Regional Economic Area - one year from Trieste

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Trade integration - deliverables and milestones

1. Protocol on Trade Facilitation (AP5) has entered into force;
2. Launching negotiations on a trade dispute settlement mechanism is agreed;
3. Adoption of the Protocol on trade in services liberalization (AP6) - still pending;
Investment - deliverables and milestones

1. Regional Investment Reform Agenda – jointly endorsed;
2. Diversification of capital markets – establishment of new regional platform and proposal for regional programme;
3. Online Investment Platform launched - joint regional investment promotion;
1. Agreement to open negotiations on a Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) on Professional Qualifications reached;

2. Structured approach on Recognition of Academic Qualifications - agreement on recognition principles and joint online system;

3. Other deliverables:
   - Support for: Open Science policies in the WB6; preparation of Smart Specialization Strategies in WB; Mobility of researchers
Digital integration - Deliverables and milestones

1. Structured High-level regional political dialogue on digitization is established - based on full WB ownership and government-industry collaboration;

2. Roaming prices:
   • Substantial decrease due to current RRA
   • Expressed willingness to expand the scope and cover all WB6 citizens;
   • Commitment to support implementation of the EU-led efforts on Roadmap for lowering roaming costs WB-EU

3. Strengthened cybersecurity capacities

4. WB6 Integrated in EU programmes and initiatives; Technical Assistance envelope for digital projects within WBIF
Thank you!