

Youth 4 Inclusion, Equality, and Trust – Regional Project



STRATEGIC PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY-GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND (PBF)

<p>THEMATIC AREAS:</p> <p>Youth, Peace & Security Social Cohesion Countering Hate Speech Gender Equality</p>	<p>WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?</p> <p>This regional initiative aims to empower young people to engage in constructive narratives, strengthen intercultural dialogue, promote inclusion and gender equality, and foster mutual understanding and trust across the Western Balkans.</p>
<p>DURATION:</p> <p><i>1st Phase</i> May 2022 – December 2024 <i>2nd Phase</i> January 2025 – Dec. 2026</p>	<p>HOW?</p> <p>By supporting young people to enhance dialogue and trust-building throughout the region, the project promotes fact-based positive narratives, advocating for gender equality in the media and public spheres.</p>
<p>INVESTMENT:</p> <p>1st Phase USD \$898,800 2nd Phase USD \$898,800</p>	<p>WHO IS INVOLVED?</p> <p>Signatory for BiH: Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina Project led by: UNFPA (lead agency), UNESCO and UN Women Implementing Partners: Mozaik Foundation, NGO Centre for Educational Initiatives <i>Step by Step</i> Sarajevo, Youth Councils of BiH Federation, Republika Srpska, and Brčko District BiH, University in Sarajevo, University of Banja Luka, and University of Bihać.</p>
<p>TARGET BENEFICIARIES:</p> <p>Western Balkan youth</p>	<p>WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR (until January 2025)?</p>
<p>WHERE?</p> <p>In BiH: Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Brčko, Tuzla, Bijeljina, Bosanski Petrovac, East Sarajevo, Teslić, Trebinje, Foča, Goražde, Vitez, Mostar, Stolac, and Zenica</p>	<p>Empowered educators across Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Western Balkans to enhance digital safety and critical thinking among students, fostering resilience in the digital age.</p> <p>Integrated peacebuilding concepts into nine academic subjects at the Universities of Banja Luka and Bihać, embedding peacebuilding principles into higher education.</p> <p>Facilitated the adoption of the Youth Strategy by the Sarajevo Canton Government, driving youth development and active engagement in decision-making processes.</p> <p>Advanced media narratives on peacebuilding through a collaboration with Al-Jazeera Balkans, available on the University of Sarajevo's e-learning platform for broader use.</p> <p>Organized inclusive sports events in partnership with the Special Olympics and supported by the Ministry of Civil Affairs of BiH, ensuring sustainability and inclusivity for years to come.</p> <p>Enhanced media and information literacy, along with critical thinking skills among youth and young journalists, to foster the creation and promotion of constructive, inclusive, and gender-sensitive narratives.</p>

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