in each WBC covered the basic, critical information for participation in a project, while the second workshop was more comprehensive, including an in depth presentation of issues concerning proposal writing of project management and realization. Local organisers had the flexibility to adapt the content and structure of the agenda according to the expected needs to the audience.

The trainings organized under the project are presented in the following table.

Country, Town	1st CYCLE	2nd CYCLE
ALBANIA, Tirana:	15/09/2008	05/12/2008
BOSNIA&HERZEGOVINA, Sarajevo	1/10/2007	26/5/2008
CROATIA, Zagreb	24/09/2008	25/09/2008
FYROM, Skopje	23/11/2007	5/04/2008
MONTENEGRO, Podgorica	12/07/2007	17/12/2007
SERBIA, Belgrade and Novi Sad	11/10/2007 and 26/10/2007	28/3/2008

Two cumulative analysis reports, one for each of the cycles, were prepared, based on the reports and feedback of all the trainings (12) from both cycles. Furthermore an FP7 handbook was prepared initially in English and was translated into all WBC local languages (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, FYROM, Montenegro, Serbia).

### **WP4 – “Promotion of international cooperation within the WBC”**

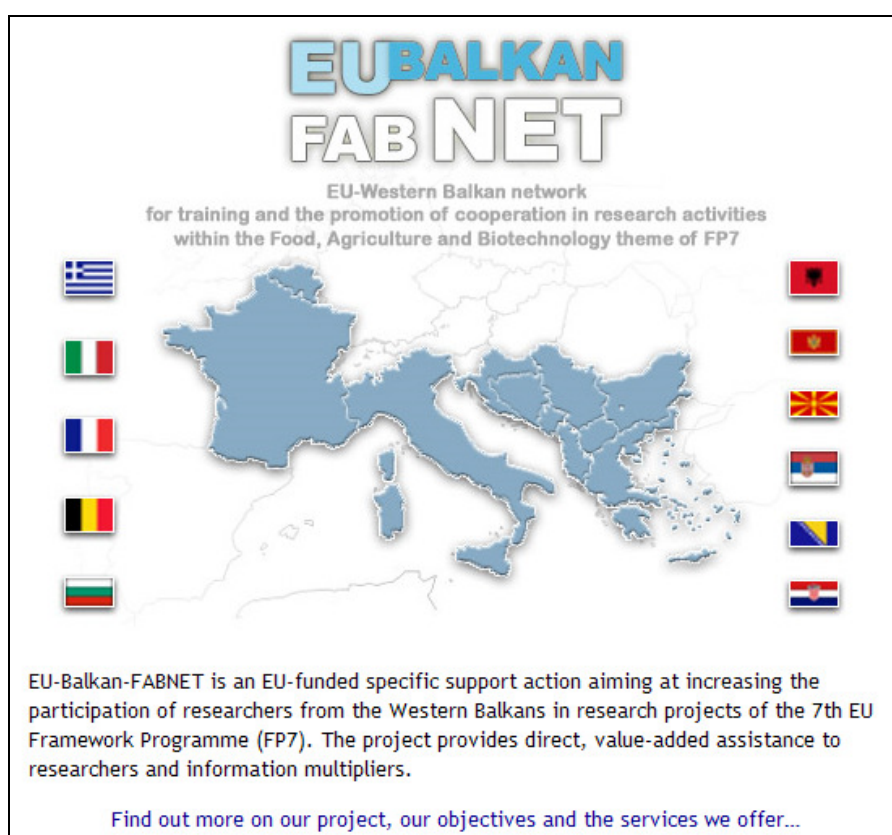
#### **Task 4.1. Website**

One project website was prepared and maintained through the duration of the project. The project URL is <http://www.balkan-fabnet.eu/>. The project site gives an overview of the project in terms of resources and in terms of activities. The objectives of the project are also presented in the project



site. The site also has sections presenting the partners, various “news” on the training activities of the project or other FP related or WBCs related issues, a series of frequently asked questions and useful links. Other sections are the “Networking events”, the “FP7 Handbook” and the “Newsletter”. The most important sections of the site is primarily the one presenting all the material of all the trainings that took place under the project and secondly the section “partner search” where the user of the site can search for partners either by their contact details, or by organization type, or by expertise, or by expectations, or by the type of cooperation sought.

In its lifetime, the website received over 13000 visits<sup>1</sup> (non-unique) with monthly average visits ranging between about 300 and 900.



*The front page of the website for EU-Balkan-FABNET*

<sup>1</sup> A “visit” to a website is defined as a set of consequent requests for webpages within the website, which are, time-wise, close to each other.

