

## WB2EU

### 5th Ideas go public Lab – Belgrade, Serbia

September 19 – 20, 2022

#### Programme for the WB2EU Network

##### DAY I – September 19, 2022 (public debates, hybrid format)

Venue: Roma Education Fund, Majke Jevrosime 51/II floor

YouTube: <https://youtu.be/EOqJ5Fzs3gw> / Facebook: <https://fb.me/e/3AFqxeFI>

##### 11.00 – 11.30: Registration

##### 11.30 – 13.00: TACKLING INEQUALITY – A STEP TOWARDS SOLIDARITY

According to the **Commitment to Reducing Inequality Index**, Serbia is at the bottom of Europe and 84th on the list of 154 countries in the world. One of the causes of high inequality in Serbia is the high percentage of persons who have a very low work intensity. Similar state of affairs effects the entire Western Balkans region, as Albania is ranked 80th, North Macedonia 103rd, and no data for others. The share of these persons aged up to 60 years old in Serbia (21.2%) is much higher than the European average (10.5%) and individual EU countries. The economic insecurity is followed by a lack of social measures and respect for basic human rights for the most vulnerable groups in Western Balkans region, such as Roma, women 45+, people with disabilities and LGBTI+ community.

- Can European Integration foster more solidarity within society in Western Balkans region?
- What are the mechanisms for the Governments to take a more active role in tackling inequality?
- How can CSOs contribute?

##### Speakers:

**Brankica Janković**, Commissioner for Protection of Equality of Republic of Serbia

**Sofija Todorović**, Programme Director, Youth Initiative for Human Rights

**Sarina Bakić**, Professor and researcher at the Department of Sociology, University of Sarajevo's Faculty of Political Science, WB2EU Network

**Moderator: Sonja Licht**, President, Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society

##### 13.00 – 15.00: Lunch Break

Location: Jedno mesto, Cetinjska 15, Belgrade

*Europeanisation meets democracy from below:  
The Western Balkans on the search for new European and democratic Momentum  
(WB2EU)*



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## 15.00 – 16.30: MAINSTREAMING YOUTH VISION – AVOIDING YOUTHWASHING

In the Republic of Serbia, an institutional, legislative and strategic framework aimed at young people has been developed. The position of young people, however, is often assessed as unsatisfactory, primarily due to the position of young people in the labor market, but also the quality of the education system, which is the case throughout the whole WB6 region. Regarding the views of youth on the Republic of Serbia

entering the EU in 2021, a **historic low of 39%** of young people supported Serbia joining the EU, 33% were against it, while 28% did not know. According to the research, more than half of young people are not interested in being informed about socio-political events, while the interest to be actively involved in socio-political events is even less. Slow process, and often a status quo in EU Integration led to loss of trust of youth towards the process itself, which can cause a spill-over effect in the entire WB region.

- What are the key mechanisms to involve youth in the decision-making process?
- Is there a need for a change and additions to the Law on Youth for its better efficiency?
- How to raise youth interest in socio-political events and their active participation?

### Introductory remarks:

#### Summarising the “young influencers” conclusions from the WB2EU Summer School at Cres

**Mirjana Đorđević**, Foundation BFPE for a Responsible Society, WB2EU Summer School participant

### Speakers:

**Andrea Mićanović**, Youth Representative of RYCO Governing Board, Regional Youth Cooperation Office

**Angela Angjelovska**, Vice President, National Youth Council of North Macedonia Governing Board

**Milica Borjanić**, Project Manager, National Youth Council of Serbia

**Moderator: Nikola Burazer**, Executive Editor, European Western Balkans

### 20.00: Joint dinner of the WB2EU Network

Location: Tri šešira, Skadarska, Belgrade

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## DAY II – September 20, 2022 (closed sessions)

Venue: Roma Education Fund, Majke Jevrosime 51/II floor

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87952118751>

Meeting ID: 879 5211 8751

### 09.30 – 10.30: WB2EU Network meeting



### **11.00 – 12.00: Meeting with the representatives of MORAMO Movement**

The Movement Ne Davimo Beograd (Don't Let Belgrade Drown) has formed, together with Otvorena građanska platforma (Open Civic Platform) AKCIJA and Ekološki ustanak (Environmental Uprising), the green-left coalition MORAMO (WE MUST) in January 2022, which run in the Belgrade and national elections in April. In addition to these three organisations, MORAMO coalition consists of a large number of other individuals, activists and movements.

The MORAMO coalition base its joint work on key topics of ecology and the fight for a healthy living environment. In addition, one of the most important issues they deal with is social justice, i.e. the fight for better living and working conditions for all citizens.

**Dobrica Veselinović, Biljana Đorđević, Nebojša Zelenović**

### **12.30 – 13.30: Meeting with EUROPRIDE organisers**

EuroPride 2022 was planned to happen in Belgrade from September 12th to 18th, 2022. Belgrade, the capital of Serbia, as the first city in Southeast Europe and the first outside the EEA (European Economic Area) to host a major event for the pan-European LGBTI+ community.

In the name of the organisers: **Goran Miletić**, Organisational Board of the EUROPRIDE and **Filip Lukić**, Communication Officer

### **14.00 – 15.00: Reception at the Austrian Embassy**

Venue: Kneza Sime Markovića 2, 11000 Belgrade