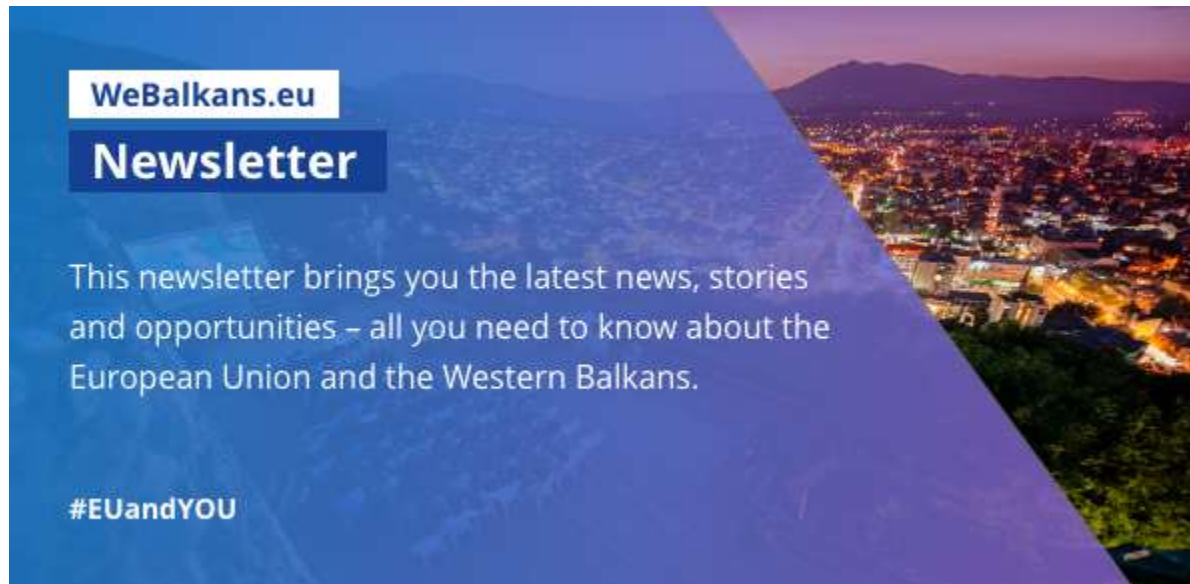




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We are coming to the end of a year that has been defined by adapting to a new normal during the pandemic.

2021 started with coronavirus relief, assistance and vaccination programmes that showed an incredible spirit of togetherness between the region and the European Union fighting a common enemy to public health. Now, the EU's unprecedented Economic and Investment Plan offers the best way for the region to emerge stronger from the pandemic. By putting forward almost €30 billion of funding and investments the Plan will unlock opportunities for future growth and bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU. [Together it's possible.](#)

One thing is for sure – we have grown together as a community around [WeBalkans](#) wherever we are: in the region, the EU and beyond. There are more ways to follow what's happening as in addition to our channels on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Instagram](#) and [YouTube](#), during this year we launched our presence on [Spotify](#) and [Flickr](#).

Thank you for being with us this year!

🎉 Happy New Year 2022 from the WeBalkans.eu team.

## Featured stories



### Big ideas in a small box

An entrepreneur from Kosovo has launched an innovative product to develop children's electronic and engineering skills.

The Labbox electronic building blocks teach children the fundamentals of science and computer engineering in a fun and interactive way.

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### **“My quality of life has visibly improved”**

Personal assistance becomes a permanent service for people with disabilities in Serbia’s Mačvan district with EU support.

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## YEAs grow in numbers and in success

2021 has been the best year that [the Young European Ambassadors](#) (YEAs) have had so far. With the reintroduction of physical [events](#), YEAs took the opportunity to rise and shine, sharing their ideas and becoming the inspiration for change in the region and across the EU.

The network has grown this year by bringing on board another 60 young people from the six Western Balkans countries, introducing a diverse mix of skills and passions. The [120 YEAs](#) share with their peers information about the opportunities that the EU offers – for education, skills development, travel, advocacy and much more.

Follow the Young European Ambassadors in the new year [here](#).

Happy 2022 from the YEA network!

## Stories

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