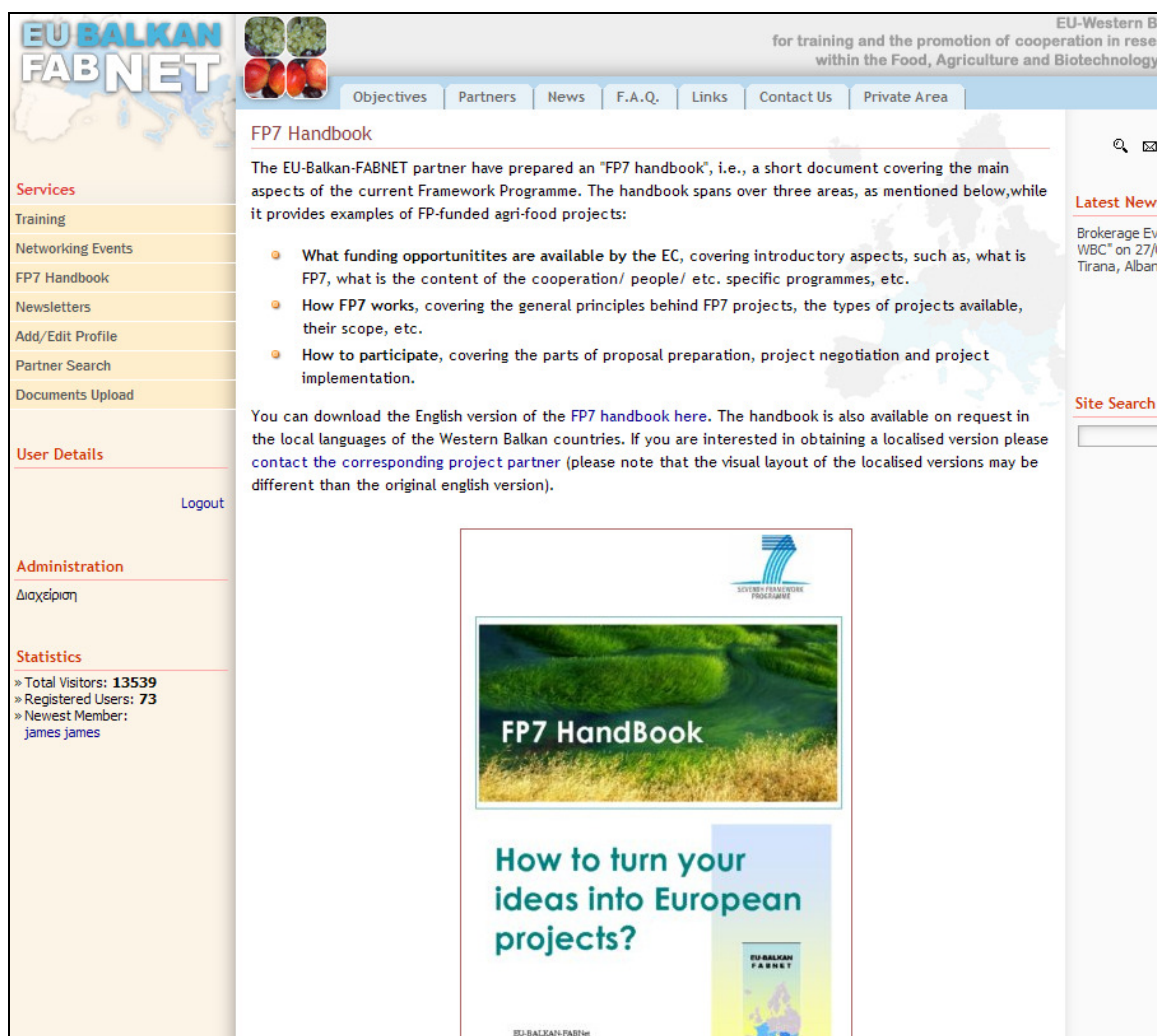


Figure: An instance of the website, promoting the FP7 Handbook the consortium produced.

#### Task 4.2. Promotion project material

The partners produced one leaflet and one poster for the dissemination of the project. Both of them were also produced in each WBC local language.

#### Task 4.3. Participation in international events

EBFN partners promoted the participation in two international events. The first one during the first year of the project was the Brokerage Event in the theme 'Food, Agriculture and Fisheries, and Biotechnology', organized in Brussels on 29 and 30 November. The second international event took place during the second year of the project and was the Truefood<sup>2</sup> conference held in Paris on the 21st October. These events were selected by project among others, and were considered the most suitable one for networking of the WBC researchers with researchers of the European Research era or

<sup>2</sup> TRUEFOOD is an integrated project under FP6 (FOOD -CT-2006-016264 / Food Quality and Safety Thematic Priority). TRUEFOOD aims at studying the quality, safety and consumer perception aspects of select traditional food products in Europe.





even researchers of third countries. In fact, each WBC partner had the opportunity to give a grant to researchers in order to attend these meetings.

#### Task 4.4. Newsletter and call dissemination

During the project life cycle, 7 issues were published in total, the two of them being above the minimum number. The newsletters were posted on the project website and were also disseminated through the WBC partners' network.

