



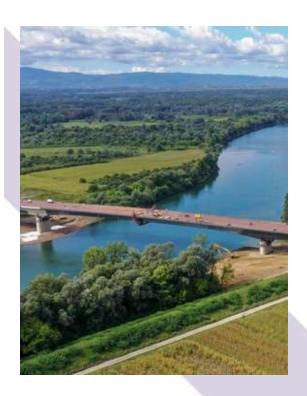


We all seek shorter travel times, better air quality and faster digital connections. Under the Economic and Investment Plan for the Western Balkans, the EU is responding by stepping up investment in connectivity across the board. The goal? Cleaner, greener and more accessible connections for all.

To find out more, you can dive into the detail in our brand new thematic section. The section provides an overview of the main areas of EU investment and cooperation in the Western Balkans. From <u>Connectivity</u> to <u>Democracy</u>, <u>Culture</u> to <u>Environment</u> and more, each page links to stories, news and opportunities related to the topic, and highlights all the main programmes and key contacts for more in-depth information.

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#### **Featured stories**



# Bridging the gap over the river Sava

The EU-backed new bridge between
Croatia and Bosnia and Herzegovina will
be a 'game-changer' for local economies
and beyond, easing connections between
the Western Balkans and the EU.

The modern facilities and improved infrastructure is expected to slash waiting times at the border on Route 2a, which runs almost 240 km.

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# Sarajevo on track to a greener and cleaner city

With European Investment Bank financing
- the EU's lending arm - Sarajevo's tram
network gets new vehicles for the first
time in 40 years.





## Walking in the footsteps of Mother Teresa

Restoration of a pilgrimage mountain path linking Kosovo and North Macedonia brings a boost to local economies and shared cultural heritage.

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EC sets out reform
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### **Don't miss these opportunities**

- The European exchange programme for entrepreneurs
- 2020 Erasmus accreditation in the field of Youth

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# YEA "Voices from the Western Balkans" at EYE 2021

Sixteen of the Western Balkans <u>Young European Ambassadors</u> (YEAs) participated in this year's <u>European Youth Event</u> (EYE) hosted by the European Parliament in Strasbourg. They joined thousands of young people from all over the European Union and beyond to engage in this year's topic, "The future is ours".

The event was an opportunity for participants to make an active contribution to shape and share their ideas on the future of Europe – to feed into the citizen-led <u>Conference on the Future of Europe</u> process underway.

Find more highlights from this unique experience in this <u>news article</u>.

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