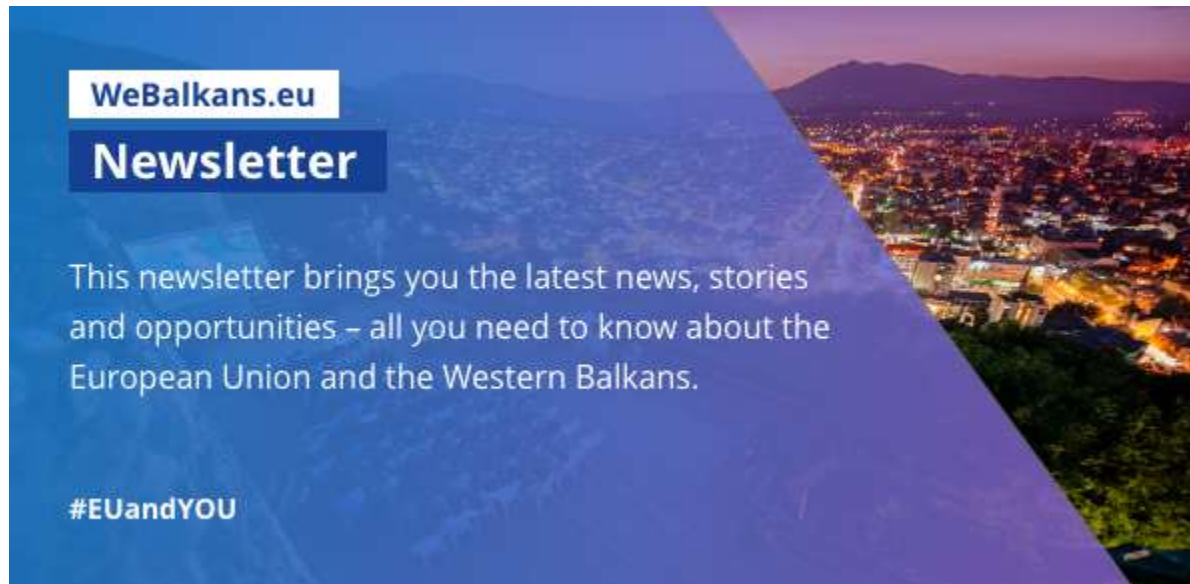




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This newsletter brings you the latest news, stories and opportunities – all you need to know about the European Union and the Western Balkans.

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Matching jobseekers with particular skills with the opportunities offered by the labour market is an ongoing challenge. Since the problem is endemic across Europe, the EU has adopted a proposal to make 2023 the [European Year of Skills](#).

Firstly, it will help companies to address skills shortages in the EU. But it will also promote a mindset of reskilling and upskilling, helping people to get the right skills for quality jobs.

Having a workforce with the skills that are in demand contributes to sustainable growth, leads to more innovation, and improves companies' competitiveness.

In this edition of the newsletter we bring you stories highlighting the EU's support across the region – where civil society is running one-stop shops to [transform youth employability](#); a flagship project in Albania is [guiding young enterprises](#) to reinvent the

market; and young people are [discovering their future](#) through vocational education training in Kosovo.

And lastly, a great opportunity awaits with the [New European Bauhaus](#) for everyone with ideas on sustainability, aesthetics and inclusiveness. Only a few days left! [Apply](#) before 31 January.

Happy reading! The WeBalkans.eu team.

Featured stories



One-stop shops transform youth employability

A novel EU-funded education approach works across the Western Balkans. Expertise is provided from one office to increase chances of finding a job. And, almost half of the candidates get employed.

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Putting Albania on the start-up map

An EU-funded project helps young people in Kosovo to accomplish their professional ambitions in the ICT and digital sector.

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Enhancing professional skills abroad

The EU-funded Intervet project helps increase and create new opportunities for learning mobility in the Western Balkans.

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News highlights



23/01/2023

RCC launches a campaign to encourage young women and girls across the Western Balkans to choose careers in STEM

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20/01/2023

Ambassador Sattler meets FBIH Association of Employers to discuss growth and competitiveness reforms

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13/01/2023

Judicial reform for stable institutions in Serbia

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Don't miss these opportunities

- [2023 Erasmus+ European universities call for proposals](#)
- [Call for proposals to support investments in primary agricultural production in Bosnia and Herzegovina](#)
- [New European Bauhaus: applications for the 2023 Prizes open to the Western Balkans](#)
- [Project Officer \(PO\) – Western Balkans \(M/W\)](#)
- [Call for applications – European Master's Programme in Human Rights and Democratisation \(EMA\)](#)

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TEDxYouth@MarijinDvor**Reinventing
the future
with the YEAs**

YEAs to be part of TEDxYouth “Reinventing the Future”

15 Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) from the Western Balkans will participate in the next [TEDx Youth event](#), “[Reinventing the Future](#)”, the biggest ever held in the region. This will be a great opportunity for YEA activists to use public speaking skills to lead, motivate and inspire.

Our YEA [Hadžera Selimović](#) is coordinating the event while other YEAs are addressing some of the most significant issues for youth: [Ivana Srećković](#) will devote her talk to the International Day of Women, and girls in science, while [Anastasija Djordja Bosančić](#) will provide insight into the youth perspective on democracy and the importance of providing young people with a seat at the table. [Stefan Vukmanović](#) will discuss youth involvement in politics and the exploration of innovation in this field for the younger generation, while [Fatbardh Kabashi](#) will tell us how to start a social enterprise at the age of 16.

Be sure to reserve your spot and we'll see you in Sarajevo on 11 February.

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Stories

Do you have a story about an EU funded project you want to see shared on our WeBalkans page? Drop us a line!

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