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One of RCI's tasks as a regional project is to research and analyze the most current economic issues, then present opinions and possible solutions to the regional USAID Missions, Projects and other local stakeholders.

Below is a summary list of reports developed in recent years under the Regional Competitiveness Initiative:

- At the 2008 RCI Annual Event in Budva, Montenegro, RCI presented the report "*Competitiveness in the Europe and Eurasia Region: Past, Present and Future*", by Neal Nathanson from USAID Washington, who then updated the report into "*Europe and Eurasia Region: An Overview of USAID Supported Competitiveness Projects*".
- At the 2009 RCI Annual Event in Kyiv, Ukraine, with the global economic and financial crisis affecting the region, RCI focused on this most urgent topic with "*Causes of the Crisis, Its Transmission to Eastern Europe, and Impacts on Economic and Social Conditions*", presented by Dr. Paul Marer from the Central European University in Budapest.
- At that same event, RCI presented the reports "*Technology and Innovation Competitiveness in Eastern and Southeastern Europe*" by Goran Radman, former South East Europe Director for Microsoft and "*Workforce Competitiveness in the Next Decade*" by Dr. Eric Butler.
- At the 2010 RCI Annual Event in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Dr. Paul Marer presented an update on the global crisis with "*The Global Economic Crises: Impact on Eastern Europe*" and "*The Greece-Euro Crises and their impacts in Eastern Europe*".
- Other interesting presentations were made on efforts to overcome the crisis by Dr. Krassen Stanchev from the Institute for Market Economics, "*Coming Out of the Crisis: Caucasus, Moldova and Ukraine*", and by Dr. Dragana Radevic from CEED Consulting Montenegro, "*Coming out of the Global Economic Crisis: Current Status, Effects, and Responses - Sub-regional focus on the Western Balkans*".
- RCI also develops sector-specific reports. In 2009 for instance, at a workshop on workforce development activities in Macedonia, RCI presented "*USAID Macedonia Workforce Development Assessment: Taking Steps toward a 21st Century Workforce*" by Dr. Eric Butler.

All of these reports and many more can be found on the RCI website - www.rciproject.com. Feel free to use them in your work and disseminate to your partners and clients.

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