

HIGHLIGHTS FROM OUR AWARENESS
CAMPAIGN!

INSPIRING YOUNG LEADERS IN POLITICS!



‘GENERATIONS UNITED INITIATIVE’



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PROMOTING INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

PROMOTING INTERGENERATIONAL DIALOGUE IN THE WESTERN BALKANS, A REGION WITH A COMPLEX HISTORY OF CONFLICT, IS ESSENTIAL FOR POLITICAL STABILITY AND SOCIAL COHESION. INTERACTION BETWEEN GENERATIONS CAN FOSTER UNDERSTANDING BY BLENDING THE EXPERIENCES OF OLDER GENERATIONS WITH THE CREATIVE ENERGY OF YOUTH. HOWEVER, CHALLENGES SUCH AS HISTORICAL DIVISIONS, A LACK OF PLATFORMS FOR DIALOGUE, AND GENERATIONAL GAPS IN PRIORITIES REQUIRE TARGETED SOLUTIONS. INCLUSIVE FORUMS, COMMUNITY-BASED PROJECTS, AND POLICIES ADDRESSING SOCIAL INEQUALITIES ARE CRUCIAL STEPS IN THIS PROCESS. THE REGION'S HISTORICAL PAST, INCLUDING THE CONFLICTS OF THE 1990S, HAS LEFT DEEP-SEATED TRAUMAS AND DIVISIONS THAT COMPLICATE DIALOGUE. NONETHELESS, EDUCATION ABOUT HISTORY AND CRITICAL CONVERSATIONS CAN HELP BUILD BRIDGES BETWEEN GENERATIONS. GOVERNMENTS MUST INVEST IN POLICIES AND STRUCTURES THAT SUPPORT INTERGENERATIONAL COOPERATION, WHILE CULTURAL NORMS CAN BE TRANSFORMED FROM BARRIERS INTO TOOLS FOR COLLABORATION THROUGH THE CREATION OF SAFE DIALOGICAL SPACES. EXAMPLES FROM POST-CONFLICT REGIONS LIKE SOUTH AFRICA AND GERMANY UNDERSCORE THE IMPORTANCE OF INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AND DIALOGUE PLATFORMS IN ACHIEVING HISTORICAL RECONCILIATION. THE WESTERN BALKANS CAN DRAW INSPIRATION FROM THESE MODELS TO PAVE THE WAY TOWARD A SUSTAINABLE AND SHARED FUTURE.



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YOUTH AT THE HEART OF CHANGE: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF THE WESTERN BALKANS

THE WESTERN BALKANS STAND AT A CROSSROADS, WHERE THE ENERGY, CREATIVITY, AND VISION OF YOUNG PEOPLE CAN IGNITE TRANSFORMATIVE CHANGE. YOUTH PARTICIPATION IN DIALOGUE IS NOT JUST AN OPPORTUNITY—IT IS A RESPONSIBILITY TO SHAPE A BRIGHTER, MORE INCLUSIVE FUTURE.

AS THE LEADERS, THINKERS, AND INNOVATORS OF TOMORROW, YOUTH ACROSS THE REGION HOLD THE KEYS TO ADDRESSING CHALLENGES AND DRIVING PROGRESS. WHETHER IT'S ADVOCATING FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE, CHAMPIONING SUSTAINABILITY, OR FOSTERING REGIONAL COOPERATION, YOUNG VOICES MUST BE HEARD.

THE FUTURE OF THE WESTERN BALKANS DEPENDS ON THE ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF ITS YOUTH.

LET'S INSPIRE, SUPPORT, AND AMPLIFY THEIR VOICES FOR A SHARED, PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

INSPIRING YOUNG LEADERS IN POLITICS;



A WORD FROM THE PROJECT COORDINATOR:

"IT'S BEEN A TRULY INSPIRING JOURNEY SO FAR. WE'VE SEEN PEOPLE FROM DIFFERENT GENERATIONS NOT ONLY SHARING THEIR PERSONAL STORIES BUT ALSO WORKING TOGETHER TO CREATE SOMETHING MEANINGFUL IN THEIR COMMUNITIES. WE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTINUING THIS IMPORTANT WORK AND BUILDING EVEN STRONGER CONNECTIONS ACROSS THE REGION." – DENADA PECCA PROJECT COORDINATOR.

COLLABORATORS AND SPONSORS: THIS PROJECT WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT THE INCREDIBLE SUPPORT OF OUR PARTNERS: THE EUROPEAN UNION YOUTH PROGRAM, AND LOCAL NGOS ACROSS THE REGION. TOGETHER, WE ARE FOSTERING INTERGENERATIONAL COOPERATION AND BUILDING BRIDGES FOR A BETTER FUTURE.

SURVEY OR FEEDBACK REQUEST: WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU! PLEASE TAKE A MOMENT TO FILL OUT OUR BRIEF SURVEY ABOUT YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH OUR RECENT ACTIVITIES. YOUR FEEDBACK HELPS US IMPROVE AND CONTINUE OFFERING RELEVANT PROGRAMS. VISIT [HTTPS://DOCS.GOOGLE.COM/FORMS/D/E/1FAIPQLSDLK7Y2SZCAC-FOQKY-JWVKM_X6GDHBUJ0EZUCXIAP5KPRZQ/VIEWFORM?USP=HEADER](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIPQLSDLK7Y2SZCAC-FOQKY-JWVKM_X6GDHBUJ0EZUCXIAP5KPRZQ/VIEWFORM?USP=HEADER) TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS.

IMPACT ASSESSMENT: PRELIMINARY FEEDBACK FROM OUR PARTICIPANTS INDICATES THAT 85% OF ATTENDEES REPORT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF DIFFERENT GENERATIONAL PERSPECTIVES. WE ARE EXCITED TO SEE HOW THESE CHANGES IN PERCEPTION TRANSLATE INTO LASTING RELATIONSHIPS WITHIN COMMUNITIES.