#### Task 4.5. Match-making and individual support

The partners offered individual assistance to potential partners devoting particular effort in effective dissemination of project partner searches from the WBC to partners in the EU and – more importantly – from the EU to the WBC. In addition, partners provided assistance for FP7 proposal preparation related enquiries, including alternative cooperation schemes outside the Cooperation/ FAB area, such as the Marie Curie actions. All commonly used tools was employed in such an effort (e.g. telephone support, on-site assistance, e-mail support, or even –as a last resort – signposting when an enquiry exceeds the expertise of the consortium), depending on the particular need of the inquiring parties. Speaking with numbers in total, 45 partner searches were disseminated; 19 WBC partners were included in FP7 proposals and 113 WBC potential participants were assisted.

### **WP5 – “Management”**

The progress of the work towards objectives set in the beginning of the project was monitored throughout the project. In order to be able to follow the progress in measurable way progress indicators were established by the EU-Balkan-FABNET. The progress made during the total duration of the project is summarized in the following table.

Indicator	Target/ expected value	Real Value
Number of WBC multipliers attending training workshops	50	254
Feedback rate from the workshops for multipliers	70%	79%
Number of WBC researchers attending training workshops	150	492
Feedback rate from the workshops for researchers	70%	51%
WBC researchers assisted	80	113 researchers
WBC researchers in FP7 proposals	12	19 partners *

*\* It should be noted that that in the first years report the number given was corresponding to individual researchers and not partners, i.e. institutes, laboratories – which correspond actually to more individual researchers -.*

The numbers of participants both in multipliers and researchers trainings are very high relatively to the expectations. The same can be said about the number of the researchers assisted in various ways to participate in the FP7. The only indicator that the project was not able to fulfil was the one of the feedback at the researcher's trainings. This partly can be explained by the size of the audience. The bigger the audience the more difficult it is to persuade the attendants to give feed back.

Other management issues, i.e., partners communication, activities reporting, financial reporting and contract issues, which included one amendment to the contract, were also dealt with within the project effectively.

With respect to cooperation with other relevant funded projects EU-Balkan-FABNET cooperated closely with BAFN. The project devoted its resources for mapping to complement the work already carried out by BAFN in the WBC region. The contacts of the latter were alerted for the activities of WU-Balkan-



FABNET. The complementarity of the two projects is also highlighted in the project's website, where visitors are prompted to also visit the site of BAFN. *Ad hoc* cooperation also existed the SEE ERANET and a short publication on EU-Balkan-FABNET appeared in the "winter 06/07" issue of SEE Science.eu.

## 2. Dissemination and use

*Publishable results of the Final plan for using and disseminating the knowledge.*

No exploitable results, i.e., knowledge having a potential for industrial or commercial application in research activities or for developing, creating or marketing a product or process or for creating or providing a service, were produced by the project during the project. However, the project produced a considerable amount of training material, which has been made publicly available and which has been presented to a large number of information multipliers and individual researchers. It can be safely assumed that those recipients will use the produced material as an ingredient in their own dissemination efforts, updating or enriching it, as necessary.

## 3. Plan for using and disseminating the knowledge

### 3.1. Exploitable knowledge and its Use

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### 3.2. Dissemination of knowledge

**Overview table – Period 1 – 2007**

a/a	Planned /actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
1	27/02/2007	Info-day	Researchers	Bosnia and Herzegovina	30	UNISAR
2	27/06/2007	Info-day	Researchers	Bosnia and Herzegovina	40	UNISAR
3	20/04/2007	Coordination meeting of the BAFN project	BAFN project partners	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM and Serbia	12	EQY and ETAT
4	19/10/2007	Coordination meeting of the BAFN project	BAFN project partners	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM and	12	EQY and ETAT



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				Serbia		
5	12/01/2007	Italian launch of the first call in FAFB	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	251	APRE
6	06/01/2007	FP7 – Research in the field of biotechnology, agriculture, food, fisheries and forestry a cooperation between EU, Balkan region and Eastern European neighbourhood area	Researchers, Universities, SMEs, Industries	Balkan region		APRE
7	08/06/2007	The Knowledge-based bio-economy	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	100	APRE
8	11/06/2007	The opportunities of the 7FP for agriculture and rural environment	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	80	APRE
9	22/09/2007	The International cooperation and the opportunities of European funding for Industries	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	65	APRE
10	05/10/2007	New technologies for the treatment and valorization of agro-bio products	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Europe	50	APRE
11	25.-26.1.2007., Bucharest, Romania	FP7 FAFB launching event	Researchers, governmental bodies, SMEs, EC	Romania, neighbouring countries	200 participants	MSES Romanian BIO NCP, Croatian BIO NCP+SCAR representative for their ppt
12	15.3.2007., Zagreb, Croatia	Information day	SMEs	Croatia	60 participants	MSES
13	15.5.2007., Plovdiv, Bulgaria	National Training	Researchers (Universities, Institutes)	Bulgaria	70 participants	MSES
14	25.-26.9.2007., Zagreb, Croatia	FOOD-N-CO National Training Session +	Researchers (Universities, Institutes), SMEs	Croatia	60 participants	MSES



a/a	Planned /actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
		Information Day				
15	28.9.2007., Osijek, Croatia	National Training Session + Information Day	Researchers (Universities, Institutes), SMEs	Croatia	50 participants	MSES
16	12/4/2007	info day	all possible participants in FP7	Montenegro	90	AISC
17	12/7/2007	workshop	Bio researchers	Montenegro	35	AISC
18	17/12/2007	workshop	Bio researchers	Montenegro	30	AISC
19	Winter 2007	Informative Article "see - science.eu e Journal"	All, but mainly researchers	all	-	ETAT
20		project website	All, but mainly researchers	all	-	ETAT
21		partner search tool	All, but mainly researchers	all	-	ETAT
22		posters, flyers	All, but mainly researchers	all	-	all

