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Support to the promotion of Civil Society regional actions in the Western Balkans
(Phase II)

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Today, the Western Balkans Fund is happy to celebrate Europe Day in a unique fashion, announcing the launch of the ERC Grants (Empowerment Regional Cooperations Grants) Scheme, co-funded by the European Union – Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance III.

The Western Balkan Fund (WBF), created by the Foreign Ministries of WB6, promotes regional cooperation and reconciliation. It supports CSOs in implementing projects that enhance peace, stability, and cooperation.

With a grant size of up to 30.000 EUR per project, the **ERC Grants** have been designed specifically to strengthen the potential for successful participation in the regional cooperation processes, promote networking, exchange, and encourage innovative approaches to foster reconciliation.

Civil Society Organizations and associations such as educational, media, culture, sports and more, in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia are eligible to apply.

The application will remain open from 9 May to 17 June 2024. To apply, please visit the webpage of Western Balkans Fund (www.westernbalkansfund.org).

In the First Phase of the “Support to the promotion of Civil Society regional activities in the Western Balkans,” lasting from July 2021 to January 2024, EU/WBF Joint Action delivered 69 grants to over 250 organizations in the WB6.

The second phase of the project started on 12 January 2024.

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on Kosovo declaration of independence.



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