

Fourth RYCO Open Call for Project Proposals 2020 "A Better Region Starts with Youth" Preliminary List by the Reference Number



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Preliminary List of 12 Best Evaluated Project Proposals							
Ref. No.	Full Name of Applicant	Specific Objective	Project Title	Project Summary	Number of Partners	Contracting Party	
21199780	Mreža za politike prema drogama u jugoistočnoj Evropi (Drug Policy Network South East Europe)	3	No Risk, no borders for young people	The project addresses the problem of continuous and increasing stigmatisation of youth belonging in risk groups such as drug addicts, LGTBQ+ community, young people in conflict with the law, etc. and the lack of cooperation among these groups on the regional level, as well as their absence from decision-making processes. With the support of the project team members and experts, the selected youth will conduct activities aiming to document discrimination cases in their communities. The purpose of the activity is to collect and analyse crucial information on the situation in the respective societies. The findings will serve the base for the Curriculum for work with youth at risk. The Curriculum will be published and disseminated at the end of the project.	5	Serbia	
21273858	Nezavisno drustvo novinara Vojvodine (Independent Journalists' Association of Vojvodina)	1	Digital Natives Combating Dangerous Narratives in Western Balkans	Young people in the region are not allowed to independently and impartially create a picture of the reality they live in, while extremist narratives endanger cooperation with peers from other communities. Simultaneously, the societies in the region are not keeping pace with new digital tendencies, and there is a lack of media literacy and innovative curricula for new generations. The project aims to replace the mentioned social mechanisms and take over a significant portion of social space, through informal education, activist campaigns and media production. The project activities include lectures, movie screenings on relevant issues and study visits and sessions with experts such as psychotherapists.	1	Serbia	
21508716	Youth Entrepreneurial Service Foundation	2	youth entrepreneurship policy response	Youth initiatives and entrepreneurship have taken a hit from the COVID-19 crisis as surveys show. Therefore, the project proposal aims to investigate the challenges and consequences of COVID-19 pandemic on youth entrepreneurship in the Western Balkans to accumulate knowledge of best policy-initiated practices to help entrepreneurs overcome the crisis. In this regard, it aims to assess the pandemic's impact on entrepreneurial activity and influence multi-stakeholder advocacy action for supporting entrepreneurship policy during the crisis. The project's envisaged activities are establishing a Western Balkan Youth Entrepreneurship Alliance, developing an Advocacy Toolkit for Youth Entrepreneurship during COVID-19, and organization of Western Balkan Youth Entrepreneurship Online Conference for battling COVID-19.	2	North Macedonia	
21582594	Balkan Investigative Reporting Regional Network	1	Youth Memory Transfer	The project emphasises the lack of communication opportunities for youth in the region to share their common past stories and experiences to move forward with the reconciliation process so much needed. The project envisages providing young people with a networking opportunity to meet and exchange through Story-telling and Fact-Checking Workshops where they will draft stories shared by family members of war victims with the help of BIRN's editors. The stories and short videos produced will be published to help people deal with the past and see the future connected.	1	Bosnia and Herzegovina	
21589153	Mladi za mir (Youth for Peace)	3	and Conflict Education	The project addresses the need for strenghtening capacities in peacebuilding and regional dialogue among youth workers and CSOs. It aims at creating a pool of high-quality facilitators who will be carriers of more serious and devoted approaches to peacebuilding and reconciliation processes in the region. The participants will go through a series of online trainings and mobility exchanges that will ensure dynamic discussions and interactivity. A toolkit will be designed for peace education with a practical set of instructions for conducting workshops, to be also used beyond this project.	2	Bosnia and Herzegovina	