### **1) 27/02/2007, Info-day**

Within the frame of "Practical experiences in participation of FP projects" organized by University of Sarajevo (February, 27th, 2007) FABNET project was presented by UNISAR. In this info-day representatives from UNISAR explained their own experience in participation in FP6 projects. So, UNISAR explained especially some troubles regarding financial issues that UNISAR had during the previous FP6 project. In this info-day 30 participants from different faculties of the University Sarajevo attended to the events.

### **2) 27/06/2007, Info-day**

Within the frame of "Info day – FP7" organized by University of Sarajevo (June, 27th, 2007) FABNET project was another presented by UNISAR, as well as UNISAR experience in FP projects. In this info-day 40 participants from different faculties of University attended to the event.

### **3) 20/04/2007, Coordination meeting of the BAFN project**

During the 12-month coordination meeting of the FP6 BAFN project that was held in Skopje, FYROM, in April 20, 2007 EQY presented the collaborative actions undertaken with the FP6 EU-Balkan-Fabnet project:

- Completion of the BAFN databases : in adding the Croatian companies and the Montenegrin research groups and companies.
- Creation of a catalogue : on WBC potential participants in FP7 projects related to FAB (Food Agriculture Biotechnology) sectors.

while ETAT as project coordinator of the FP6 EU-Balkan-Fabnet project presented its main objectives.

### **4) 19/10/2007, Coordination meeting of the BAFN project**



During the 18-month coordination meeting of the FP6 BAFN project that was held in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, in October 19, 2007 EQY presented the last contribution of the FP6 EU-Balkan-Fabnet project to the BAFN databases.

#### **5) 12/01/2007, Italian launch of the first call in FAFB**

12/01/2007 - Italian launch of the first call in FAFB, Florence. The event was organized by APRE on the behalf of the Italian Ministry of Research. Amongst others, Christian Patermann, , DG Research, presented the first call. In the afternoon, face to face meeting with the BIO NCP (Anca Nicolescu) were arranged.

#### **6) 06/01/2007, FP7 – Research in the field of biotechnology, agriculture, food, fisheries and forestry a cooperation between EU, Balkan region and Eastern European neighbourhood area**

26/01/2007 - FP7 – Research in the field of biotechnology, agriculture, food, fisheries and forestry a cooperation between EU, Balkan region and Eastern European neighbourhood area, Bucharest. The event, organized by the Romanian BIO NCP, was the Romanian launch of the first FAFB call. It was attended by several EC representatives, among which Christian Patermann. EU-BALKAN FABNET was presented, as requested by the Project Officer.

#### **7) 08/06/2007, The Knowledge-based bio-economy**

08/06/2007 - The Knowledge-based bio-economy, Camerino. The event was organized by the University of Camerino, and it was focused on the FP7. APRE had a presentation on "New approach to international cooperation in FP7". EU-BALKAN FABNET was presented.

#### **8) 11/06/2007, The opportunities of the 7FP for agriculture and rural environment**

11/06/2007 - The opportunities of the 7FP for agriculture and rural environment, Florence. The event was organized by Tuscany region, and aimed at informing Italian researcher on the opportunities of the FP7 and in particular of Food sector, Environment and Energy. APRE presented EU-BALKAN FABNET project.

#### **9) 22/09/2007, The International cooperation and the opportunities of European funding for Industries**

22/09/2007 - The International cooperation and the opportunities of European funding for Industries, San Marino. The event was organized by the World Trade Center of San Marino and APRE, and aimed at promoting the 7FP in the Republic of San Marino. APRE presented the opportunities of international cooperation in 7FP and EU-BALKAN FABNET project.

#### **10) 05/10/2007, New technologies for the treatment and valorization of agro-bio products**

05/10/2007 - New technologies for the treatment and valorization of agro-bio products, Terni. The international event aimed at joining together experts coming from academia and industry, local and national organization in order to discuss the scenario of waste disposal, by discussing some available technologies. APRE presented, during the closing session, the opportunities of international cooperation in 7FP and EU-BALKAN FABNET project.

