

## SEMINAR

### “On a meaningful youth participation in INTERREG IPA & EUSAIR”

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The announcement of the European Year of Youth made 2022 a very dynamic period when it comes to youth. Many developments within the WB6 region made youth a buzzword in the political tables. The EU integration process progressed further with the New Enlargement Methodology, whereas through the Berlin Process significant success was achieved when it comes to youth mobility and youth engagement in education programs around the region. In addition, on 3 November 2022 the European Commission approved the Interreg IPA programme Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro, to be implemented in the financial period 2021 – 2027. The main goal of the new Programme is to encourage smart, green, and inclusive development of the cross-border region.

However, as emphasized through the “[Manifesto for Young People by Young People to Shape the European Cooperation Policy](#)” there is a need to further inform youth and local communities on the available opportunities and calls deriving from such projects. Interreg IPA and EUSAIR offer young people to be part of the decision-making process on various matters and to develop projects that can make a change. In particular, the upcoming funding periods of the new Interreg IPA Programmes can provide several opportunities especially for young people, among others: actions to support youth and unemployed people, aiming at gaining skills and professional qualifications through research and innovation, cultural tourism, supporting employment mechanisms and joint efforts in the Cross border areas towards the goal of creating new jobs in the field of tourism, circular economy, climate, etc.

This seminar is organized by the Cooperation and Development Institute in Albania in partnership with the European Commission, and in cooperation with the Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro, the High School Students Union in Montenegro and the Youth Network of Montenegro and the and will address the question: Can INTERREG IPA Programmes and EUSAIR make a difference for young people in Montenegro and how?

The seminar will bring together schools, universities, local communities and INTERREG IPA programme and EUSAIR representatives, with the objectives to: i) informing potential beneficiaries on the EUSAIR strategy for the region and concrete involvement opportunities, ii) familiarizing youth and youth organizations, including schools and universities on the opportunities deriving from INTERREG IPA programmes, iii) increasing awareness about and promoting the Youth Manifesto to Programme authorities for a wider inclusion of youth needs and dedicated actions in their programming document and future call for proposals.

## AGENDA

<b>10.45-11.15</b>	<b>Registration and welcoming / Media Statements</b>
<b>11.15-11.30</b>	<p><b>Opening remarks</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Krisela HACKAJ, Executive Director Cooperation and Development Institute</li> <li>➤ Gilles KITTEL, Team Manager – IPA, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR, DG REGIO, European Commission - online</li> <li>➤ Irena BOŠKOVIĆ, Head of Division for Interregional Cooperation and Macroregional Strategies, Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro</li> </ul>
<b>11.30-12.45</b>	<p><b>Can INTERREG IPA Programmes and EUSAIR make a difference for young people in Montenegro and how?</b></p> <p>Setting the Scene <i>“Increase Young people space in Interreg IPA programmes and the EUSAIR”</i> by Lana LJEŠKOVIĆ, President of the Board of High School Students Union in Montenegro</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Danijela VUJOŠEVIĆ, Ministry for Youth and Sports of Montenegro</li> <li>➤ Sladjana PEŠIĆ, National Contact Point Interreg IPA South Adriatic Programme</li> <li>➤ Dragan ĐURIŠIĆ, Interreg IPA Programme Croatia-Bosnia and Herzegovina-Montenegro</li> <li>➤ Dr Irena RAJKOVIĆ, University of Montenegro/Faculty of Architecture, <a href="#">REEHUB Project</a></li> <li>➤ Marijana JOVOVIC, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Center (IEC) Tehnopolis - <a href="#">CROWN project</a></li> </ul> <p>Moderation by Vladimir Perazić, Board Member, Youth Network of Montenegro</p>
<b>12.45-13.00</b>	<b>Event wrap up / Media Statements</b>

*The working language is English. Refreshments will be available during the event duration.*