



POLITEIA SINCE 1997.

- > First course: POLITEIA School for Civil Society and Democracy (1997–2005)
- > 1.825 participants from Serbia, the Western Balkans, and Turkey (1998–2023)
- > More than 120 professors, trainers, and experts
- > 2019. Politeia Goes Regional
- > 2020. Politeia Goes Digital
- > 2021. Politeia Institute Portal
- > 2023. Politeia continues through the project Regional Youth Dialogue for Europe (RYDE)



RYDE
Regional
Youth Dialogue
for Europe



The POLITEIA School is organized during the 2023–2026 period as part of the Regional Youth Dialogue for Europe (RYDE) project, funded by the European Union.

Within the RYDE project, we contribute to strengthening participatory democracy, European integration, and regional cooperation in the Western Balkans, as well as promoting democratic values and the political, economic, and social benefits of European integration for the countries of the Western Balkans.

Project Coordinator:

- Center for Democracy Foundation (FCD)

RYDE Project Partners:

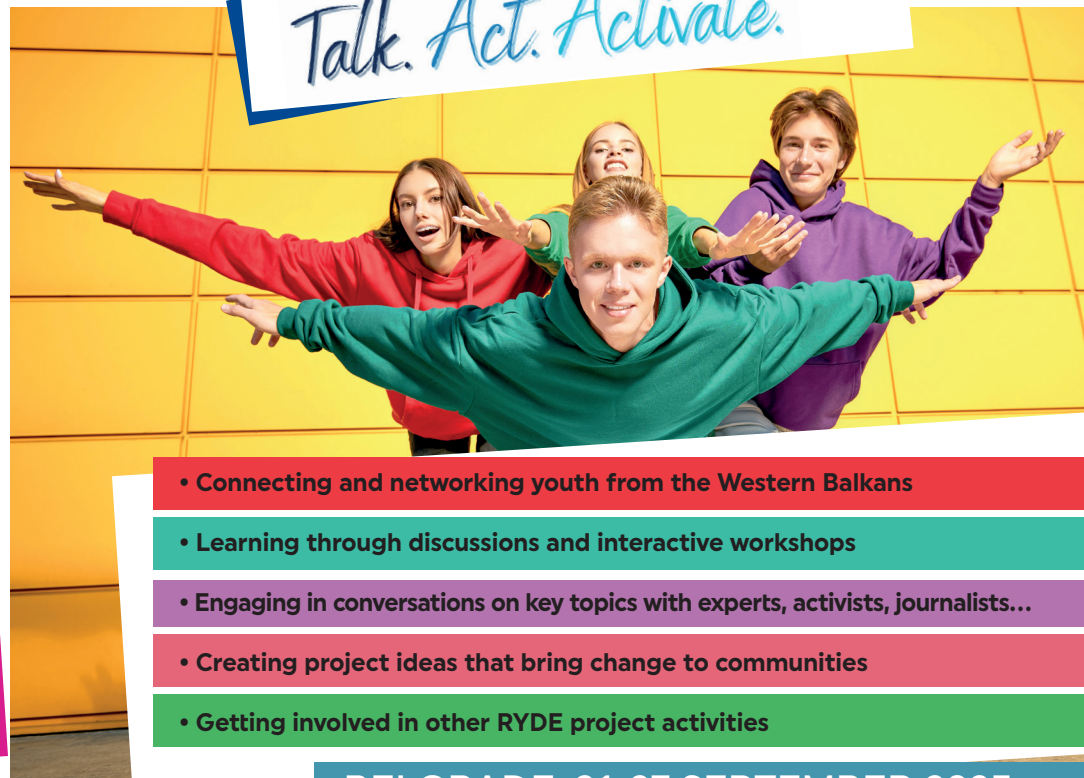
- Academy of European Integration and Negotiations, Tirana (AIEN)
- Kosovar Stability Initiative, Pristina (IKS)
- Network of Progressive Initiatives, Sarajevo (NPI)
- NGO Info-center, Skopje (NGO IC)
- Regional Academy for Democratic Development, Novi Sad (ADD)
- Youth Act Center, Tirana (YA)

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POLITEIA 2025

REGIONAL SCHOOL FOR YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Talk. Act. Activate.



- Connecting and networking youth from the Western Balkans
- Learning through discussions and interactive workshops
- Engaging in conversations on key topics with experts, activists, journalists...
- Creating project ideas that bring change to communities
- Getting involved in other RYDE project activities

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Who can participate in the POLITEIA School?

- > Young people from Albania, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia, and Serbia
- > Aged 18–25
- > High school graduates of legal age, students, activists, young professionals
- > Motivated to gain new knowledge about European integration and the EU
- > Interested in programs that improve the position of youth and open new development opportunities
- > Creators of good ideas who want to contribute to the development of their society
- > Ready to connect and collaborate with young people from the region and the European Union



Six days of dynamic, interactive, and inspiring atmosphere at the POLITEIA School, created together through workshops, lectures, and teamwork.

Key questions at the heart of the POLITEIA School:

- > European identity and national narratives – shared values and cohesion
- > The Western Balkans and the momentum for EU enlargement
- > The economy of integration: What do we gain by adopting European standards?
- > Political decision-making: Who decides on our behalf, and how can we influence it?
- > Civic participation and the role of youth in shaping public policy
- > Democracy or populism: Challenges of political culture in the Western Balkans
- > How is artificial intelligence changing the labor market for young people?
- > Dialogue with decision-makers – from formality to substance
- > Gender equality as the foundation of social balance
- > Toxic media narratives and hate speech – how to recognize and respond?
- > Regional cooperation – a condition for accession or a real need in the Western Balkans?
- > Informal dialogue and youth as agents of change
- > How are project ideas created that bring change to communities?