#### **11) 25.-26.1.2007., Bucharest, Romania, FP7 FAFB launching event**



A big conference representing the Romanian FP7 FAFB launching event took place in Bucharest, on January 25-26, 2007, in cooperation with the EC. Being invited by the Romanian BIO NCP, Mrs Lana Zutelija has participated in the 1st day of the event, together with prof. Vlasta Piližota from the Faculty of Food Technologies of the University of Osijek, the Croatian National SCAR representative. Together they had prepared a presentation on the Croatian experience in FP6, which has been presented by prof. Piližota on the 2nd day of the event. The presentation also included reference to the EU BALKAN FABNET project. The event was mostly addressing researchers from Romania and neighbouring countries.

#### **12) 15.3.2007., Zagreb, Croatia, Information day**

MSES has organised, together with the Croatian Association of Employers, an Information day on the Health and FAFB Theme in FP7, on March 15th, 2007. The information day was dedicated to FAFB SMEs. The EU BALKAN FABNET project has been presented, with reference to the project website, the project goals and activities.

#### **13) 15.5.2007., Plovdiv, Bulgaria, National Training**

On May 15th, 2007, the Bulgarian BIO NCP has organised a national training within the train Net Future project, and I have been invited as external speaker. Mrs Lana Zutelija has presented the "Networking in the FAFB area in FP7", with references to the ongoing networking FP6 projects in the FAFB area, in particular the EU BALKAN FABNET project, with reference to the project website, the project goals and activities. The event was mostly addressing researchers from Bulgaria.

#### **14) 25.-26.9.2007., Zagreb, Croatia, FOOD-N-CO National Training Session + Information Day**

On September 25th and 26th, 2007, MSES has organised in Zagreb the National Training Session + Information Day for the FOOD-N-CO project. The event was addressing mostly researchers and multipliers, and Mrs Lana Zutelija has presented the "Networking in the FAFB area in FP7", with references to the ongoing networking FP6 projects in the FAFB area, and the Croatian experience in FP6. Both presentations included detailed and specific references to the EU BALKAN FABNET project.

#### **15) 28.9.2007., Osijek, Croatia, National Training Session + Information Day**

On September 28th, 2007, MSES has organised in Osijek a FAFB the National Training Session + Information Day. The event was addressing mostly researchers and multipliers, and Mrs Lana Zutelija has presented the "Networking in the FAFB area in FP7", with references to the ongoing networking FP6 projects in the FAFB area, and the Croatian experience in FP6. Both presentations included detailed and specific references to the EU BALKAN FABNET project.

#### **16) 12/4/2007, info day**

The national FP7 Information day took place at the University of Montenegro in Podgorica on the 12 April 2007. It was organized by the Ministry of Education and Science and the Agency for International Scientific, Education, Cultural and Technical Cooperation under the project ERA WESTBALKAN+. There were altogether 66 participants from the University, research institutions, SMEs, NGOs, and public administration.

The speakers on the Information day were Montenegrin FP7 NCPs, domestic researchers involved in Framework Programmes and Dr Jana Kolar - a guest speaker from Slovenia with the significant experience in EU FPs. Tamara Tovjanin, within her presentation on CSAs, presented the project EU-Balkan-FABNET.





### **17) 12/7/2007, workshop**

The First workshop for researchers in Montenegro under the project EU-Balkan-FABNET was held on 12 July 2007 at the Institute of Biotechnology in Podgorica. It was organised in the light of the 2007 second call for proposals under the theme Food, agriculture and fisheries and biotechnology of the EU FP7. The participants were mainly from the University and research institutions but also from the SMEs, NGOs, relevant public bodies and multipliers' organisations. There were altogether 33 participants.

The workshop covered following presentations: General information on FP7 and status of Montenegro; KBBE – Concept, 2007 Second Call, INCO, SME; Types of projects (funding schemes) and also two presentations with the practical examples of the topics and proposals under preparation given by researchers from two mayor research institutes in Montenegro – Biotechnical institute and Institute of Marine Biology. The topics were chosen by the presenting researchers on the basis of the consultations with their colleagues. Besides these two researchers, the speakers at the event were Branka Žižić, national NCP coordinator and Tamara Tovjanin as Bio NCP and project partner who also presented EU-Balkan-FABNET project.

### **18) 17/12/2007, workshop**

The Second workshop for researchers under the project EU-Balkan-FABNET in Montenegro was held on 17 December 2007 at the Institute of Biotechnology. The workshop, which was attended by 28 participants (mostly from research institutions but also from University, NGOs and SMEs) was held in the light of 2008 Call for proposals under FAFB theme of FP7 published 15 days before.

The presentations covered the following topics: 2008 KBBE Call (and reporting on the Brussels Brokerage Event, 29/30 November); How to prepare an effective proposal; Writing a good partner profile; Project life cycle; Rules for Participation and Legal issues; Financial issues, and Management in FP7. Apart from local speakers, there were three speakers from the partnering institutions in the EU-Balkan-FABNET project – APRE (Italy) and Europroject (Bulgaria).

