



**INSTITUTE FOR ADVANCE STUDIES AND COOPERATION**



# Founding Declaration

## Quantum Balkan Initiative

A Regional Platform for Scientific Cooperation and Technological Innovation

### Preamble

Recognizing that the twenty-first century is entering a transformative technological era in which quantum science and emerging digital technologies will profoundly influence economic development, scientific discovery, cybersecurity, and global competitiveness;

Acknowledging that the nations of the Balkan region possess a rich intellectual heritage, strong academic institutions, and a growing innovation ecosystem capable of contributing meaningfully to this new scientific frontier;

Affirming that cooperation among governments, universities, research centers, and technological innovators is essential to strengthen regional capacities in education, research, and responsible technological development;

The undersigned institutions and representatives hereby express their shared commitment to the creation of the Quantum Balkan Initiative (QBI).

## **Mission and Vision**

The Quantum Balkan Initiative is established as a regional platform for dialogue, cooperation, and knowledge exchange dedicated to advancing quantum science, emerging technologies, and responsible innovation across the Balkan region.

The Initiative seeks to foster collaboration in areas including:

- quantum computing and quantum information science
- post-quantum cybersecurity and digital infrastructure resilience
- scientific education and talent development
- interdisciplinary research linking physics, computer science, and engineering
- ethical governance and responsible technological deployment
- innovation ecosystems supporting entrepreneurship and technological development.

Through cooperation and shared learning, the Initiative aims to contribute to a future in which the Balkan region plays a constructive and forward-looking role within the global scientific and technological landscape.

## **Institutional Framework**

The Quantum Balkan Initiative is launched under the auspices of the Institute for Advanced Studies and Cooperation (IASC), an independent non-profit organization registered in Albania and dedicated to advancing international scientific dialogue, technological innovation, and interdisciplinary research.

Within this framework, the Initiative operates as a regional cooperation platform, bringing together academic institutions, public organizations, research centers, and technological innovators committed to advancing quantum science and related emerging technologies.

The Institute for Advanced Studies and Cooperation will serve as the initial coordinating body, facilitating dialogue, convening working groups, and supporting collaborative initiatives among participating institutions.

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## **Principles of Cooperation**

The signatories to this declaration affirm their commitment to the following guiding principles:

Scientific collaboration

Promoting open dialogue, joint research initiatives, and knowledge exchange among institutions across the Balkan region.

Educational advancement

Supporting educational initiatives that strengthen scientific literacy and cultivate the next generation of researchers, engineers, and innovators.

Peaceful technological development

Encouraging the responsible use of advanced technologies for the benefit of society, economic development, and international cooperation.

Regional cooperation

Strengthening the spirit of collaboration among Balkan countries through shared scientific initiatives and mutual support.

Ethical responsibility

Advancing technological development guided by principles of human dignity, transparency, and responsible governance.

## **Participation**

Participation in the Quantum Balkan Initiative is open to:

- universities and academic institutions
- research centers and laboratories
- public institutions and innovation agencies
- technology companies and industry partners
- international organizations and scientific networks.

Institutions and individuals who endorse this declaration become Founding Signatories of the Quantum Balkan Initiative, contributing to the establishment of a collaborative platform dedicated to advancing scientific knowledge and technological innovation across the region.

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## **Nature of the Declaration**

This declaration represents a voluntary expression of cooperation and shared intention among the signatories.

It does not create financial or legal obligations but reflects a mutual commitment to dialogue, collaboration, and the advancement of scientific knowledge for the benefit of the Balkan region and the broader international community.

## Adoption

Adopted on this day at the launch of the Quantum Balkan Initiative, the undersigned representatives affirm their support for the principles and objectives expressed in this declaration.

### Signatories

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Institution / Organization: \_\_\_\_\_

Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Title / Position: \_\_\_\_\_

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