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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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“The future of the Western Balkans is in our Union.”

This was one of the highlights of the 2023 State of the Union Address by [European Commission](#) President Ursula von der Leyen’s.

The President also praised the cooperation on migration with the Western Balkan partners in reducing irregular flows.

“When Europe is bold, it gets things done. And our work is far from over – so let’s stand together. Let’s deliver today and prepare for tomorrow,” said President von der Leyen.

Revisit the full [State of the Union Address](#).

Happy reading! The WeBalkans.eu team.

Featured stories



REVIVING ALBANIA'S LITERARY LEGACY

EU funded advanced technology opens doors to rich literary treasures in Albania. A library in Tirana has been revitalised after it suffered extensive

damage in a 2019 earthquake.

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An inspirational tale of triumph over challenges

Anes Kujović: Pioneering Change as the First UN Volunteer with Down Syndrome.

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Revolutionizing agricultural research in Serbia

Biosense Institute in Serbia gains a new building with highly sophisticated equipment.

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News highlights



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A new boost in cooperation in South Adriatic Region through the EU funds

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Skopje recommended to become the European Capital of Culture 2028

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EU Beach Clean Up of Lake Prespa

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Don't miss these opportunities

- ✓ [Architectural and urban competition: “Skopje of the new generation”](#)
- ✓ [Call for Media from Western Balkans to Host Editors and Journalists from Across the Region](#)
- ✓ [Open call for journalists to participate in media trips in 2023/24](#)
- ✓ [2023 Young European Heritage Makers competition announced](#)
- ✓ [Call for proposals for innovative solutions for the green transition of the Serbian economy](#)

Discover all opportunities



YEAs deliver another #EUBeachCleanUp campaign!

The 3rd edition of the EU Beach Clean Up was organised in North Macedonia and the [Young European Ambassadors](#) (YEAs) played a major role in the campaign. #EUBeachCleanUp is individual and collective action of volunteers around the world to keep beaches clean and protect marine life.

[YEAs joined forces](#) with the local community, [the Delegation of the European Union](#), [Europe House in Bitola](#), and the Municipality of Resen to make a difference on the shores of Prespa Lake.

The action was followed by an enlightening workshop on Environment and Green Jobs together with YEAs and [Natura 2000](#).

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