

SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY POLICY RESEARCH CENTER

Science and Technology Policy Research Center (STPRC) is a division within the "Mihajlo Pupin" Institute, established in 1987 in response to the growing recognition of the crucial role that science and technology play in overall socio-economic development. STPRC specializes in the implementation of projects in the areas of research and development, innovation management, entrepreneurship, the green agenda, and sustainable business practices. In these fields, it carries out projects funded by public resources, as well as the European Union under the Horizon, Erasmus Plus, Single Market, Adrion, and other programs.

The mission of the Center is to contribute to a better understanding of the importance of science, technology, and innovation for socio-economic development and to assist in formulating appropriate strategies for scientific and technological advancement.

In the past decade, the Center has focused on:

- Building research and development capacity in the business, academic, public, and civil sectors, with an emphasis on connecting industry and science, and fostering smart specialization
- Innovation management in small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) and enhancing their competitiveness, including approaches tailored to the development of women's entrepreneurship, as well as digital and green transformations
- Sustainable business analysis, with a focus on gender and green aspects of sustainable development



The Center's activities include:

- Studying the principles of science and technology development and researching technological advancements
- Research and analysis of the innovation and entrepreneurial ecosystems and their contexts
- Providing consultancy support to stakeholders in the academic, business, government, and civil sectors in the fields of research and development, innovation management, and smart specialization
- Drafting and mapping strategic documents, studies, and analyses

<u>International projects</u>

Project Archive

Participation in international projects:

- CAROUSEL, Creating A marketplace for Up-cycled productS sEcond Life, funded by ADRION (2024-2027).
- STREAM IT, ST(R)E(A)M IT/STREAMING GIRLS AND WOMEN INTO STEAM EDUCATION, INNOVATION AND RESEARCH, funded by Horizon Europe (2023-2026).
- POLICY ANSWERS R&I policy making, implementation and support in the Western Balkans, funded by Horizon Europe (2022-2026).
- RE-FEM Upskilling pathways for resiliency in the post-Covid era for female Entrepreneurs, Erasmus+ Cooperation partnerships in adult education (2022-2025).
- Enterprise Europe Network (EEN), financed under the European Union's programme for the competitiveness of SMEs (COSME and SINGLE MARKET), ongoing project since 2009.
- **EDU-LAB** New Danubian governance in labour market relevance of higher education, funded by Interreg DTP (2017-2019).
- New Generation Skills Unlocking the potentials for business and social innovation in the Danube Region by equipping young people with new generation skills, funded by Interreg DTP (2017-2019).
- Danube-INCO.NET Advancing Research and Innovation in the Danube Region, FP7 funded coordination and support action for the EUSDR in the field of research and innovation (2014-2017).



- TRAFOON Traditional Food Network to improve the transfer of knowledge for innovation, funded from the European Union's Seventh Framework Programme (2013-2016).
- WBC-INCO.NET Coordination of Research Policies with the Western Balkan Countries, co-funded by the European Community's Capacities Programme on International Cooperation under the 7th Framework Programme for Research and Technological Development (2007-2013).
- EVAL-INNO Fostering Evaluation Competencies in Research, Technology and Innovation in the SEE Region, funded under the South East Europe Transnational Cooperation Programme (2011-2014).
- INTERVALUE Inter-regional cooperation for valorisation of research results, 2009-2011, IPA (SEE) Transnational Cooperation Programme.
- ICIP Assessment of the innovation support programs to SME within the Improved SME Competitiveness and Innovation Project Republic of Serbia project, funded by the Delegation of European Union of Serbia (2011-2012).

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