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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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We're signing off the month of July with concrete **results** and new commitments to strengthen **regional cooperation** in the Western Balkans.

“**Roam like at Home**” was the landmark achievement marked on 1 July that allows citizens of Western Balkans to use telecommunication services within the region **without additional roaming costs**. It marks a stepping-stone in the **digital transformation** of the region and an opportunity to **increase connectivity** amongst citizens and businesses alike.

In the same week, the **Berlin Summit** brought together representatives from the Western Balkans with their counterparts from nine EU Member States, high-level EU representatives and the United Kingdom. The Summit was a great chance to advance on their regional cooperation and **European integration agenda**, while the European

Commission reconfirmed its commitment to support for the region in its post-pandemic recovery through the **Economic and Investment Plan**.

Meanwhile, young people, including some of our **Young European Ambassadors**, met in the **Western Balkans Youth Forum** and agreed to create a **Regional Youth Agenda** that aims to improve their position and lives. Participants discussed key challenges and topics such as reconciliation and peacebuilding, sustainable development, and increasing youth participation.

And, on that note, if you are young and want to inspire change, this is the last chance to join the new generation of the Young European Ambassadors (YEA) network across the Western Balkans! The network offers a brilliant platform for young game-changers to get involved in creative projects, acquire new skills, organise inspiring events and learn about each other and the European Union.

**Applications are open until 30 July 2021** and more details are available [here](#).

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

## Featured stories

Welcome to the family



## Baby-inspired entrepreneur from Bosnia and Herzegovina

“I think women entrepreneurs can make miracles happen with a little support”.

Mirna Perendija is the owner of DracoMom Carriers, a thriving business producing locally-made baby carriers. She is one of many entrepreneurs who have received support from EU4Business.

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**Local flavours meet global clients**



**Pristine for Pristina! Safe water supply for years to come**

An EU-funded project supports Albania and Montenegro in promoting local cuisine internationally.

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From scarce to steady: how one EU-backed project saved Kosovo's capital from water shortages.

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## Don't miss these opportunities

- [Furthering gender equality through the EU accession process](#)
- [BIRN launches call for EU Investigative Journalism Award for 2021 in Albania](#)
- [New call for Albania-Montenegro cross-border projects](#)

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## News highlights



01 July 2021

The Western Balkans becomes a roaming free zone



06 July 2021

Berlin Summit: Western Balkans strengthen regional cooperation



13 July 2021

EU allocates €13.5 million for civil society in the Western Balkans

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## **New call for the Young European Ambassadors!**

Join the Young European Ambassadors Network - YEA - by 30 July 2021!

WeBalkans.eu is looking for young leaders to inspire change across the Western Balkan region and the EU - who will Connect, Create, Learn and Influence.

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