### **Overview table – Period 2 – 2008**

a/a	Planned /actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
1.	27 November 2008	Conference	NCPs	WBC, Slovenia, Austria, Spain, Greece	40-50	AISC
2.	15 January 2008	Session	Researchers, NCPs, policy - makers	WBC, Austria, Germany	40-50	AISC
3.	28 January 2008	PPT	FP info day	Belgrade, Serbia	100	UNIBEL
4.	29. January 2008	Poster presentation	FP info day	Novi Sad, Serbia	160	UNIBEL
5.	22 September 2008	leaflets disseminated	Training course	Belgrade, Serbia	90	UNIBEL
6.	24-25 October 2008	Poster presentation	Seminar/ Agricultural economics	Belgrade, Serbia	100	UNIBEL
7.	25. November	Poster presentation	FP info day	Belgrade, Serbia	62	UNIBEL
8.	04 March 2008	Bureau / poster and	researchers and scientists	Belgrade, Serbia	-	UNIBEL



a/a	Planned /actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
		promoting materials				
9.	09/05/2008	Training	Research managers and researchers	Bosnia and Herzegovina	60	UNISAR
10.	26/05/2008	Workshop	Researchers	Bosnia and Herzegovina	29	UNISAR
11.	27/11/2008	Training	Multipliers	Bosnia and Herzegovina	35	UNISAR
12.	4.2.2008., Bruxelles	BIO PC Mediterranean Group informal meeting	BIO PC members from the Mediterranean region	Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Greece, Israel, Turkey, Cyprus, Malta, Croatia	15 participants	MSES/HIT
13.	10.4.2008., Zagreb	JRC Information Day	Researchers, governmental bodies, SMEs, EC	Croatia	200 participants	MSES/HIT
14.	12.6.2008., Zagreb	Biotechnology Roundtable	Researchers, SMEs	Croatia	30 participants	MSES/HIT/EuropaBio
15.	24.9.2008., Zagreb	EBFN Training for researchers	Researchers, SMEs	Croatia	45 participants	MSES/HIT
16.	25.9.2008., Split	EBFN Training for researchers	Researchers, SMEs	Croatia	27 participants	MSES/HIT
17.	16.-17.10.2008., The Hague	BIO-NET kick-off meeting	BIO NCPs	all MS, ACC and AC	about 50 participants	MSES/SenterNovem
18.	15/01/2008	Italian launch of KBBE call	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	200 participants	APRE
19.	29/05/2008	FP7: opportunities in the agro-food sector	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	70 participants	APRE
20.	15/09/2008	Italian launch of KBBE call	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	200 participants	APRE
21.	September 2008	APRE newsletter	Researchers, universities, SMEs, industries	Italy	200 recipients	APRE
22.	27/03/2008	Coordination meeting of the BAFN project	BAFN project partners	Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, FYROM and Serbia	12	EQY and ETAT
23.	10/01/2008	Newsletter – article about Albania as associated country	BEA clients	Belgium	Around 500	BEA



a/a	Planned /actual Dates	Type	Type of audience	Countries addressed	Size of audience	Partner responsible /involved
24.	08/02/2008	Newsletter - article about Montenegro as associated country	BEA clients	Belgium	Around 500	BEA

### 3.) 28 January 2008, PPT

Belgrade 28 January 2008, Faculty for Civil Engineering, Belgrade University, Belgrade (73, Bul. Kralja Aleksandra) – number of researchers present: 100

The knowledge and experience of the FABNET project as well as the services offered by it were presented at this Info meeting organized by the Ministry for Science of the Republic of Serbia. Poster presentation and promoting materials were used to present the FABNET Project to the participants. The former experience of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Belgrade University, known to be ranked the most successful institution in Serbia involved in FP projects, was presented to the researchers taking part in the meetings. The researchers were acquainted with the web-site address of the project along with the presentations on former trainings. Researchers express their interest to participate in future training courses and to be listed for the Newsletter release were registered in the FABNET database.

### 4.) 29. January 2008, Poster presentation

Novi Sad, 29 January 2008 – Assembly of the Autonomous Province of Vojvodina (Vladike Platona bb, Novi Sad) – number of researchers present: 160

The knowledge and experience of the FABNET project as well as the services offered by it were presented at this Info meeting organized by the Ministry for Science of the Republic of Serbia. Poster presentation and promoting materials were used to present the FABNET Project to the participants. The former experience of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Belgrade University, known to be ranked the most successful institution in Serbia involved in FP projects, was presented to the researchers taking part in the meetings. The researchers were acquainted with the web-site address of the project along with the presentations on former trainings. Researchers express their interest to participate in future training courses and to be listed for the Newsletter release were registered in the FABNET database.

### 5.) 22 September 2008, leaflets disseminated

Belgrade, 22 September 2008 – Rectorate of the University of Belgrade, Studentski trg 22, Belgrade; Training course for Western Balkan countries – Framework Programme 7 – project cycle and sound financial management organised by FP7 project WBC-INCO.NET; leaflets disseminated;

The knowledge and experience of the FABNET project as well as the services offered by it were presented at this Info meeting organized by the Ministry for Science of the Republic of Serbia. Poster presentation and promoting materials were used to present the FABNET Project to the participants. The former experience of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Belgrade University, known to be ranked the most successful institution in Serbia involved in FP projects, was presented to the researchers taking part in the meetings. The researchers were acquainted with the web-site address of the project along with the presentations on former trainings. Researchers express their interest to participate in future training courses and to be listed for the Newsletter release were registered in the FABNET database.

