



"Boosting EU-Western Balkan Countries research collaboration in the Monitoring and Control area"

The Gateway to ICT Monitoring and Control Research in the Western Balkans

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Project Overview

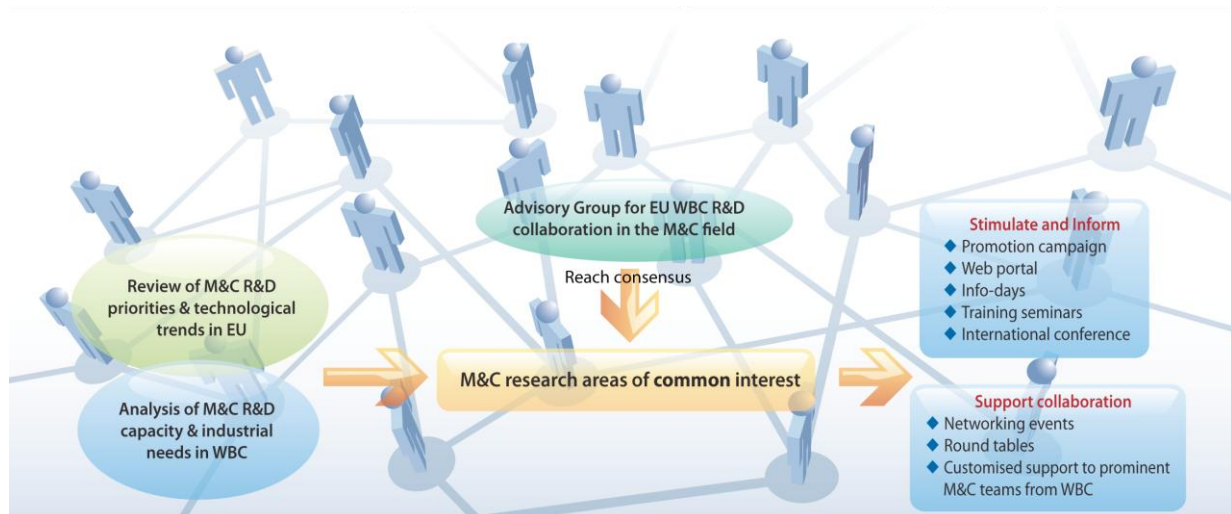
BALCON is a Support Action funded by the European Commission under the FP7-ICT programme aiming to:

- ✓ *reinforce the research cooperation* between the academic and industrial communities from the EU and the Western Balkan Countries (WBC) for the design, development and implementation of systems and applications for Monitoring and Control (M&C);
- ✓ *facilitate the preparation of joint R&D initiatives;*
- ✓ *promote the research capacity and achievements* of competent WBC research actors; and
- ✓ *foster collaboration and bring into contact* researchers from EU and WBC.

Main Objectives

To achieve its objectives, the BALCON consortium will:

- ✓ Review R&D priorities and capacity in developing M&C systems and applications in both regions in order to **assess the collaboration potential among the research and industrial communities**, aiming at identifying and highlighting the **"EU-WBC research areas of common interest in the field of M&C"** which may result in substantial benefits for both regions if R&D collaboration is reinforced.
- ✓ **Create a community of experts from both regions in the field of Monitoring and Control ("Advisory Group")** to support the early validation of the main project outcomes, increase their credibility and facilitate their wider possible diffusion. This interaction will bring key European and WBC researchers into direct contact, facilitating the exchange of ideas in order to reach consensus in the research areas with a high EU-WBC collaboration potential in the M&C field, as well as on the actions required towards strengthening this collaboration.
- ✓ **Organise a variety of networking, training and awareness raising** activities to bring research & industrial actors of the two regions closer, thus preparing the ground for concrete EU-WBC R&D activities in the M&C area.



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