PTB Projects: South East Europe and Eastern Partnership

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Structure

(1) Regional cooperation project in South East Europe

(2) Regional cooperation with the countries of the Eastern Partnership
Regional Consultancy Fund for Quality Infrastructure

- **Term:** 10 / 2018 – 09 / 2022
- **Budget:** 1,2 Mio EUR (thereof only 0,6 Mio for SEE QI Fund)

- **Beneficiaries:**
  QI stakeholders from:
  Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia (WB6)

- Including bilateral focus on Accreditation and Metrology in Albania and BiH

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*
8 SEE QI projects approved, 2 with relevance for market surveillance

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<th>SEE QI Project Name</th>
<th>Coordinator</th>
<th>Timeframe</th>
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<td>1. Interlaboratory comparison for small volumes</td>
<td>Mersida Musabegović/ Organska Kontrola, BiH</td>
<td>finalised</td>
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<td>2. Adjustment of certification programs in organic production to the modified EU legal basis 2018/848</td>
<td>Tatjana Bojanić / Institute for Standardization, Serbia</td>
<td>10/2019 - 12/2021</td>
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<td>4. New EU legislation on market surveillance</td>
<td>Bianka Stoilkovska / Bureau of Metrology/ North Macedonia</td>
<td>04/2020 - 09/2021</td>
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<td>5. Metrology for medical devices</td>
<td>Dejan Stojkovski / Institute for Accreditation, North Macedonia</td>
<td>04/2020 - 12/2021</td>
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<td>6. Capacity building for harmonization of accreditation activities with the European rules in selected areas</td>
<td>Stilian Habibi/ National Metrology Institute DPM, Albania</td>
<td>04/2020 - 09/2021</td>
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<td>7. Capacity building for the implementation of interlaboratory comparisons (ILC) and proficiency tests (PT)</td>
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Preparation of a SEE QI Project on Market Surveillance

• Project objectives, output, first activities and draft action plan were developed during the workshop.
• Samir Bekto from Market Surveillance Agency of BiH was appointed beneficiary side project coordinator.
• Market Surveillance project proposal was approved by PTB in 09/2019.
• First activities started end in 11/2019.
• **Budget estimates: 75.000 EUR**
The topics covered by this project are:

- PPE Regulation (EU) 2016/425 (joint action on reflective vests)
- Machinery Directive 2006/42/EC (joint action on hand-held drills)
- Regional Unsafe Product Notification System.
- Support to the adoption of the EU regulations (table of concordance, toolbox)
Project highlights 2020/21:

• Online workshop on (EU) 2019/515 and (EU) 2019/1020 in 05/2020 with attendance from 6 WB6 countries and 4 EaP countries

• Regional follow-up workshop related to the Montenegrin adoption of (EU) 2019/1020 in 06/2021

• Very active PPE component, focussing first on PPE used in the Covid-19 crisis (protective masks) and later on market surveillance of reflective vests

• Joint action in the region related to reflective vests, including testing of 5 samples from each WB6 country

• Main conclusion: even in the time of pandemics, very effective and efficient virtual project activities can be conducted conjointly.
PTB project: Using regional synergies of the countries of the Eastern Partnership

Project website: www.eastern-partnership.ptb.de
(2) Regional cooperation with the countries of the Eastern Partnership

Support of accreditation and market surveillance

- Project goal: The Accreditation Bodies and the Market Surveillance Authorities use the increased regional exchange to adapt their activities and processes to international and European best practices.

- Term: quarter 4/2018 – quarter 10/2022
- Budget: 1.3 Mio EUR

- Beneficiary countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine
## Selection of activities 2020/2021

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<td>Training on gas appliances</td>
<td>Grenada Sofija Demakina (CRPC Latvia)</td>
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<td>Annual Market Surveillance Meeting on e-commerce</td>
<td>Linda Rinkule (CRPC Latvia)</td>
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<td>Stephan Winkelmann, German Federal Network Agency</td>
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<td>Market surveillance training on toys directive</td>
<td>Linda Rinkule, Vita Visocka (CRPC Latvia)</td>
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<td>Project Steering Committee Meeting 2021</td>
<td>Linda Rinkule</td>
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<td>Exchange meeting on „Working together with customs“</td>
<td>Linda Rinkule, Iveta Sviike (CRPC Latvia)</td>
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<td>Exchange meeting on „Virtual trainings and meetings“</td>
<td>Suzana Lange</td>
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Project planning 2021 and beyond 2022

- Needs assessment on market surveillance for activities in the next 12 months
- Application of PTB WB Quality Infrastructure Toolkit in the areas metrology, accreditation and technical regulation (including market surveillance)
- Self assessment and expert consultation
- Results will be considered in the preparation of the next project term (11/2022-1072025)
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