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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.

#EUandYOU

Younger generations everywhere, including the Western Balkans, are embracing **creativity** and **innovation** to shape the future. Growing up in a wireless society, the youth perceive connectivity in different ways compared to previous generations.

In this issue, we bring you some stories of youth activist groups in Albania. From breaking boundaries to improve the position of discriminated communities, to embracing innovative ways to improve the environment, young people are getting active and getting involved. The topics may be different, but the goals are the same – **speaking up**, raising awareness and working to bring about change for the better.

In a similar vein, we have just launched a new call for interested young people to join the Young European Ambassadors (YEA) network across the Western Balkans. Are you between 18 and 29 years old and ready to inspire change? To connect, create, learn and influence? If so, the YEAs are looking for you! The **YEA network** offers a brilliant platform

for young game-changers to get involved in creative projects, acquire new skills, organise inspiring events and learn together about each another and about the European Union.

The **applications are open until 10 July 2021** and more details are available [here](#).

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

Featured stories



Feeling proud, more than once a year

“Love is the vaccine against homophobia” was this year’s slogan for the month-long activities celebrating the diversity and pride of LGBTQI people in Albania. It was a call for understanding and acceptance following a difficult year, full of uncertainty, fear and isolation during the pandemic.

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‘Green lungs’ driving environmental change

A first mapping of air quality carried out with EU support sheds fresh light on Albania’s pollution problem. Now it’s up to decision-makers to act.

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Gladiators are back in theatre in Stobi

EU funding has enabled an NGO from North Macedonia to develop a virtual reality tool taking you back to the gladiator battles of 1,500 years ago.

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Don't miss these opportunities

- [New call for cross-border projects Albania-Kosovo](#)
- [Promoting the digital agenda for Western Balkan CSOs](#)

Latest news



17 June 2021

EU Awards for Investigative Journalism presented in Podgorica, Montenegro

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11 June 2021

EU cashback encourages energy efficient home upgrades in Serbia and North Macedonia.

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10 June 2021

Innovative Western Balkans tech ideas join EIT Jumpstarter programme.

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New call for the Young European Ambassadors!

WeBalkans has launched a new call for the Young European Ambassadors – YEA!
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.

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