

Panel Discussion

“Youth Engagement in the Enlargement Process”

March 18, 10.00-11.30 | Venue: Parliament of Montenegro

Youth engagement in the EU integration process of the Western Balkans (WB) has been recognized as important by both the EU and the WB governments. In fact, WB countries have made progress in terms of further establishing and consolidating the youth policy framework. However, the development of a fully functional youth system for effective empowerment, engagement, and participation in decision-making remains a work in progress.

Connecting Youth partners reflected last year on the EU integration process and on their role. The paper “[From Aspirations to Action: Youth Inclusion in the EU Integration Process of the Western Balkans](#)” acknowledges the obstacles that young individuals encounter on their journey towards meaningful engagement in the EU integration process. It also provides valuable insights and practical recommendations on ensuring an inclusive and accelerated integration process.

As the region is stepping up their reform efforts to leverage the current enlargement momentum, this event will highlight the pivotal topic of involving youth in the EU integration process and the accompanying challenges.

AGENDA

10.00 – 10.15 Opening and Keynote Addresses

- Aleksandar Klarić, Parliament of Montenegro (TBC)
- Miloš Marković, Youth Network of Montenegro (YNM)
- Krisela Hackaj, Cooperation and Development Institute

10.15 – 11.05 Panel discussion

- Liselote Isaksson, Delegation of EU in Montenegro
- Martin Lulgjuraj, Ministry of Sport & Youth
- Ivan Vuković, EU integration Committee in Parliament of Montenegro
- Iva Naskova, National Youth Council of Macedonia
- Aleksandra Mihajlovic, National Youth Council of Serbia

Moderator: Vladimir Perazic, YNM

11.05 – 11.30 Open discussion