



EUROPEAN YOUTH POLICY INITIATIVES

What is the EU doing for youth? Have a look!

Topic: Policy dialogues and participation

ReLOaD2

The **Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2** (ReLOaD2) stimulates and supports **youth participation in decision-making** and **local solidarity initiatives for community development**. Youth activism will be supported through civic education, volunteering and other youth community initiatives that will be promoted through partnerships among different actors such as: local governments, civil society organisations (CSOs), youth organisations/clubs, schools, and others.

The programme will also work with local governments and CSOs to create opportunities for young people to participate in additional training, obtain skills and receive experience relevant for their first employment.

What's in it for young people?

Young people can participate in multiple initiatives that bring them **closer to their community** and allow them to engage with local governments and other community actors such as schools and non-governmental organisations (NGOs). Their communities also benefit from a more energetic youth engagement in the community life.

Youth organisations can benefit from training and capacity-building to be able to better engage in advocacy and decision-making.

Relevant links

[Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2: Fostering Local... Infographic with the key results of the first phase of the ReLOaD](#)