

Media freedom and freedom of expression were at the forefront of the newest edition of EU-Western Balkans Media Conference held in November in Tirana, Albania. Main speakers highlighted in front of 200 participants that free and independent media are a key pillar of democracy in forming a public sphere, shaping public opinion, and holding those in power to account. Read all about the key highlights of the conference where the EU Investigative Journalism Awards in the Western Balkans were delivered.

Also, we bring back the focus to <u>EU4Youth Days</u> held in Brussels to celebrate 2022 – the European Year of Youth where our own Young European Ambassadors <u>attended</u> for the first time. Check out our snap videos of how young people see <u>the EU</u>, <u>the future</u>, <u>global challenges</u>, <u>connectivity between the regions</u>, <u>strengths</u>, as well as the <u>main take-aways</u> from the <u>event</u> hosted in October.

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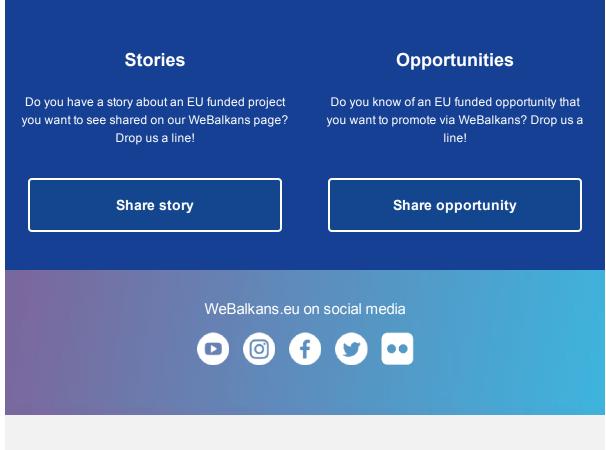
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# YEAs keep engagement high during November

Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) kept their engagement high by showing their talents and inspiring change within their communities in separate activities. A YEA from BiH participated in the Model European Union Strasbourg Conference in Strasbourg (France) she had a role of one of the Ministers in the Council of Europe. A group of YEAs from Kosovo attended the Youth Conference where they had a chance to attend panels and ask questions. While YEAs in North Macedonia participated in the fourth edition of the Born2run marathon in Kumanovo in the name of peace, tolerance, inclusiveness, respect, and diversity, once again proudly promoting the motto of the YEA network.

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