

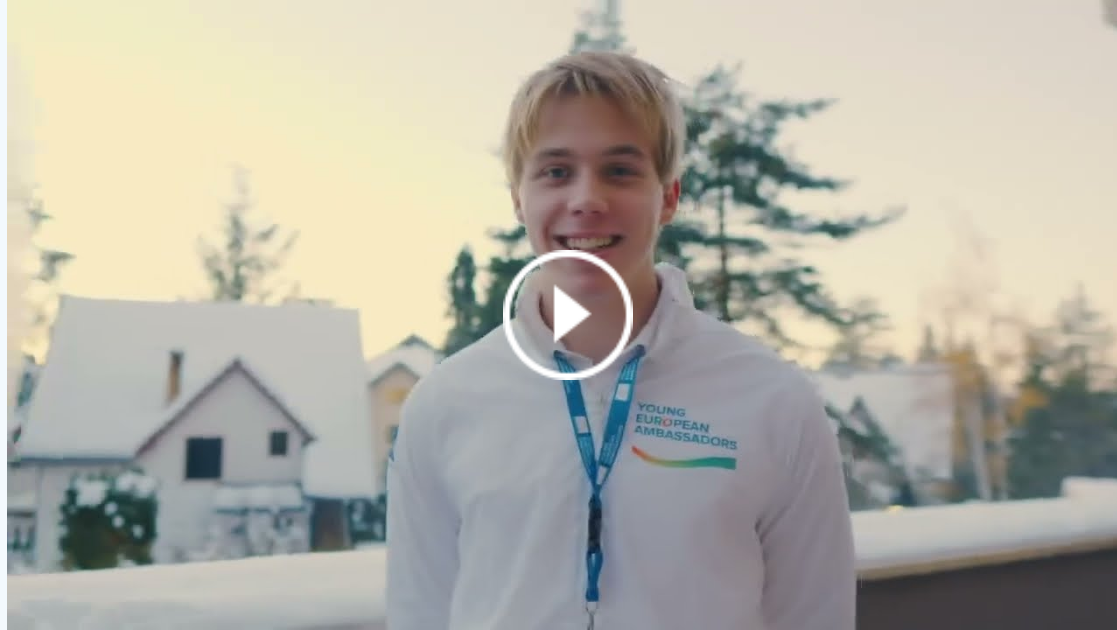


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This newsletter brings you the latest news, stories and opportunities – all you need to know about the European Union and the Western Balkans.

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The EU and the Western Balkans: A year of progress and partnership



The recent [EU–Western Balkans Summit](#) concluded with the Brussels Declaration, laying out a renewed vision for deeper integration, stability, and shared prosperity in the region. By reaffirming commitment to reforms, cooperation, youth engagement, and environmental sustainability, the summit marks another step towards aligning the Western Balkans more closely with European standards and values. This move sets a forward-looking agenda aimed at fostering trust, connectivity, and collective resilience across all partner economies.

In a separate milestone for regional identity and agricultural heritage, [Livanjski sir](#)—an iconic cheese from the Western Balkans—has received EU protection for its distinctive quality and tradition. This recognition not only safeguards a cultural treasure of the region but also opens new avenues for local producers. By boosting the product’s market visibility and authenticity, the EU protection status is set to enhance rural development, support local economies, and enrich tourism opportunities.

Featured stories



[Green skills, clean future: How EU4Green is transforming the Western Balkans](#)

The EU4Green initiative is more than just a project—it's a movement transforming the Western Balkans into a hub of sustainability and innovation.

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[From crisis to opportunity: A new era for trade in the Western Balkans](#)

Yet, in the face of this crisis, an innovative solution emerged—the Green Lanes Initiative.

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[Using arts and culture to unite a divided community](#)

How Klara i Rosa is using arts and culture to heal divides and foster community connections in a multinational city.

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Don't miss these opportunities

- ✓ [Select ScienceUs Upscale Academy – Scaling citizen science for climate resilience](#)
- ✓ [Creative Europe to support Literary Translation projects in 2025](#)

- ✓ [Call for proposals for innovative solutions for the green transition of the Serbian economy.](#)
- ✓ [Erasmus+ Capacity Building in the Field of Youth – Western Balkans](#)

Discover all opportunities

Growth Plan



Green Lanes for the Western Balkans!

The Green Lanes Initiative, supported by the EU, is saving thousands of waiting hours, modernizing border crossings, and boosting trade between the Western Balkans and the EU.

This initiative is transforming lives, improving journeys for drivers, businesses, and communities. Watch how Green Lanes are making goods move faster and the region more connected!

Young European Ambassadors



97 new Western Balkan Young European Ambassadors selected to

shape the future of the region

The Young European Ambassadors network welcomes 97 inspiring young changemakers from across the Western Balkans, ready to promote European values, foster dialogue, and strengthen regional cooperation.

Discover how this dynamic group will shape the future of the Western Balkans and build bridges with the EU. [Click here to read more!](#)

[Click here](#) to check out the reel from our YEA Award Ceremony!



Stories

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