

WORKSHOP

“A meaningful youth participation in INTERREG IPA: How to enable young people to take action?”

Venue: Municipality of Bar, Montenegro | 21 April 2023

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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 crossborder, 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 workshop 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 raise awareness on the Youth Manifesto (YM) recommendations in the WB6 region.

This workshop is organized in cooperation with the Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro and the Youth Network of Montenegro.

The event will involve *INTERREG IPA beneficiaries* in an open and constructive exchange with programme authorities and young people on youth involvement in those programmes. Its specific objectives are: i) increase awareness and promote Interreg IPA programmes with local stakeholders and young people, ii) increase 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, iii) promote the Youth Manifesto priorities and recommendations as a reference for the project development in the new funding period.

DRAFT Agenda

09.30	Registration and welcoming / Media Statements
10.00	<p>Opening remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Krisela HACKAJ, Executive Director Cooperation and Development Institute ➤ Irena BOŠKOVIĆ, Head of Division for Interregional Cooperation and Macroregional Strategies, Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro ➤ Gilles KITTEL, Team Manager – IPA, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR, DG REGIO, European Commission
10.15	<p>Involving young people in ETC programmes & projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Irena BOŠKOVIĆ, Head of Division for Interregional Cooperation and Macroregional Strategies, Ministry of European Affairs of Montenegro <p><i>Contribution on: Level of alignment with the Youth Manifesto recommendations of ADRION, DANUBE & Croatia-Bosnia & Herzegovina-Montenegro INTERREG IPA Programmes 2021-2027; Opportunities on the current open calls</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Sanja TODOROVIC, Head of JTS, IPA CBC Programme Montenegro – Albania ➤ Sladjana PEŠIĆ, National Contact Point Interreg IPA South Adriatic Programme <p><i>Contribution on: Programme 2021-2027 presentation on level of alignment with the Youth Manifesto recommendations, Opportunities on the current open calls</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Ana ZIVANOVIĆ, Municipality of Bar, project partner to several projects (Fortitude, ECOVINEGOALS, etc.) ➤ Bogdan PIPOVIĆ, Juventas, “In Employment, Education, Training – IN EET” project, IPA CBC Programme Montenegro – Kosovo ➤ Stefan JOVANOVIĆ, Chamber of Economy, HISTEK ➤ Representative, Petnjica Municipality, Young Montenegrins and Albanians in Raspberry Crops (TBC) <p><i>Contributions on: Youth Manifesto from a beneficiary perspective; Ideas on how to further involve young people in the future projects</i></p> <p>Moderation by Vladimir PERAZIĆ, Youth Network of Montenegro and <i>Contribution on: Youth Manifesto from the NYC perspective; Ideas on how project beneficiaries can address the Youth Manifesto priorities.</i></p>
11.45	Event wrap up / Media Statements

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