

## RYCONNECTING – Open Call

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The objective of the **RYConnecting Program** is to support civil society in the Western Balkans 6 (WB6) by *fostering reconciliation, peacebuilding, regional cooperation, and intercultural learning*. It provides young people of diverse backgrounds with opportunities for dialogue, mutual learning, and enhanced understanding across communities and RYCO Contracting Parties.

The program focuses on two main thematic areas:

- **Peacebuilding and Reconciliation**, which supports initiatives where young people *address regional differences, challenge inherited narratives, and engage in dialogue and intercultural learning* within inclusive and safe environments.
- **Youth Empowerment and Engagement in Society**, which aims to empower all youth, promote their civic engagement in reconciliation and intercultural learning, and *support youth mobility and exchange* within and between the Western Balkans Contracting Parties.

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## OBJECTIVES

All funded projects must promote the core values of RYCO and the vision of societies where young people are creating a culture of mobility, reconciliation, and intercultural exchange.

All project organizers must ensure that their activities do not foster further divisions among youth, and instead contribute to mutual understanding, peace, and social cohesion. Every young person participating in the projects supported by RYCO must be free to express themselves without fear of retaliation based on their beliefs. Finally, all participants must be protected from violence, bullying, or belittlement, especially based on identity, origin, social status, or abilities.

## OUTCOMES

The initial plan aimed to provide financial support for at least 10 projects, with the potential to fund up to 20. In the end, **13 projects** were led by primary applicants, working alongside **29 partner organizations**. In total, this initiative successfully supported **42 CSOs across the WB region**, fostering collaboration and expanding the impact of the program.

## TARGET GROUP

The program targets young people aged 14 to 30 from the WB6 region, who are committed to promoting reconciliation, regional cooperation, and intercultural understanding.

## BUDGET AND DURATION OF THE PROJECT

The total funding available for this call is *EUR 300,000*, with project durations ranging from *4 to a maximum of 8 months*.

## FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT

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