

WORKSHOP

“INTERREG IPA PROGRAMMES: WHAT’S IN THERE FOR YOUTH?”

25 May 2023, 09.30-11.30hrs | Venue: [Mostar National Library](#)

This is a hybrid event – [ZOOM Link](#)

The announcement of the European Year of Youth made 2022 a very dynamic period when it comes to youth. 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. The accession dynamics open the way for more involvement of local actors, increased direct impact of EU-supported policies, and many more opportunities for the citizens of the WB6.

Social inclusion in education and skills development is taking center stage in 2023, with the European Year of Skills running the agenda for the entire 2023. Through new calls the new programming of INTERREG IPA and IPA CBC 2021-2027 will provide opportunities for young people to engage and benefit from their support. Last call of Interreg VI-A IPA Programme Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro 2021-2027 will remain open until 28 July 2023.

While innovation, skills development, employment, and other policy instruments are keywords in almost every programme priority or thematic area, youth in the region remain distant from those opportunities.

Echoed in the “[Manifesto for Young People by Young People to Shape the European Cooperation Policy](#)”, European youth have expressed the need for more interaction with policymakers. They’ve explicitly underlined the necessity of a more enabling environment to be created in the Interreg IPA programmes. Tangible youth support helps youth groups and overall Balkan countries in their cohesion and convergence efforts with the EU.

With the aim of raising awareness about INTERREG IPA programmes, building the capacities of youth organizations to apply to INTERREG IPA Programmes and establishing cross-border, transnational and/or interregional partnerships, this workshop will target local and national organizations dealing with youth policies with particular focus on education.

The event will be a good momentum for taking stock of the 8th EUSAIR Annual Forum taking place on 23-25 May in Sarajevo and of the Bosnian EUSAIR Chairmanship results.

DRAFT AGENDA

09:30 – 10:00	Registration & welcoming Media statements
10.00 - 10:10	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krisela HACKAJ, Executive Director Cooperation and Development Institute • Gilles KITTEL, Team Leader – IPA, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR, DG REGIO, European Commission
10:10 – 11:30	<p>Panel discussion “Building partnerships with youth in the next INTERREG IPA call for proposals”</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lejla SADINLIJA, INTERREG DANUBE Programme National Contact Point; ADRIAN Programme - <i>Online</i> • Vedran ŠIMUNOVIĆ, INTERA Technology Park - NGO, 2CODE - Cooperation for Development of Cross Border Business Environment Enhanced, INTERREG IPA CBC Croatia - Bosnia and Herzegovina - Montenegro • Maja VEJZOVIĆ, Local Democracy Agency Mostar <p>Q & A</p> <p>Moderation by: Iman MASLIĆ, Youth Council of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina</p>
11:30	Event wrap up

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