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## Newsletter

This newsletter brings you the latest news, stories, funding opportunities, and related information on cooperation between the European Union and the Western Balkans.

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Our societies have embraced technology to **modernise the way we communicate**, get information and engage over distance. However, we should not allow such trends to undermine **fundamental human rights** that shape our democracies.

In this issue, human rights and democratic values are to the fore in two stories featured from Kosovo. You can read about how the **growth in online media platforms** has led to a surge in outlets spreading 'fake' news and misleading information – and how EU support is helping to tackle this phenomenon, all the while **guaranteeing core rights of freedom of expression and information**. You can also learn more about the achievements of an EU-funded, pioneering LGBTQI civil society group, working courageously to address discrimination and inequality of minority communities.

And last up, the virtual tour of the EU institutions is still online, with a special section dedicated to EU-Western Balkan relations. Find out more in our news section.

Enjoy these inspiring stories and more in this month's newsletter.

Happy reading! The **WeBalkans.eu** team

## Featured stories



### Out and online

With EU support, a pioneer LGBTI organisation marches in defence of the community in Kosovo. “We organise the Pride Parade to raise awareness about the rights of the LGBTI community, but also to voice our concerns about the violation of those rights,” says Arber Nuhiu of the Center for Social Group Development.

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## Journalists get more time to tell the truth

Investigative journalism is a precious commodity that the EU considers worth investing in.

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## A walk through Western Balkan cultural heritage

An EU-funded project supports a unique way of promoting cultural heritage in the Western Balkans.

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# Don't miss these opportunities

- [EU Open Data Days – Shaping our future with open data](#)
- [The European exchange programme for entrepreneurs](#)

- [EU supports local employment partnerships in BiH with €3.2 million](#)

## Latest news



07 May 2021

#EuropeDay – the EU throws open its virtual doors!

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11 May 2021

Western Balkan Youth Talks: how can the EU connect better with youth?

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20 May 2021

EU invests an additional €40 million to help ease impact of COVID-19 crisis.

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## New call for the Young European Ambassadors!

WeBalkans will soon launch a new call for the Young European Ambassadors!

We are looking for young leaders who will inspire change across the Western Balkan region and the EU - who will Connect, Create, Learn and Influence.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the new Call on our website.

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