**- DRAFT AGENDA –**

**24 March 2021**

09:45-10:00: Opening of the meeting room - connections

**10.00-10:45: Opening – MSCA and the Western Balkans**

**Welcome address by Ms Antoaneta Angelova-Krasteva, Director in charge of Innovation, Digital Education and International Cooperation, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture**

**Seminar's objectives - MSCA overview and key features**

*Claire Morel, Head of the Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions Unit, DG Education, Youth, Sport and Culture*

**EU-Western Balkans cooperation: status and perspectives**

*Ruta Zarnauskaite, Head of the Horizon Europe Association Unit, DG Research and Innovation*

**MSCA Project life cycle**

*Samy Bettiche, Project advisor, Research Executive Agency*

10.45-11.15: Coffee break

**11.15-12.00: Bridging MSCA with existing networks and on-going initiatives in the Western Balkans**

*Mr Sinisa Marcic,Expert, RCC | Regional Cooperation Council*

*COST | European Cooperation in Science and Technology (speaker tbc)*

*Ms. Radenka Krsmanovic Whiffen, Chair of the Western Balkans Chapter, MCAA | Marie Curie Alumni Association (tbc)*

*Mr Christof Schaefer, CERN Senior advisor - International relations office, SEEIIST | South East European International Institute for Sustainable Technologies (tbc)*

12:00-13:15: Lunch break

**13:15-14.45- MSCA actions Workshops 1** (5 parallel sessions)

1. Post-doctoral Fellowships

2. Doctoral Networks

3. Staff Exchanges

4. COFUND

5. MSCA and citizens /NIGHT

14:45- 15.00: break

**15.00-17.00: Networking bilateral meetings** (book your meetings via the interactive calendar)

**25 March 2021**

**10.30-11.00 Networking session – Meet your Western Balkan National contact point!** (6 parallel sessions with the WB NCPs)

**11.00-12.30: MSCA actions Workshops 2** (5 parallel sessions)

1. Post-doctoral Fellowships

2. Doctoral Networks

3. Staff Exchanges

4. COFUND

5. MSCA and citizens /NIGHT

**12.30-13.30: Lunch break**

**13.30-15:00 MSCA actions Workshops 3** (5 parallel sessions)

1. Post-doctoral Fellowships

2. Doctoral Networks

3. Staff Exchanges

4. COFUND

5. MSCA and citizens /NIGHT

**15.00-15.30 Break**

**15.30-17.30: Networking bilateral meetings** (book your meetings via the interactive calendar)