21589764	Crveni krst Srbije - Crveni krst Vojvodine (Red Cross of Serbia - Red Cross of Vojvodina)	1	Youth can make a change	By organizing meeting points for young people from Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina, the project wants to bring youth together to work, learn and co-exist. Two events will be organized within the project, one in Serbia and one in Bosnia and Herzegovina. The COVID-19 challenges will be overcome by online platforms and organizing online consultations and sessions. The sessions have the goal to enable students to master life skills that will help them protect themselves from violence, such as communication skills, skills for a nonviolent problem and conflict resolution, development of critical thinking, and strengthening self-esteem.	1	Serbia
21605664	Instituti i Kultures Rome ne Shqiperi (Institute of Romani Culture in Albania - IRCA)	1	Promoting Inter- Cultural Understanding, Reconciliation and Acceptance	In Albania and N. Macedonia, the Roma and Egyptian communities are facing extreme poverty, socio-economic marginalization and constant discrimination, particularly in education, social protection, health care, etc. On the regional level, there has been little to no institutional perspective and dialogue among minorities. Initiating dialogue among youth to share and face their problems is the project's primary goal, as well as identifying and exchanging good practices in fighting discrimination against vulnerable and marginalized youth. Secondly, it aims at enabling Roma & non – Roma youth and other minorities to jointly develop and lead quality youth work projects which contribute to the intercultural acceptance of diversity in local communities and further develop their competences. The envisaged activities include workshops, research on intercultural dialogue, a report mapping the current situation, radio podcasts and a summer school.	1	Albania
21606133	People in Focus	1	WB tourism through the lens of youth	Tourism is an excellent opportunity for creating a brighter mutual future where our differences and similarities unite us. The project identifies the importance of raising awareness of Western Balkan's rich cultural heritage and envisages to do so through a platform where peers and other stakeholders will discuss possibilities of restarting tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic. The project aims to break tourism behaviour patterns and encourage people to explore new places in the region. Interactive workshops and the dissemination of a booklet produced in the four consortium languages are the project's main activities.	3	Albania
21608816	Здружение за едукативен развој Еквалис (Association for Educational Development Ekvalis)	1	Balkan Messengers - The Role of Media in Creating Alternative Narratives	The project addresses the topic of media literacy with young people and wants to start discussing the issue of narratives present in the media and how those narratives affect the way people think in societies. It wishes to set a ground for promoting alternative narratives in the media discourse in the Western Balkans. The project activities include producing a podcast channel featuring alternative narratives through 6 different stories of young people from each of the three CP's participating. Its dissemination throughout the region will indicate that such a base is set and raise awareness on the issue.	2	North Macedonia
21613188	Lady	1	Empowering regional cooperation and equipping young people with 21st century skills for employment and business development.	The project's approach is focused on skill development among young people that would enhance their employability chances. The idea is to use the economic aspect to achieve a closer social interaction between the young people of Kosovo* and Serbia. The project aims to strengthen collaboration, reconciliation, and intercultural cooperation by organizing numerous training sessions focused on soft and technical skills where youth work together on business ideas of shared interest. Experienced trainers will design a tailor-made online assessment for the participants and invest in their particular needs. Training sessions will be held focusing on various skill sets such as developing project ideas, pitching etc. Around 100 participants will take part in the training sessions, which will then be divided into ten groups required to come up with ten innovative ideas in different fields and write business plans.	1	Kosovo
21642918	Crnogorska panevropska unija (Montenegrin Pan-European Union)	1	"Multidimensiona I aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID- 19 pandemic" (MULTIYOU)	The project puts the accent on young people and their low level of willingness and ability to understand the 'Other' and accept them on an equal basis. According to surveys, youth in the region have low levels of political engagement and weak intercultural skills. The project wants to address the gap among young populations of the region as well as their distance from social engagement and the overall process of reconciliation. A Regional Summer School on multidimensional aspects of democracy and identity among youth in Western Balkans will be organized to discuss the above findings. Also, the creation of a brochure with shared experiences and good practices will be designed and shared.	3	Montenegro

21681953	Helsinški odbor za ljudska prava u Srbiji (Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia)	1	Challenge History – React for the Future	The COVID-19 pandemic has worsened young people's situation throughout the WB region and further weakened their potential to contribute to both internal social cohesion and regional cooperation. The isolation impacts their mental health and further dulls their motivation for social engagement. The planned project activities include developing the summer school program bringing together 30 high-school students from the CPs to address conflicting issues regarding the region's history. The Summer School will be based on four modules: the legacies of the Yugoslav wars; contrasting/shared historical narratives; a common heritage of the post-Yugoslav states, culture of remembrance. Learning sessions will involve classic and on-site lectures. Theatre workshops will involve participants in an open-ended discussion. Site visits will involve cultural and historical places near Kovacica that speak about the place's multicultural background and different layers of history. And lastly, the activities will close with a dynamic media campaign.	5	Serbia
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^{*}This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

NOTE: This is the preliminary list. The final list of supported projects will be published upon the completion of the final documentation check and the budget clearance procedures. It will contain data on scores and partners of the supported applicants.