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EUSAIR & INTERREG IPA Programmes: Opportunities for education institutions and local communities

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Many developments within the WB6 region made youth a buzzword in the political tables throughout 2022. The EU accession talks progressed with the granting of the candidate status to Bosnia and Herzegovina, whereas through the Berlin Process significant success was achieved when it comes to youth mobility and youth engagement in education programs around the region. Within the EUSAIR strategy, the [ADRION Programme has also been approved](#), with a strong focus on green policy. The first call of the programme is to be launched in a matter of days. Social inclusion in education and skills development is taking centre stage in 2023, with the European Year of Skills running the agenda for the entire 2023. Whereas youth and connectivity remain among the main [programme priorities of the EUSAIR Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency](#), different INTERREG transnational and interregional programs will in the near future become useful instruments addressing youth needs in relation to employability, green and digital transition.

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 programmes. While the opportunities exist, young people are often not informed, or if they are informed, they lack the skills, capacities and networking to get involved.

This seminar aims to address precisely these challenges as part of a series of events organized by Cooperation and Development Institute (CDI) in partnership with the European Commission to promote the Youth Manifesto (YM) recommendations in the WB6 region. During the event we will aim to address the main question: Can INTERREG IPA Programmes and EUSAIR make a difference for young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina and how?

The seminar will bring together schools, universities, local communities, INTERREG IPA transnational and interregional programmes and EUSAIR representatives, with the objectives of: i) informing youth-focused potential beneficiaries on the EUSAIR strategy for the region & concrete involvement opportunities, ii) familiarizing youth & youth organizations, including schools & universities on the opportunities deriving from INTERREG IPA programmes, and iii) increasing awareness about the YM recommendations for a wider inclusion of youth in EU-funded programmes & calls for projects.

The seminar is organized in cooperation with the EUSAIR Bosnia and Herzegovina Presidency and the Youth Council of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina.

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:30	Registration & welcoming, media statements
10.30 – 10.45	Opening remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Krisela HACKAJ, Executive Director Cooperation and Development Institute ➤ Midhat DŽEMIĆ, EU Funds National Coordinator in EUSAIR for Bosnia and Herzegovina ➤ Gilles KITTEL, Team Manager – IPA, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR, DG REGIO, European Commission
10:45 – 12:15	Involving young people in European Transnational and Interregional territorial cooperation programmes <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sanja VUKADIN, Advisor for Transnational Cooperation Programmes, DEI & Program Coordinator for ADRION programme ➤ Céline LIEVRE, Communications Officer, EURO-MED Programme - <i>Online</i> ➤ Fons JANSSEN, Core Group Youth Manifesto - <i>Online</i> ➤ Prof. dr. Amila PILAV VELIĆ, School of Economics and Business University of Sarajevo, Vice Dean for Scientific Research and Projects, Excellence-in-RESTI, INTERREG VB Danube ➤ Vedad SULJIĆ / ADNA ŠOVŠIĆ KUREŠEPI, Center for Economic, Technological and Environmental Development Sarajevo (CETEOR), Project partner of PoWER, Interreg ADRION Programme ➤ Jasmin JAŠAREVIĆ, General Manager PRONI <p>Q&A</p> <p>Moderation by: Iman MASLIĆ, Youth Council of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
12:15	Event wrap up

The seminar is a hybrid event. Working language is English. Refreshments will be available during the event.