

# Youth 4 Inclusion, Equality, and Trust – regional project



## STRATEGIC PROGRAMME UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECRETARY GENERAL'S PEACEBUILDING FUND

<p><b>THEMATIC AREAS:</b></p> <p>Youth, Peace &amp; Security Social Cohesion Countering Hate Speech Gender Equality</p>	<p><b>WHAT ARE WE TRYING TO ACHIEVE?</b></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><b>DURATION:</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase May 2022 – December 2024 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase January 2025 – Dec. 2026</p>	<p><b>HOW?</b></p> <p>By supporting young people to enhance dialogue and trust throughout the region, the project promotes fact-based, positive narratives and advocates for gender equality in the media and public spheres.</p>
<p><b>INVESTMENT:</b></p> <p>1<sup>st</sup> Phase USD \$898,800 2<sup>nd</sup> Phase USD \$898,800</p>	<p><b>WHO IS INVOLVED?</b></p> <p><b>BiH Signatory:</b> Ministry of Civil Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina <b>Implemented by:</b> UNFPA (lead agency), UNESCO and UN Women <b>Implementing Partners:</b> Mozaik Foundation, NGO Centre for Educational Initiatives Step by Step 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><b>TARGET BENEFICIARIES:</b></p> <p>Western Balkan youth</p>	<p><b>WHAT HAVE WE ACHIEVED SO FAR?</b></p>
<p><b>WHERE?</b></p> <p>Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Brčko, Tuzla, Bijeljina, Bosanski Petrovac, East Sarajevo, Teslić, Trebinje, Foča, Goražde, Vitez, Mostar, Stolac, Zenica</p>	<p><b>Empowered educators</b> 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><b>Integrated peacebuilding concepts</b> into nine academic subjects at the Universities of Banja Luka and Bihać, embedding peacebuilding principles in higher education.</p> <p><b>Facilitated the adoption of the Youth Strategy</b> by the Sarajevo Canton Government, driving youth development and active engagement in decision-making processes.</p> <p><b>Advanced media narratives on peacebuilding</b> through a collaboration with Al-Jazeera Balkans, now hosted on the University of Sarajevo's e-learning platform for broader accessibility.</p> <p><b>Organized inclusive sports events</b> 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><b>Enhanced media and information literacy</b>, 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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