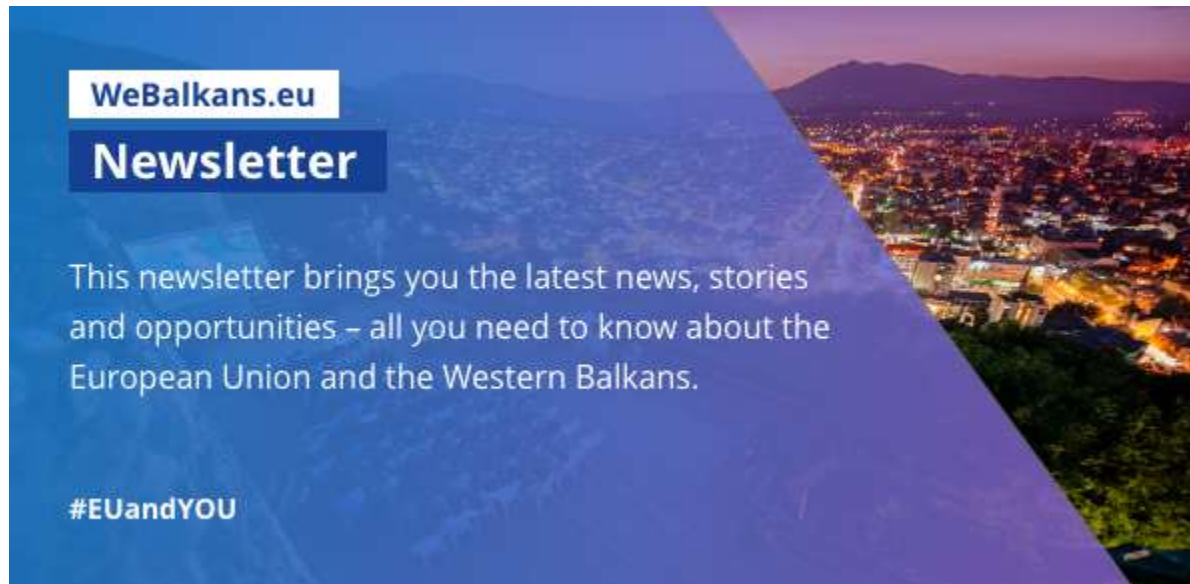




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The [EU Energy Support Package for the Western Balkans](#) is being disbursed as of February 2023. The €1 billion provided by the European Commission aims to help the region to better cope with the consequences of the energy crisis and improve the region's energy security.

The EU aid will focus especially on the most vulnerable households and on small and medium enterprises who will pay less for energy. The rest of the first part of the package provides direct funds to the region's economies through budget-support measures to support policy measures to accelerate the energy transition.

So far [Bosnia and Herzegovina](#) and [Serbia](#) have signed the budget support agreement with the EU, respectively for €70 million and €165 million.

The [second part of the package](#) worth €500 million, will cover investments to diversify energy supplies, boost renewable energy and energy efficiency. It will also promote the

clean energy transition of the region and cut dependency on Russia's fossil fuels.

In other news from the region, the excitement is building around the [Made of us](#) campaign, as we will soon be revealing the winners of the vloggers competition. Stay tuned on our channels to find out who they are, and where they will travel!

Happy reading!

The WeBalkans.eu team.

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A group of YEAs shine at TEDxYouth held in Sarajevo

Fifteen Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) participated, while six of them worked to organise this year's edition of [TEDxYouth @MarjinDvor](#) held in Sarajevo, in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Branded "Reinventing the Future", the event hosted nine speakers from the Western Balkans and the European Union.

This was a great opportunity for YEA activists to use public speaking skills to lead, motivate and inspire. YEA Ivana Sreckovic talked about gender equality in business during her speech "Wo(Men) in Business: Is it a Man's world?". Meanwhile, additional speeches were

conducted by YEA from BiH, Anastasija Djordja Bosancic who spoke about the need for all to be activists, and YEA from Kosovo, Fatbardh Kabashi who talked about overcoming his fears at 16.

In the spirit of ideas worth spreading, TEDx is a programme of local, self-organised events that bring people together to share a TED-like experience.

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