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This newsletter brings you the latest news, stories and opportunities – all you need to know about the European Union and the Western Balkans.

## #EUandYOU

The EU continues to [support civil society in the Western Balkans](#), from regional projects that engage youth in fostering dialogue, collaboration, and mutual understanding to local initiatives that tackle specific community challenges. Through the European Endowment for Democracy, underserved civil society groups receive crucial support, empowering those who need it most. Whether

it's uplifting non-majority media and NGOs or bridging divides through music, the EU's commitment to strengthening civil society remains unwavering.

In addition, new investments and grants are [flowing into the Western Balkans](#), supporting vital water and sanitation projects that ensure communities have reliable access to clean water. The EU is also enhancing connectivity within the region and [with the EU by upgrading critical railways](#), making transportation more reliable and sustainable.

Our Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) made a [powerful impression at the Sarajevo Film Festival](#), fully involving themselves in the experience by attending impactful film screenings, participating in workshops, and exploring Sarajevo's historic streets. A key highlight was their involvement in the "Human Rights in Times of Uncertainty" panel, moderated by YEA Olta Shehu from Albania, where they brought fresh, youth-driven perspectives to crucial discussions on human rights challenges. Their enthusiasm and deep engagement in these conversations highlight the EU's commitment to empowering the next generation to lead positive change across the Western Balkans.

*Happy reading!*

*The WeBalkans.eu team.*

## Featured stories



## [ONE CLICK CLOSER: CHALLENGING STEREOTYPES AND UNLEASHING CREATIVITY](#)

In today's digital world, mastering digital skills is no longer a luxury. Digital skills can bridge gaps, unlock opportunities, and challenge deep-rooted prejudices.

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- ✓ [European Mini-Slate Development Support Initiative](#)
- ✓ [AI Challenge 2024: Call for participation](#)
- ✓ [European Digital Identity and Trust Ecosystem](#)
- ✓ [Strengthening Regional Collaboration to Combat Disinformation](#)
- ✓ [Call for proposals for innovative solutions for the green transition of the Serbian economy](#)

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## YEA Blog



## Đerdap 1 and 2

**Author:** Adrijana Nikitovic and Velimir Milosev, Young European Ambassadors from Serbia

Our YEAs from Serbia, Adriana and Velimir, recently visited the Đerdap hydropower plant, which was revitalised with funds from the EU. Adriana, a Political Science graduate, offers a compelling perspective on the plant's power by illustrating that every fifth household in Serbia is electrified by Đerdap. This visit sheds light on the significant impact of EU investments in sustainable energy infrastructure. [Check out this latest YEA blog post.](#)

Don't miss our latest reel showcasing the impressive Đerdap 1 and 2 hydropower plants. [Check it out now!](#)

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## YEA Blog



# [Empowering Kosovo's youth:](#) [Pristina's new Faculty of Mathematics](#) [and Natural Sciences](#)

**Author:** Amina Kaja, Young European Ambassador from Kosovo

Our YEA Amina recently explored the University of Pristina's new, EU-funded Faculty of Mathematics and Natural Sciences. In her latest blog post, she shares how this modern facility is enhancing education and offering Kosovo's youth a high-quality academic experience at home. Discover more in [Amina's insightful blog post](#).

Don't miss our latest reel showcasing the Mathematics and Natural Sciences campus. [Check it out now!](#)

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