

Information Package

Western Balkans Youth Forum 2026 From Dialogue to Delivery: Youth Shaping Regional Cooperation

Hotel Avala, Budva, June 4–7

Dear participants,

on behalf of the **Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)**, we are pleased to welcome you to the **Western Balkans Youth Forum 2026** in **Budva, Montenegro**.

Program Structure

This year's Forum will be shaped around four interconnected thematic pillars:

- a) Sustainable Economic Growth, Competitiveness Through Innovation and Skills Development,
- b) Security and Resilience, and
- c) Green and Sustainable Development.

These themes echo the conclusions and youth-led recommendations of previous Youth Forum editions and have been reaffirmed as priorities under Montenegro's Presidency of the Berlin Process.

As you've indicated your preferred thematic group, we're doing our utmost to place you accordingly. However, we ask for your understanding that some adjustments may be needed to ensure balanced participation across all groups.

We will provide you with list of participants divided in groups in the following email.

Additionally, in the same email we will provide you brief materials for your respective working group (Green & Sustainable Region; Peace, Security & Inclusive societies; Skills, Opportunities & Innovation) along with some other relevant studies to help you prepare for the discussions and our work on formulating recommendations from the WB Youth Forum.

Forum Structure

To bring these topics to life, the program will feature:

- **Interactive panels**
- **Discussions and working groups**
- **Networking spaces and informal gatherings**

Through this participatory approach, the Forum aims to cocreate **actionable solutions** with youth at the centre.

Venue(s)

The main venue of the Youth Forum will be [Hotel Avala](#), a modern multifunctional hall. The hotel offers spacious facilities, advanced technical equipment, and a comfortable setting for both plenary sessions and side events. To facilitate participants' arrival, shuttle transport will be organized, and it is detailed below.

Information about other event locations, which are optional or are just relocated from the main venue, are linked in the agenda document.

For example, celebration of RYCO 10th anniversary will be held at the scenic venue of [Citadella](#).

Dress code

Formal attire for official sessions; smart casual for cultural and networking activities.

About Budva

Budva is one of the oldest cities on the Adriatic coast, with a history spanning over 2,500 years. Its charming Old Town, surrounded by ancient medieval walls, is a true gem of Montenegrin heritage and one of the most visited landmarks in the region. Known for its stunning beaches, vibrant nightlife, and warm Mediterranean climate, Budva is the tourism capital of Montenegro.



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Whether you are exploring its historic streets, relaxing by the sea, or enjoying the local cuisine, Budva offers an unforgettable experience for every visitor.

Accommodation

Participants will be accommodated in [Hotel Avala](#), based on the full board package, centrally located, in double or triple rooms. Room arrangements are based on overall capacity and the number of participants attending the event.

Check in: 15h

Check out: 12h



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Travel Arrangements

All travel arrangements will be organized and communicated by the organizer.

For details, please contact your **Local Branch Office (LBO)**.

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Note: If you are planning to travel independently, please notify us in advance. Please note that individual travel arrangements cannot be reimbursed.

Meals

Full board is provided in hotel Avala:

Breakfast: 07:00 - 10:30

Lunch: in line with the agenda provided

Dinner: 19:00 - 21:30

Local transportation in Budva

Walking: The Old Town and most event venues are within easy walking distance of Hotel Avala.

- **Taxi & Ride-Hailing:** Taxis are widely available in Budva:
- **Terrae Taxi:** Viber and WhatsApp number +38267178888
- **VIP Taxi:** Viber and WhatsApp number +38267019666
- **OK Palma Taxi:** Viber and WhatsApp number +382 68 019 577
- **Public Buses:** Local buses connect Budva with nearby towns such as Kotor, Bar, and Podgorica. Tickets can be purchased directly from the driver.

Weather weather with daytime temperatures between 15°C and 26°C. Evenings are cooler, so a light jacket is recommended.

Currency and Payments

From 4-7 June 2026, Budva will have mild spring

You can pay in **Euro (€)**.

- Cards are widely accepted, though cash is still preferred in small shops, cafés, and taxis.
- ATMs are available throughout the city.
- Contactless payments (Apple Pay, Google Pay) are increasingly accepted.

Emergency Numbers

- 112: General emergency number
- 192: Police
- 194: Ambulance

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Operators are available 24/7, with English spoken.



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WhatsApp Community

All key information during the Forum will be available here: we invite you to click on the link and join the group in order to receive information on time about Forum's updates, announcements and technical details.

