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This newsletter brings you the latest news, stories, funding opportunities, and related information on cooperation between the European Union and the Western Balkans.

What an incredible journey <u>Made of Us</u> has been so far. The unique WeBalkans awareness campaign is coming to an end after delivering outstanding results.

The first to get on the road were vloggers Alice and Emir, who travelled cross <u>Montenegro</u> getting to know EU-funded projects.

The pair traveling across Kosovo, Alb and Brian, made the most of cultural visits and had

their share of adventure while hiking and rock climbing. In <u>North Macedonia</u>, the EU and Western Balkans vloggers Elena and Nick participated in outdoor activities and witnessed interventions at a revitalized castle and cultural heritage sites.

In <u>Bosnia and Herzegovina</u>, Simona and Miloš drove to Mostar to visit the Old Bridge and the Kastel Fortress, renovated thanks to EU funds. Meanwhile in <u>Serbia</u>, vloggers Jelena and Joshua got first-hand experience with EU-funded initiatives modernizing transport, and introducing technology in farming among others.

And the last two vloggers Ornela and Natalia are on the road across <u>Albania</u> engaged fully in their discoveries. Follow this space on <u>Instagram</u> and the detailed diary of the <u>Made of Us campaign</u>.

Happy reading! The WeBalkans.eu team.

Featured stories



EDUINO: How North Macedonia's largest digital education library was born

From Short-Term Solution to National Resource: The Journey of EDUINO in Digital Education

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Empowering people with disabilities in Montenegro

From Medical to Rights-Based Assessments: A New Era for Disability Evaluation in Montenegro.



Revitalizing Albania's iconic Venetian Tower

EU-funded Project Transforms Venetian Tower into a Multimedia Interpretation Center

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Don't miss these opportunities

- Human Rights, Democracy and Civil Society Facility, Republic of Serbia 2023
- Call for application "Young Cells" scheme Albania
 - <u>4th Call for project proposals under the IPA CBC Programme</u> <u>Montenegro-Albania 2014-2020</u>

Open call for journalists to participate in media trips in 2023/24

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YEAs make Europe Day eventful across the Western Balkans

Young European Ambassadors (YEAs) celebrated Europe Day – 9 May with different activities and events.

In BiH YEAs joined the official celebrations where a concert was at the centre stage at the new Europe House premises in Sarajevo. Similar festivities also took place in Kosovo but with a different format, where YEAs joined events hosted by Chopin Piano Festival in Pristina. A concert was also the highlight in Podgorica, where the EU Delegation in Montenegro hosted guests, including YEAs.

Elsewhere in Albania, YEAs got to hear young people sharing their inspiring stories and expressing gratitude to the EU for helping them gain skills to boost their careers.

Similar outdoor celebrations happened in Old Skopje Bazaar, where the EU Delegation in North Macedonia hosted guests to mark 9 May. Meanwhile, in Serbia, YEAs joined the commemorations to pay tribute to victims of mass shootings by laying flowers and giving away flower seedlings.

A dozen <u>YEAs celebrated Europe Day in Brussels</u>, where they had the opportunity to interact with their peers and officials from the EU and neighbouring regions and participate in various events.

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