### 6.) 24-25 October 2008, Poster presentation



Belgrade – 24-25 October, Faculty of Agriculture University of Belgrade, Seminar “Agroeconomic Science and Profession in Transition of Education and Agronomy”, poster presentation; number of participants present- 80;

The Institute for Agricultural Economics of the Faculty of Agriculture, Belgrade University organised at 24-25 October 2008 a Scientific Symposium with international participation (approx. 30 participants from abroad have been presented) entitled: “Agroeconomic science and expertise in transition of education and agriculture”. The FABNET Project has been presented in the poster section and assistance offered to researchers for partner search in future FP calls.

#### **7.) 25. November, Poster presentation**

Belgrade 25 November 2008 - Faculty of Agriculture University of Belgrade (Nemanjina 6-11080 Zemun) Info Day organised Bureau for assisting researchers and scientists in applying for the international projects, poster presentation; number of researchers present 62;

The knowledge and experience of the FABNET project as well as the services offered by it were presented at this Info meeting organized by the Ministry for Science of the Republic of Serbia. Poster presentation and promoting materials were used to present the FABNET Project to the participants. The former experience of the Faculty of Agriculture of the Belgrade University, known to be ranked the most successful institution in Serbia involved in FP projects, was presented to the researchers taking part in the meetings. The researchers were acquainted with the web-site address of the project along with the presentations on former trainings. Researchers express their interest to participate in future training courses and to be listed for the Newsletter release were registered in the FABNET database.

#### **8.) 04 March 2008, Bureau / poster and promoting materials**

A Bureau for assisting researchers and scientists in applying for the projects of the European Commission was opened on 4 March 2008 within the auspices of the Ministry for Science of the Republic of Serbia and the Serbian Academy for Science and Arts. At the opening ceremony which was attended by the representatives of the Ministry, the president of the Belgrade University and other institutions involved in FP projects, the FABNET poster and promoting materials were presented. The employees at the Bureau for assisting scientists who apply for the EC projects held a separate meeting with the coordinator of the FABNET Project, were acquainted with the activities and problems which arise during the realisation of the Project and were handed over the database on Multipliers and document on Funds for financially supporting projects in the field of agriculture and food.

#### **9.) 09/05/2008, Training**

Remarkable promotion was made through the one-day training programme for research managers organized in frame of the Project WBC-INCO.NET (Co-ordination of Research Policies with the Western Balkan Countries) by SBRA (Slovenian Business and Research Association) in cooperation with ANUBiH (Academy of Science and Art of Bosnia and Herzegovina) and NCP FP B&H in Sarajevo.

#### **10.) 26/05/2008, Workshop**

**EBFN event:** Dissemination activities were conducted through two meetings organized by University of Sarajevo (the second workshop organized for B&H researchers and the training for B&H multipliers). On this occasion, FABnet project was promoted, experiences in FP projects, advantages they offer but also possible problems that potential participants can face with has been presented and elaborated.

#### **11.) 27/11/2008, Training**



**EBFN event:** Dissemination activities were conducted through two meetings organized by University of Sarajevo (the second workshop organized for B&H researchers and the training for B&H multipliers). On this occasion, FABnet project was promoted, experiences in FP projects, advantages they offer but also possible problems that potential participants can face with has been presented and elaborated.

**12) 4.2.2008., Bruxelles, Belgium - BIO PC Mediterranean Group informal meeting**

An informal meeting of the BIO PC members from the Mediterranean region (taking place each time the day before the official BIO PC meeting in Bruxelles), involving 10 countries: Italy, Spain, France, Portugal, Greece, Israel, Turkey, Cyprus, Malta, Croatia, with about 15 participants. I have informed them about the project, and offered assistance as far as the WBC region is concerned.

**13) 10.4.2008., Zagreb, Croatia - JRC (Joint Research Centre) Information day**

The JRC DG has organised, together with HIT/MSES, the JRC Information Day, where one of the sessions was related the agro-food sector, therefore addressing the researchers in that area. I have advertised the project to the researchers I have met there/been in touch afterwards, in the role of BIO NCP, informing them about the project, explaining the possibilities for cooperation and partner search within the WBC region and among European countries, as well as mentioning the trainings which will be organised.

**14) 12.6.2008., Zagreb, Croatia - Biotechnology Roundtable (EuropaBio)**

A roundtable on Biotechnology, organised by EuropaBio, where I was invited to participate as BIO NCP. I have informed all the participants about the project, explaining them the possibilities for cooperation and partner search within the WBC region and among European countries, as well as mentioning the trainings which will be organised.

