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## Newsletter

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

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Just look around and you will find a piece of the European Union in every corner of the Western Balkans. It comes in many shapes and forms: an opportunity to thrive in business, equal access to education, or a get-together for young people to meet their peers from other parts of the region. Read more in our **feature stories** and visit our brand new [photo library](#)!

Don't forget to have your say on the next batch of the **Young European Ambassadors** – the [vote](#) is open until **30 September**! Hundreds of young people from the Western Balkans have applied and 250 of them are in the run to be part of the network that offers opportunities to take part in great events and projects – and has a mission to inspire positive change among the young people in the region.

## Featured stories



### **Sowing the seeds of success**

Back to his roots: a young emigrant returns to Albania and becomes a successful entrepreneur with EU support. Mikel Hoxha, farmer: “The support from the EU was a point where I could make the big leap from being a farmer to being a real entrepreneur in the seed business.”

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### Young Serbs and Kosovars ask themselves “How do I see you?”

An EU-funded project helps young people see beyond prejudices and express their eye-opening experience in short movies

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### Restored grandfather’s house gets a second life

An EU-funded project promoting traditional architecture helps villagers in the Albania-Montenegro border region to thrive in tourism

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## News highlights



23/08/2021

EU adopts equivalence decision on COVID digital certificate for North Macedonia

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15/08/2021

New homes for 32 families in Bosnia and Herzegovina from the EU-funded Regional Housing Programme

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12/08/2021

Forest fires: The EU continues to mobilise assistance for the Western Balkans

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## Don't miss these opportunities

- [Opportunity for basic journalism training for high school students in Kosovo](#)
- [Open call for mitigating Covid-19 crisis impact on destinations and tourism in BiH](#)
- [€20 million grants for the development of innovation in Serbia](#)

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# The online voting is now open

Vote for YEA



# Vote for your favourite Young European Ambassador

Candidates from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia are awaiting your votes to become part of the Young European Ambassadors network. Help them speak up for young people and inspire change throughout the Western Balkans and the European Union.

VOTE NOW!

## Stories

If you have a story about an EU funded project you want to share on our WeBalkans page, drop us a line!

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## Opportunities

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