

Task Force Education and Youth



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Enhanced Graz Process,

Working Table 1, Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe

Proposal for the establishment of a Task Force “Fostering and Building Human Capital” on behalf the Regional Cooperation Council

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The SP and the TFEY, **in consideration** of the latest regional developments, in particular

- The Conclusions of Working Table I of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe from *November 2006* in Bucharest, recommending the establishment of a Task Force Building Human Capital for managing the priority area Building Human Capital of the Regional Cooperation Council;
- The Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministers responsible for Education, Science and Research in South Eastern Europe signed in Istanbul on 4 May 2007;

Propose to entrust a **Task Force Fostering and Building Human Capital** as successor of the Task Force Education and Youth with the high-level, regional **Coordination Process on Education and Research** and the coordination of activities in the priority area “Fostering and Building Human Capital” of the Regional Cooperation Council.

The aim of the Task Force Building Human Capital and the Coordination Process is to promote coherency and coordination between education, higher education and research by **creating a platform of dialogue** and cooperation of actors involved in these sectors.

The mandate of the Task Force should in particular include the

- Promotion of a **regular dialogue** and coordination of activities between the areas of education, higher education and research in the SEECP region for the Regional Cooperation Council
- Coordination with **other priority areas of the RCC**, as contribution to a coherent and sustainable approach to regional cooperation in SEE by all actors involved
- Promotion of priorities, partnerships and activities in line with the Memorandum of Understanding between the Ministers responsible for Education, Science and Research of South Eastern Europe, signed in Istanbul, and the priority of fostering and building human capital of the Regional Cooperation Council.

To that end, the coordination process will promote and facilitate **regular meetings of high level/senior officials and senior experts** from the education, higher education and research sectors of the SEECP region. These meetings should feed – where appropriate – into the regular **meetings on ministerial level** in education, higher education and research.

The Regional Cooperation Council, the signatories of the Memorandum of Understanding from Istanbul, the Task Force Education and Youth, the Members of the Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERI SEE) and the Steering Platform on Research for the Western Balkans are invited to participate in the meetings of the Coordination Process/Task Force Building Human Capital **as its founding members**.

The members of the Task Force Building Human Capital decide about accepting new members beyond the ones listed above.