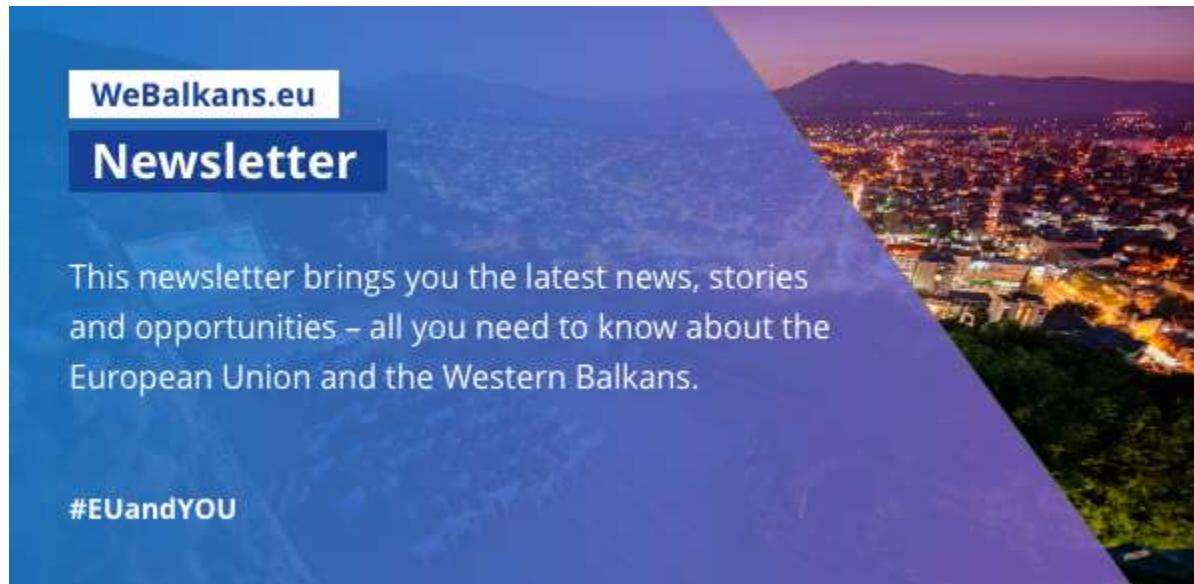




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## **Newsletter**

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

**#EUandYOU**

The month of July marks a milestone achievement for Albania and North Macedonia on their European integration path. On 19 July, the European Union's 27 members agreed to [open accession negotiations](#) with both countries and of the screening of the EU acquis.

The President of the European Commission, Ursula von der Leyen, referred to it as an “historic moment” and credited the success to the respective countries and their citizens. “You and your citizens, you and your people have been working so hard to get here ... You have made all these changes not just because they were necessary on your path towards the European Union, but above all because they are good for your countries. And they are already delivering a better quality of life for your people. We, the European Commission, have supported you all the way. And we will continue to do so,” President von der Leyen said in Brussels.

Our Young European Ambassadors from [Albania](#) and [North Macedonia](#) shared their thoughts about this historic moment.

Happy reading! The WeBalkans.eu team.

## Featured stories



### Sharing more love will eventually stop the hate

Celebrities in Serbia are joining the battle to tackle online hate speech against LGBTQ and other targeted groups. The campaign leaders believe that this can initiate the much-needed change in the public opinion and reduce problematic language online.

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### **Snack production with solar energy**

A company from BiH has become almost fully energy independent by installing solar panels with EU support. It has reduced emissions, too.

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### **The robotic arm that leads to well-fed fish**

An EU-supported lab enabled brothers from Montenegro to develop a device for managing the amount and quality of fish food.

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## **News highlights**



21/06/2022

EU rolls out €21 million mobility scheme for culture professionals

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19/07/2022

EU starts accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia

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8/07/2022

YEA at EXIT Festival in Novi Sad for activities and meeting peers

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## Don't miss these opportunities

- [Calling young Europeans!](#)
- [EU launches call to support civil society in Serbia](#)
- [#BeInclusive EU Sport Awards 2022 now open for submission](#)

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## Vote for your favourite Young European Ambassador!

The Young European Ambassadors will speak up for young people and inspire change throughout the Western Balkans and the European Union. But who will become part of this network? Have your say and [vote for your favourite candidates!](#)

The 20 top ranked candidates from each of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia, will be then evaluated by the Technical Jury and the YEA Expert Jury, who will finally appoint the new official Young European Ambassadors.

## 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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