



Regional  
Youth Compact  
for Europe



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# Regional Youth Compact for Europe

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We empower CSOs, especially youth organizations in the region to increase their participation in the reform process which will bring us closer to the European Union, to participate in a public dialogue and influence politics.

Through this project we are bringing the process of European integration closer to citizens, especially youth. We encourage formation of regional cooperation platforms and strengthen the culture of participation and active citizenship.

We call upon our governments to act responsibly towards their citizens and society.

We contribute to the creation of the joint European identity.

- In this initiative, our network has incorporated the great experience of the European ALDA network and the Balkan Network for Local Democracy, while including new partners from the region – the Center for Democracy Foundation and CRTA from Serbia, Youth Act from Albania and SODEM from Turkey.
- Our network's initiative has took the shape of a three year project supported by the European Union.



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## Our tasks

Transfer the debates about reforms from the national to the local level and make them closer to citizens – with the support of the network of local democracy associations.

- ▶ We will increase the knowledge of local CSOs for public policies analysis, for leading the structured dialogue and influence reform processes.
- ▶ We will exchange good practices and lessons learned from the process of association and stabilization and accession negotiations so far
- ▶ We will expand the number of organizations with which we cooperate
- ▶ We will organize regional conferences with the high attendance of CSOs, youth organizations, representatives of public and business sectors

Animate and motivate youth on local, national and regional level to express their priorities – through discussions with the young we will identify and apply channels for their participation in public dialogue.

- ▶ We will conduct a desk analysis and a comparative study on youth organizations and the potential for participation in the public dialogue on reforms and European integration.
- ▶ We will organize more than 60 workshops in local communities
- ▶ The POLITEIA School will become regional, after more than 10 years working in Serbia and with nearly 2000 participants
- ▶ We will reach several thousands young people through documentary films, on-line applications and media programs

**WE WORK IN: Belgrade • Tirana • Knjazevac • Mostar •**

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We will make the reforms in the field of the rule of law closer to young people – by enhancing the debate about fundamental rights and importance of strong and stable democratic institutions and standards of good governance we will make the issues from Chapters 23 and 24 more comprehensible

- ▶ Open assemblies will be organized in 11 municipalities in the region
- ▶ Citizens will participate in 60 direct actions “My City – Youth City”
- ▶ A series of workshops will be organized for the Regional Youth Working Group: Rule of law and fundamental rights are important for the young
- ▶ A series of Workshops will be organized for the Regional Youth Working Group: Good governance and public administration reform from the youth perspective

We will encourage the young people to speak up about their life and their future in the Western Balkans and to influence employment policies, fulfilment of socio-economic rights and access to quality education...

- ▶ A series of Workshops will be organized for the Regional Youth Working Group: Education and employment policies – youth, labour market and the future of work
- ▶ We will involve representatives of local authorities, business sector and CSOs in the local multi stakeholders platforms

## THIS PROJECT WILL ENGAGE

700

### YOUNG PEOPLE

through local workshops

60

### YOUNG PEOPLE

participants of Regional Thematic Forums

50

### PARTICIPANTS

of the regional POLITEIA School

50

### PARTICIPANTS

of Youth Regional Compact for Europe

60

### CSOs

will spread their knowledge through programs of good practice exchange

26

### YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS

will receive small grants

12

### CSOs ACTIVISTS

will participate on professional practice in regional organizations

## Partners:

- ▶ Center for Democracy Foundation (Belgrade)
- ▶ European Association for Local Democracy ALDA
- ▶ ALDA Skopje
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency, Subotica
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Niksic
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Mostar
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Prijedor
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency of Kosovo\*
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Central and Southern Serbia, Knjazevac
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Zavidovici
- ▶ Local Democracy Agency Albania
- ▶ CRTA (Belgrade)
- ▶ Youth Act Center (Tirana)
- ▶ SODEM (Turkey)

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