

EU-BALKAN YOUTH FORUM 2023

“Western Balkans Future: how can YOUTH shape Europe?”

13-15 DECEMBER
2023, NOVI SAD

PROGRAMME

Tuesday 12th

14:00 – 18:00

Participants' **arrival and registration** at the venue

19:30 – 21:00

Welcome Cocktail

Free mingling

Wednesday 13th

10:00-10:30

Energiser

10:30-11:00

Opening Remarks

Keynote speech by H.E. Ms. Tanja MIŠČEVIĆ, Minister for European Integration of Serbia (via VTC)

Keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Amer KAPETANOVIĆ, Head of Political Department at the Regional Cooperation Council (via VTC)

Keynote speech by H.E. Mr. Luca GORI, Ambassador of Italy in Serbia

11:00

Group Photo

11:00- 12:30

FIRST PANEL >>

REGIONAL INTEGRATION

“REGIONAL INTEGRATION VS. REGIONAL ENTROPY: WHY REGIONAL INTEGRATION MATTERS FOR YOUTH?”

Moderator: Ms. Chiara Maria MURGIA EUBYF 2023 Coordinator

*Panellists: Ms. Milena STOŠIĆ, Head of Programmes, RYCO
Ms. Maša VRAČAR, Youth Council of Serbia and Member of the expert group on EU Youth Dialogue, Serbia
Mr. Marko RADOVANOVIĆ, Political Advisor, RCC
Mr. Dmitriy CHURIN, Young European Ambassador, Montenegro
Ms. Selina ÇOMO, ex-delegate of EU-Balkan Youth Forum 2021, Albania*

12:30 – 12:45

Coffee Break with snacks

12:45 – 14:30

Working Groups (WG) Session 1: Debriefing and Training

14:30-15:30

Lunch Break

15:30 – 16:15

Working Groups Session 2: Wrap-up for the day

17:30-19:00

Meeting with the representatives of the EXIT Foundation and OPENS (informal discussion with refreshments at Nordic Resort)

From 19:00

Dinner + Free time in the evening

Thursday 14th

9:30 – 10:00
Energiser

10:00- 11:15
SECOND PANEL >>ENVIRONMENT
“WORKING TOWARDS BIODIVERSITY PROTECTION IN THE WESTERN BALKANS: A PATH TOWARDS SUSTAINABLE ENVIRONMENTAL PRACTICES ”

Moderator: **Ms. Serena EPIS**, Researcher, Osservatorio Balcani e Caucaso Transeuropa

Introductory message: **Mr. Boris ERG**, Director, European Regional Office, International Union for Conservation of Nature (via VTC)

Panellists: **Ms. Zorica KORAĆ**, Environment Portfolio Manager, UNDP

Ms. Roberta BOSU, European Climate Pact Ambassador, Italy

Ms. Arta QERIMI, Youth Programme Coordinator, Go Green North Macedonia

Ms. Eva CVETKOVSKA, Ex-delegate of EU-Balkan Youth Forum 2021, North Macedonia

12:00 – 13:00
Early Lunch Break

13:30-14:45
Meeting at the Office for Civil Society Organisations of Novi Sad

15:00 – 16:30
Working Groups (WG) Session 1: Debriefing and Training

16:30-16:45
Coffee Break with snacks

16:45 – 17:45
Working Groups Session 2: Wrap-up for the day

17:45-18:00
Elections of EUBYF 2023 Contact Persons

18:30-21:30
Dinner and night out with music at Salaš 137 - Meeting the EUBYF first generation of delegates

Friday 15th

09:30 – 10:00
Energiser

10:05- 12:05
THIRD PANEL >> HUMAN CAPITAL
“EDUCATION-WORK TRANSITION IN A FAST-CHANGING WORLD: EMPOWERING YOUTH FOR THE FUTURE ”

Moderator: **Ms. Anja JOKIĆ**, Youth Policy Expert, Serbia

Introductory messages: **Ms. Pilvi TORSTI**, Director, European Training Foundation (video-message)

Panellists: **Ms. Franceska MUÇO**, Executive Director, Young Professionals Network, Albania

Mr. Ognjen MARKOVIĆ, Western Balkans Youth Lab Team Leader, RCC

Ms. Sajmira KOPANI, Regional Youth Guarantee Expert, ILO

Mr. Jan Peter Ganter DE OTERO, Human Capital Development Expert, European Training Foundation

Mr. Filip RADOJEVIĆ, Faculty of Dramatic Arts, Belgrade

Mr. Besnik AVDIAJ, ex-delegate of EU-Balkan Youth Forum 2021, Kosovo*

12:05-12:20
Coffee Break with snacks

12:20 – 13:30
Working Groups Session 1: Wrap-up

13:30-14:30
Lunch Break

14:30-16:00
Working Groups Session 2: Plenary Session and Preparation of Conference Conclusions

Participation of previous delegates in each group

16:15-18:15
Conference’s Conclusions

Keynote speech: **Ms. Ivana ANTONIJEVIĆ**, Assistant Minister for Youth, Serbia

Presentation of Conference's Conclusions
Short Video

WGs addressing the institutions:

Ms. Cristina CAPUTO, Deputy Director for Adriatic and Balkans, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation

Ms. Andrea HOCHHUBER, Head of the European Integration and Economic section, EU Delegation in Serbia

Mr. Amer KAPETANOVIĆ, Head of Political Department, Regional Cooperation Council

From 18:30
Dinner at the Hotel

Departure of Participants



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