**15) 24.9.2008., Zagreb, Croatia - Training for Researchers**

On September 24th, 2008, I have organised in Zagreb the EU Balkan FABNet Training for Researchers. The event was addressing mostly researchers, with 45 participants, and with constant references to the project.

**16) 25.9.2008., Split, Croatia - Training for Researchers**

On September 25th, 2008, I have organised in Split the EU Balkan FABNet Training for Researchers. The event was addressing mostly researchers, with 45 participants, and with constant references to the project.

**17) 16.-17.10.2008., The Hague, The Netherlands - BIO-NET kick-off meeting**

The BIO-NET project (the BIO NCP network) started on September 1st 2008, and the kick-off took place on October 16-17, 2008. All BIO NCPs were attending the meeting. I have advertised the project and its possibilities among most of the participants, and a possibility for cooperation has come up: one of the addressed regions for the trainings for researchers will be the WBC region, and the best practice of the EBFN project, as well as contacts and useful information will be used.

**18) 15/01/2008 - Italian launch of the KBBE call, Bari.**



The event was organized by APRE on the behalf of the Italian Ministry of Research. Amongst others, Antonio Di Giulio, , DG Research, presented the call. In the afternoon, face to face meeting with the BIO NCP (Gianluca Rossi) were arranged.

**19) 29/05/2008 - FP7: opportunities in the agro-food sector, Sassari.**

The event was organized by AGRIS Sardegna, and it was focused on the 7FP. APRE had a presentation on "Food, agriculture, fisheries and biotechnology". EU-BALKAN FABNET was presented.

**20) 15/09/2008 - Italian launch of the KBBE call, Rome.**

The event was organized by APRE on the behalf of the Italian Ministry of Research. Amongst others, Antonio Di Giulio, , DG Research, presented the call. In the afternoon, face to face meeting with the BIO NCP (Gianluca Rossi) were arranged.

**21) September 2008 – APRE newsletter.**

An article on EU-BALKAN FABNET was published. The APRE Newsletter is disseminated among the APRE's 90 members (about 300 contacts) that are Universities, Local authorities, SMEs groupings, Industrial groupings, research centres, banks and chambers of commerce. They are in turn multipliers, so the potential dissemination in Italy is very high.

**22) 27/03/2008, Coordination meeting of the BAFN project**

Euroquality also presented the EU-Balkan-FABNET at the time of each BAFN coordination meeting

**23) 10/01/2008, Newsletter**

BEA newsletter included an article about Albania as associated country. It was disseminated to BEA clients.

**24) 08/02/2008, Newsletter**

BEA newsletter included an article about Montenegro as associated country. It was disseminated to BEA clients.

**3.3. Publishable results**

*This section provides a publishable summary of each exploitable result the project has generated, and should therefore be included **only when the consortium** is ready to publicise and have taken the appropriate measures to protect their IPR.*

No exploitable results, i.e., knowledge having a potential for industrial or commercial application in research activities or for developing, creating or marketing a product or process or for creating or providing a service, were produced by the project during the second period.





#### 4. Final management report

Partner	Cost model	Management direct cost	Of which subcontracting	Management indirect cost	Management total	Other specific activities direct cost	Of which subcontracting	Other specific activities indirect cost	Other specific activities total	including adjustment between the two periods of	Total	Requested EC contribution
ETAT	FC	22397,23	1500	4179,56	26577,39	46846,98	2885	8792,4	55639,38		82216,77	82216,77
SEDA	FC	4200,00	1900,00	460,00	4660,00	27595,00	500,00	5419,00	33014,00		37674,00	37674,00
AIISC	FCF	2858,53	1200,00	331,70	3190,23	13202,63	500,00	2540,52	15743,15		18933,38	18933,38
UNIBEL	AC	2214,20	1400,00	162,84	2377,04	33513,51	931,10	6516,48	40029,99		42407,03	42407,03
CMU	FC	2600,00	1400,00	240,00	2840,00	29332,97	2128,00	5440,99	34773,96		37613,96	37613,96
UNISAR	FC	1760,00	1200,00	112,00	1872,00	39750,82	500,00	7940,16	48140,98		50012,98	50012,98
MSES	AC	1700,00	0,00	340,00	2040,00	53405,41	946,50	10491,79	63897,20		65937,20	65937,20
APRE	FC	3317,37	1248,00	413,87	3731,24	47351,01	0,00	9470,20	56899,45	78,26	60630,69	60630,69
EQY	FCF	4512,80	500,00	802,56	5315,36	55319,60	0,00	11063,92	66383,52		71698,88	71698,88
BEA	FC	1783,56	1000,00	156,71	1940,27	39248,04	0,00	7849,61	47408,66	311,01	49348,93	49348,93
EP	FCF	2267,16	200,00	413,43	2680,60	30120,93	0,00	6024,19	36145,12		38825,72	38825,72
<b>TOTAL</b>		49610,85	11548,00	7612,67	57224,13	415686,90	8390,60	81549,26	498075,41	389,27	555299,54	555299,54