

#ReLOaD



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Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 - ReLOaD2

Overall objective of the Action is to strengthen participatory democracies and the European Union (EU) integration process in the Western Balkans by empowering civil society and youth to actively take part in decision making and by stimulating an enabling legal and financial environment for civil society organizations (CSO).



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Duration: 48 months



Implemented by the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



ReLOaD in Western Balkans: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia



Budget: €12.63 million (€11.35 funded by the EU and €1.28 from local governments and UNDP)



Partners: Ministries and institutions in charge of local governments and civil society in each participating IPA beneficiary



Project start date: January 1, 2021



The Action will collaborate with 63 local governments across the Western Balkans in implementation of 300 projects for 40,000 beneficiaries

29% (or **135**) of **469** local governments in the Western Balkans expressed their interest to participate in ReLOaD2. The Action partnered up with **63** local governments.

Combined with partner local governments from ReLOaD1, there are **95** local governments engaged with ReLOaD programme OR **19%** of all local governments from the Western Balkan region.



ALBANIA 13

The **partner local governments**: Elbasan, Kamëz, Kavajë, Korçë, Kukës, Lezhë, Lushnje, Patos, Përmet, Roskovec, Sarandë and Shkodër.

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA 13

The **partner local governments**: Bihać, Centar Sarajevo, Gacko, Goražde, Gradiška, Istočno Sarajevo, Mostar, Novo Sarajevo, Prijedor, Prozor Rama, Rudo, Ugljevik and Vitez.

KOSOVO 7

The **partner local governments**: Dragash/š, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, Mitrovicë/a South, Podujevë/o, Rahovec/Orahovac, Shtërpcë/Štrpce and Skenderaj/Srbica.

*For the European Union, this designation is without prejudice to position on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the CJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence. For UNDP all references to Kosovo shall be understood in the context of the UN Resolution 1244/1999.

MONTENEGRO 15

The **partner local governments** are divided in five clusters:

- Central region - Podgorica, Cetinje, Golubovci and Danilovgrad
- Coastal mates - Budva, Herceg Novi, Kotor and Tivat
- Tara - Mojkovac, Kolašin and Pljevlja
- Together for North - Andrijevisa and Berane
- Together Nikšić and Plužine - Nikšić and Plužine

NORTH MACEDONIA 8

The **partner local governments:** Bitola, Gevgelija, Gostivar, Kocani, Kriva Palanka, Kumanovo, Ohrid and Veles.

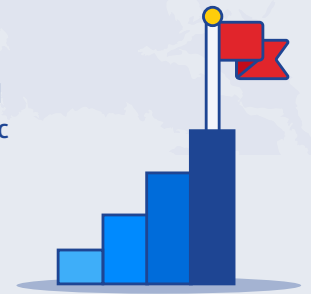
SERBIA 7

The **partner local governments:** Babušnica, Kruševac, Novi Sad, Subotica, Topola, Vladičin Han and Vrnjačka Banja.

GOALS

ReLOaD2 is to strengthen participatory democracies and the EU integration process in the Western Balkans by empowering civil society and youth to actively take part in decision making, as well as by stimulating an enabling legal and financial environment for CSOs. ReLOaD2 started working with local governments by inciting them to use public funding for CSOs in a transparent and

development-oriented manner, recognizing local needs and embracing a project-based approach. In the upcoming period, the Action will begin with the activities concerning the promotion of youth engagement. It intends to support implementation of youth initiatives and work on improvement of their economic perspectives in partner localities.



EXPECTED RESULTS



Strengthened capacities of local governments and CSO to institutionalize and implement transparent and gender responsive grant schemes and deliver good quality projects servicing the local community.



Enhanced capacity of local authorities and CSOs to generate greater civic and youth engagement in local affairs.



Enhanced regional networking and dialogue among civil society and local governments across the Western Balkans.



EXPECTED IMPACT

Working across the region, ReLOaD2 started enhancing capacities of local governments to **engage in productive partnerships with CSOs**. Therefore, local governments and CSOs will be able to **mutually contribute to improved service delivery and realization of local priorities** in line with development strategies thus subsidizing to higher quality of living in local communities.

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