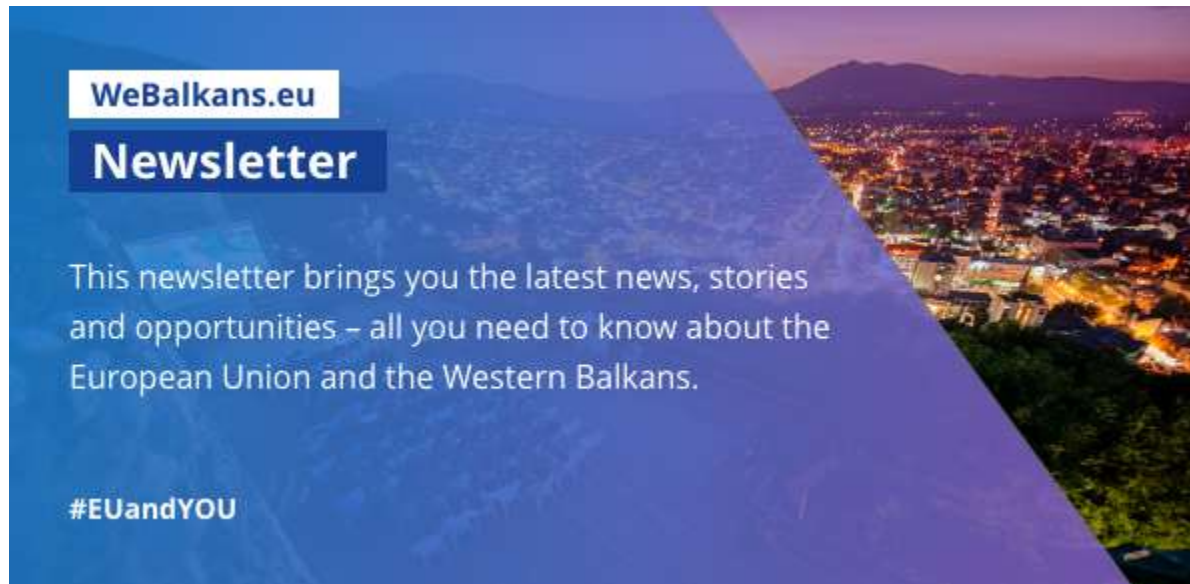




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## Newsletter

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

#EUandYOU

What a way to start 2022 for the Western Balkans! Not only will this designated European Year of Youth involve young people from across the region in numerous activities, but...

- ▶ Novi Sad in Serbia is one of the three [European Capitals of Culture](#), and
- ▶ Tirana in Albania is named [European Youth Capital](#).

Such awards are a testament to how much these cities have to offer the rest of the continent, and confirm that they share common European values.

As the European Capital of Culture, Novi Sad will hold hundreds of events with thousands of artists in eight programme areas. With the slogan “For new bridges” the city aims to build new bridges of cooperation and exchange between artists and organisations from Novi Sad and Serbia with the wider European cultural scene.

In Albania, young people make up about half of the country's population, and are the most pro-European segment of society. That is why Tirana, holding the title of European Youth Capital, aims to further youth engagement in decision-making processes and building their European identity.

Happy reading! The WeBalkans.eu team.

## Featured stories



### Putting the pieces of Albania's cultural heritage back together

EU funding is restoring the National Historical Museum mosaic damaged by the 2019 earthquake. The mosaic is amongst 27 cultural heritage sites eligible for intervention as part of the largest cultural EU-funded project ever implemented in the country.

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### **Traditional art with plastic bottle tops**

An NGO from Sarajevo produces exciting works of art using waste bottle caps.

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### **Sharing secret local walks with the world**

The EU supports outdoor adventure through the physical and digital marking of mountain routes.

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## **News highlights**



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Creative Europe: €385 million in 2022 for cultural and creative sectors

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EU and EBRD with a financial package on energy efficiency in BiH

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## Don't miss these opportunities

- [Call for applications for investment support grants in primary agricultural production in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [Apply for the EU Cultural Heritage prize](#)
- [WORTH II: Inspiring innovation through creative connections around Europe](#)
- [Online training: four new courses available on European Youth Portal](#)
- [Open call for research papers on cross-border cooperation](#)

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## 2022, an exciting year ahead for YEAs

Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) are entering 2022 with an exciting [agenda of events](#).

They are closing the previous year with a series of events on [media literacy](#), an important topic for the region in the digital age which has called into question the media's credibility. YEAs attending these events have built their media literacy capacities and are now ready to share their knowledge with their peers and young people in elementary and high schools all over the Western Balkans.

Among the first activities to take place is the celebration of women and girls in science in February, followed by a meet-up with the Council of Europe for the No Hate Speech event, in cooperation with the [Balkan Trafik Festival](#), the [Regional Youth Cooperation Office](#) and many more organisations. YEAs are always taking the lead in sharing good news, bringing quality content, and regularly being a starting point for young people's activism.

## Stories

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