

WORKSHOP

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

8 June 2023, 11:00-13:00hrs | Venue: Europe House, Rruga UÇK nr.90, Prishtina

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 integration process progressed with the start of the accession talks with Albania and North Macedonia, submission of the application for EU membership of Kosovo in December 2022 and visa-free access starting from early 2024 and granting of the candidate status for 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 targeted new calls the new programming of IPA CBC 2021-2027 will provide new opportunities for young people in Kosovo to engage and benefit from their support.

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. Tangible youth support helps youth groups and overall Balkan countries in their cohesion and convergence efforts with the EU.

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.

The workshop will bring together youth, youth stakeholders, local and national organizations dealing with youth policies, IPA CBC project beneficiaries with the aim to raise awareness about IPA CBC programmes and to build their capacities to establish partnerships and to successfully apply to call for proposals in the upcoming programming period.

This workshop is organized by the Cooperation and Development Institute in Albania in partnership with the European Commission and in cooperation with Ministry of Local Government Administration of Kosovo.

DRAFT AGENDA

11:00- 11:30	Registration & welcoming Media statements
11:30 - 11:45	<p>Welcoming remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Krisela HACKAJ, Executive Director Cooperation and Development Institute • Trim BERISHA, Deputy Secretary General, Ministry of Local Government Administration, Kosovo • Gilles KITTEL, Team Leader – IPA, Enlargement Negotiations and EUSAIR, DG REGIO, European Commission
11:45 - 12:45	<p><i>Panel discussion “Building partnerships with youth in the next IPA CBC call for proposals”</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feride ZEKA, EU Delegation Kosovo (TBC) • Representative of the Ministry of Culture, Youth and Sport (TBC) • Albertina BINAKU, Head of Joint Technical Secretariat, IPA CBC Kosovo-North Macedonia • Dritan SHALA, Antenna Officer, IPA CBC Albania-Kosovo • Gazmir RACI, Antenna Project Officer, IPA CBC Montenegro-Kosovo • Urim XHARAVINA, Let’s do it Peja, United Against Pollution, IPA CBC Montenegro-Kosovo • Jehona GJURGJEALA, Executive Director, TOKA <p>Q & A</p>
12:45	Event wrap up

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