



Regional Youth Compact for Europe

Regional Youth Compact for Europe incorporates the long standing experience of the European Association for Local Democracy – ALDA and the Balkan Network for Local Democracy comprising eight Local Democracy Agencies and ALDA Skopje now empowered with the new partners from the region: Centre for Democracy Foundation – FCD, Centre for Research, Transparency and Accountability – CRTA from Serbia, Youth Act from Albania and Association of Social Democratic Municipalities SODEM from Turkey.

Partners:

- ▶ Lead Partner: 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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A Regional Initiative of 14 organizations from the Western Balkans and Turkey



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Regional Youth Compact for Europe is a co-operation initiative launched by 14 CSOs from the EU, Western Balkans and Turkey with the aim to enhance the effective participation of civil society and youth organizations in the EU integration and accession negotiation process through capacity building, awareness raising and advocacy actions organized at a local, national and regional level.

Calls for effective participation of youth in public dialogue on the future the EU integration perspective of the Western Balkans

Organises a wide range of tailor made capacity building programmes for empowering the youth groups on EU accession negotiation process, including POLITEA Western Balkan School for Youth Participation

Initiates a series of local workshops, awareness raising and advocacy actions engaging young people to participate more effectively in local public life: My City – Youth City

Connects and reconnects young people across the region to voice their transformative role in the reform process towards the EU: Regional Youth Compact for Europe – We are Europeans

Reinforces the role of civil society and local public authorities in anchoring democratic governance principles: Community multi stakeholders platforms “Monitoring Reforms Locally – Good Practice Becomes Our Practice”

Creates a more conducive environment and opens up a public space for innovative forms of youth participation in local communities across the Western Balkans: We Have a Say.



Support to lasting reform locally - a generational choice

Main objectives

- ▶ Enhance the regional co-operation and exchange platform by increasing the space for participation of local CSOs and youth in political and economic reform process of the EU integration agenda of Western Balkan countries and Turkey;
- ▶ Strengthen CSOs and youth groups' capacities for a structured civic dialogue and pro-active engagement in evidence based advocacy, watchdog and policy monitoring initiatives in areas of the rule of law, public administration reform, employment and social cohesion;
- ▶ Increase the capacities of regional CSOs co-operation platform for coalition building at a regional and EU level for co-operating with local/national public authorities to widen the reform impact, advocacy initiatives and increase the level of inclusion of youth in relevant sector policy/decision making processes
- ▶ Help consolidate the Balkan Network for Local Democracy as a regional co-operation and consultation platform engaging CSOs, youth and local authorities in Western Balkan countries and Turkey to contribute to expertise and practice exchange on good governance, citizen participation and the role of CSOs and local authorities as relevant stakeholders with transformative role in EU integration & accession negotiation process;
- ▶ Improve innovative youth friendly communication/outreach activities and capacity-building for grassroots and other types of non-governmental organisations working on bringing about positive change at the local level.

Accession negotiations chapters do matter!

Get engaged! Make Compact!



Main project activities

- ▶ Multiannual capacity building programme for evidence based reporting and monitoring skills development on EU integration reform process;
- ▶ Extensive reporting, monitoring and advocacy actions at a local, national and regional level engaging regional CSOs thematic associations and working groups, strengthening the regional co-operation platforms, organising annual Balkan youth thematic forums; research & analysis activities of the EU integration oriented policy making frameworks;
- ▶ Regional networking and cooperation programme by establishment of a good practice exchange and knowledge laboratory for reporting and monitoring negotiations with the EU and specific emphasis on the progress made within Negotiation Chapters 19 – Social Policy and Employment, 23 – Judiciary and Fundamental rights, 24 – Justice, Freedom and Security as well as on good governance principles and public administration reform;
- ▶ Sub-granting programme We Have a Say: management and coordination, financial support to CSOs and youth groups for innovative regional co-operation initiatives aimed at promoting the transformative potential of the young generation towards an enhanced culture of dialogue for democratic change;
- ▶ Project visibility, communication activities, establishment of the regional co-operation platform, youth correspondents network, media reporting, awareness raising actions with citizens in local communities, advocacy actions targeting policy/decision makers at a national and regional level;

Making the EU integration agenda more youth friendly

This multiannual project brings together diverse stakeholders and opens up space for increased youth engagement in policy dialogue, advocacy and monitoring of the progress achieved on the European path of Western Balkan countries.

CREATES a co-operation platform to encourage young people to voice their opinion about some of the main concerns they are facing in education and employment policies, fulfilment of socio-economic rights and participation in policy and decision making.

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** in good practice exchange
- 26** **YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS** within the small grants programme
- 12** **CSOs ACTIVISTS** in regional internship programme