

European Fund for the Balkans



Regional hotspot created by
innovative people to connect new
generations, new policies and the
European Balkans
with the Europe of tomorrow



A decade ago, the European Fund of the Balkans (EFB) was set up to strengthen democracy, foster European integration and affirm the role of the Western Balkans in addressing Europe's emerging challenges. As a joint initiative of European foundations, the EFB was designed to bring the Western Balkans closer to the EU and bring the EU closer to the Western Balkans.

The EFB invested

Ten years in:



Developing human capital, because the most competent people need to influence the political, economic and cultural development of society. By upgrading people's knowledge and experience, and by connecting these individuals, the EFB has built a strong community capable of changing the region's present and future.



Building the capacities of think tanks, because creating good policies based on public interest is a fundamental condition of democratic transformation. In order to improve evidence-based policy-making processes, the EFB has developed the research, analytical and advocacy capacities of the Balkan's think tanks.



Increasing CSO policy impact, because region-related policies need to be influenced by regionally connected citizens. Through establishing platforms for tighter networking of the Western Balkan think tanks and activist organizations, the EFB has provided a chance for citizens to jointly define responses to the most important challenges faced by the region, and to influence the decisions of Balkan and European officials.



Advocating EU integration and regional cooperation, because Europeanization of the Balkans and stronger regional cooperation is an objective that can be achieved only with a high level of public support. Through expert insight, broad social dialogue and cutting-edge initiatives, the European Fund for the Balkans has pointed out the issues that accompany political, economic and social transformation in the region, and has advocated long-term, applicable and innovative solutions.

Balkan Euro

Anchoring the Balkans in the European Union

CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM OF THE WESTERN BALKAN SUMMIT SERIES (COORDINATION)

Idea:

to provide a platform for civil society of the Western Balkans to participate in the Berlin Process

Method:

articulation and advocacy of recommendations from civil society to regional leaders

Formats:

annual editions as part of the Berlin Process Summit events, follow-up regional editions, research and advocacy

Building social capital of the future Balkan leaders

EFB COMMUNITY

Idea:

to fuel cooperation among policy researchers and practitioners, civil society activists and other Balkan and EU influencers

Members:

former and current fellows, collaborators and partners of the European Fund for the Balkans

Methods:

networking events, web-based platform, Facebook community

Outreach:

387 members from 26 countries

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Advancing public
knowledge on EU integration and
regional cooperation

REGIONAL TV SHOW *VICINITIES*

with the Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in
Southeast Europe

Idea:

to stimulate regional debate
and exchanges on topics
of shared concern, relevant
to Europeanisation of the
Balkans

Format:

TV talk show with mixed
participants from the Balkan
countries, broadcasted
regionally

Seasons:

5 so far, 6th in the making

Supported initiatives, *inter alia*

Regionally aired TV debate
Balkans in Europe

Regionally aired TV debate
Forum Europe

News portal
EurActiv.rs

Regional short film festival
Balkans Beyond Borders

Series of regional public discussions
The Future of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Building on the results...

2007-17 - QUICK FIGURES

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| 3 FLAGSHIP PROGRAMMES | 95 POLICY PAPERS |
| 95 SUPPORTED THINK TANKS | 20 SURVEYS |
| 191 SKILLED GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS | 75 CALLS |
| 203 YOUNG LEADERS ACQUIRED NEW INSIGHTS AND SKILLS | 21 ROADSHOW MEDIA EVENTS |
| 150 SUPPORTED RESEARCHERS | 2 REGIONAL TV SHOWS |
| 95 INTERNATIONAL EVENTS | 60 DEBATES |
| 5 BOOKS | 3 BALKAN FESTIVALS |
| 120 PANEL DISCUSSIONS | 3 ONLINE PLATFORMS |
| 35 GROUP PROJECTS | 1 SEE ART EXHIBITION |
| 15 SUMMER SCHOOLS AND ACADEMIES | 2 COMMUNITY CONFERENCES |
| | 10,000 FACEBOOK PAGE LIKES |

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... the vision for the next decade is to bring to an end the Europeanisation of the Balkans

Future directions:



TO STRENGTHEN THE POTENTIALS OF WESTERN BALKANS' PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS TO SUSTAINABLY CARRY OUT THE EU-ACCESSION RELATED REFORMS



TO CREATE PUBLIC DEMAND FOR EVIDENCE-BASED POLICY MAKING AND COORDINATION



TO ENABLE THE REGION'S POLICY COMMUNITY TO PROVIDE STATE-OF-THE-ART POLICY SOLUTIONS



TO REINFORCE REGIONAL TIES AND THE REGION'S TIES WITH EUROPE



TO ENHANCE THE DYNAMICS OF REGIONAL COOPERATION AND OF THE REGION'S COOPERATION WITH EUROPE

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