

3rd Ideas go public Lab

Pristina, 17 – 18 February 2022

Venue: Swiss Diamond Hotel, Sheshi Nëna Terezë p.n, Prishtinë 10000

Arrival of participants

16 February in the afternoon and 17 February in the morning

Programme including the closed sessions

Day 1 (17 February)

The WB2EU 3rd Ideas go public Lab will serve the following purpose:

- To have an intensive debate about the situation and future of young people in Kosovo and the Western Balkans region, and the social dimension of EU enlargement, etc.
- To discuss the Policy Briefs of phase II *social dimension*
- To have an exchange with political stakeholders and further establish an academia-policy-politics alliance around the project

15.30–17.00: WB2EU Network meeting (closed session)

Discussion of the Policy Brief drafts by the WB2EU Network partners from Albania, Croatia, Greece, Montenegro, and North Macedonia.

Zoom-Meeting (for all three closed sessions the same):

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83917613739?pwd=Y0h0US9KWnNwaUVTWDZjaHpWN21Sdz09>

Meeting-ID: 839 1761 3739

Code: 252225

17.00–17.30: Coffee break

17.30–19.00: WB2EU Network meeting (closed session)

Discussion of the Policy Brief drafts by the WB2EU Network partners from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Serbia.

20.00: Dinner

Day 2 (18 February)

09.00–10.30: WB2EU Network meeting (closed session)

Discussion of the first Policy Brief drafts by the WB2EU Network partners from France, Germany, Italy, Kosovo, and Slovenia.

10.30–11.00: Coffee break

11.00–12.30: Public debate (hybrid format)

“Succeeding despite...” – the challenges of “young Europeans” in Western Balkan countries

The panel will explore the challenges and prospects of “young Europeans” in Kosovo (and similarities across the Western Balkans region) in the current socio-economic context, the existing education system, limited freedom of movement, and the COVID-19 pandemic impact. The recent breakthroughs of young Kosovars in the international arena will paradoxically be used to illustrate their (bumpy) road to success, helping us unveil the main challenges encountered.

A short clip of an internationally awarded Kosovo short movie screening is followed by a discussion around the following questions:

- What mechanisms exist for the participation of young people in Kosovo? What about in other Western Balkan countries? Any best practices? How can they be improved, and how can decision-making be made more inclusive for young people?
- How can institutions provide a more favourable environment for young people in Kosovo and support them to achieve their maximum potential?
- What are the top three priority areas that can be improved with immediately available resources? What is the longer-term strategy?
- What role should civil society have? Advocacy? Or direct interventions?
- How can the EU contribute to empowering youth in the Western Balkans beyond promises of enlargement and demands of youth-friendly strategies?

Discussants:

Mimoza Kusari-Lila, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Kosovo, The Alternative

Besa Luci, Editor-in-chief, Kosovo 2.0

Eroll Bilibani, Producer/Head, Dokufest, Kosovo

Jehona Gjurgjela, Executive Director, Youth Development Foundation - TOKA, Kosovo

Moderated by **Vedran Džihic**, Senior Researcher, Austrian Institute for International Affairs (oiip), WB2EU Network

- Livestreaming via YouTube and Facebook:
<https://youtu.be/ZjHr6fHYH84>
<https://www.facebook.com/events/620614319039369/?ref=newsfeed>
- On-site participants are required to pre-register, wear a mask and display a negative corona certificate (vaccinated, valid PCR test, recovered). Checks will be made upon the entrance.

12.30–14.00: Lunch

Departure of participants

18 and 19 February

Transfer and accommodation information

Taxi and organised travel services: <https://thebettertravel.co/>

Accommodation: <https://cityinn-ks.com/> (CityInn Hotel) or <https://sdhprishtina.com/> (Swiss Diamond Hotel)