

The FAST Balkan Forum

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A. Reasons for setting up The FAST Balkan Forum

The Development process is a real time continual endeavor that requires more than running a study or writing papers. It requires a concrete design, a realistic execution, a permanent supervision and a search for quality. It is a key factor for further progress.

Collaboration, brainstorming and experience sharing, between similar participants, could significantly add to the quality of many development projects in the Balkan. The proposed Forum could be an appropriate organ for carrying out this mission.

Eastern Europe small countries, or the Balkan nations, belong to the less developed part of Europe. Since they undergo similar hardships, it makes sense to assume that collaboration and a common effort may help all of them.

The Fulbright Academy of Science & Technology, FAST is a qualified body of scholars and specialists who could and should contribute to the advancement of the Balkan area. The proposed Forum could be an important instrument for advancing the area's progress

B. The FAST Balkan Forum Mode of Operation

Membership

The Forum will be composed of two groups:

1. The representatives of the interested Balkan Nations and
2. The representatives of FAST.

The Forum also will be open for other nations, upon request

Mode of Operation

A small steering committee will run the daily operations.

Periodical meetings will be gathered, every time in another member state.

A general conference will convene annually, dedicated to common subjects.

This is only a draft any additions and changes are welcomed