



POLITEIA briefly:

- Start of the Politeia School for Civil Society and Democracy: 1997-2005
- 1.800 participants from Serbia, the Western Balkans and Turkey (1998-2021)
- Over 100 professors, trainers and politicians
- 2019 Politeia Goes Regional through Regional Youth Compact for Europe RYCE
- 2021 Politeia Goes Digital with Politeia Institute portal
- 2023 Politeia continuation through the Regional Youth Dialogue for Europe project RYDE



In the period 2023-2026, the Politeia School is organised through the Regional Youth Dialogue for Europe (RYDE) project, funded by the European Union.

We contribute to strengthening participatory democracy, European integration and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans within the framework of the RYDE project. We also promote democratic values and the political, economic and social benefits EU integration will bring to the Western Balkans.

Project coordinator

- Center for Democracy Foundation, Belgrade (FCD)

RYDE project partners

- Academy of European Integration and Negotiations, Tirana (AIEN)
- Kosovar Stability Initiative, Pristina (IKS)
- Network of Progressive Initiatives, Sarajevo (NPI)
- NGO Info-center, Skopje (NGO IC)
- Regional Academy for Democratic Development, Novi Sad (ADD)
- Youth Act Center, Tirana (YA)

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POLITEIA 2023

REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION

If you are young and wish to be agent of change, join us on Politeia School

- > Connecting with young people from the region
- > Learning through participants' oriented approach
- > Talks about young people' priorities
- > Creating your own group projects and obtain initial financing
- > Possibility to participate in other RYDE project activities



NIŠ, 6-12 JULY 2023

Six days of a dynamic, interactive and empowering atmosphere at the Politeia School, that we will create together through workshops, lectures and teamwork.



Who is eligible to participate in the Politeia School?

- > Youth from Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia and Serbia;
- > 18 to 25 years of age;
- > Secondary school students (in their final year of secondary school), university/college students, activists, young experts;
- > Committed to learn more about Western Balkans, European Union, programs for youth;
- > Interested in policies that open perspectives for young people' wellbeing and career development;
- > Create innovative ideas that they want to implement in their communities;
- > Want to connect and work with other young people in the region and the European Union.

Main issues which are the focus of the Politeia School

- European Union and enlargement - Western Balkans and EU accession: stagnation or progress?
- National, regional and European identity - how do we make a connection between them?
- What form of economic and social progress does the adoption of EU standards bring?
- What kind of states and societies do we wish to build?
- Public space we want to have - inclusive, democratic, devoid of hate speech and without fake news
- What tasks await us along the road to the EU? How does the EU help us achieve them?
- Key challenges at the national and regional level
- Regional cooperation - a condition for accession or a real need in the Western Balkans?
- What are public policies and how do we design them?
- What are youth policies in the EU and the Western Balkans?
- Dialogue between young people and decision makers - how is this organised, who participates and what is discussed?

