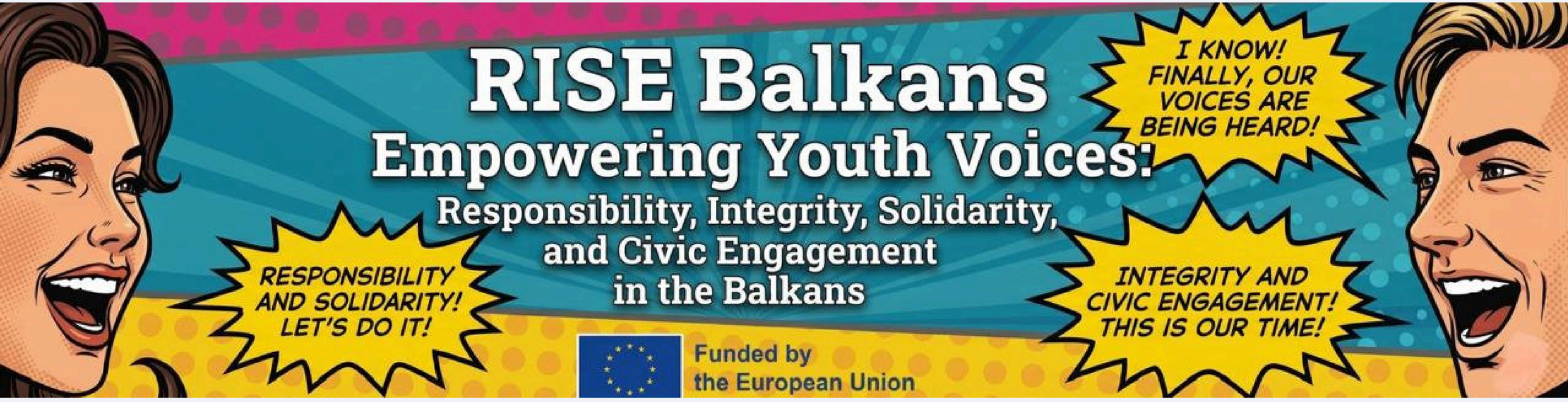


THE PROJECT

RISE Balkans aims to strengthen youth participation in democratic life, transparency, and anti-corruption initiatives across Greece, Bulgaria, Croatia, Albania and North Macedonia. Led by a consortium of academic institutions and civil society organizations coordinated by EUROCRIM (Greece), the project empowers young people aged 18–26 through civic education, experiential learning, mentoring, and cross-border exchanges. Participants will engage in practical initiatives, including law-making simulations, anti-corruption actions, and structured dialogues with institutions, helping them influence legislation, contribute to anti-corruption policy reforms, and foster transparent governance at national and European levels.

Our Objectives

- increase youth knowledge, skills, and motivation for democratic participation
- empower youth to design, implement, and sustain civic initiatives promoting responsibility, integrity, solidarity, and engagement
- strengthen regional cooperation and youth advocacy for democratic reforms

WHO CAN PARTICIPATE

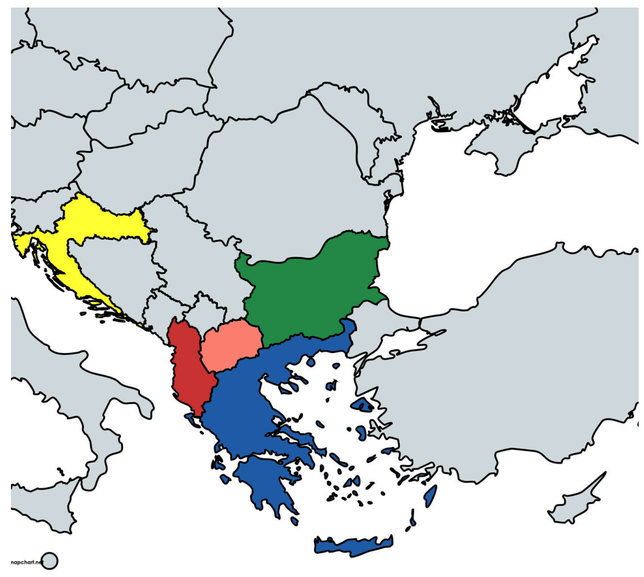
RISE Balkans is designed for young people aged 18–26. University students, young activists, and young people interested in democratic participation, good governance, transparency, and anti-corruption are invited to participate.

AT A GLANCE

15.02.2026 – 14.02.2028

Greece • Bulgaria • Croatia
Albania • North Macedonia

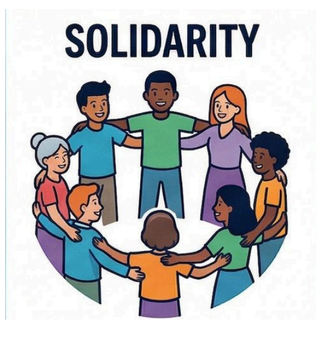
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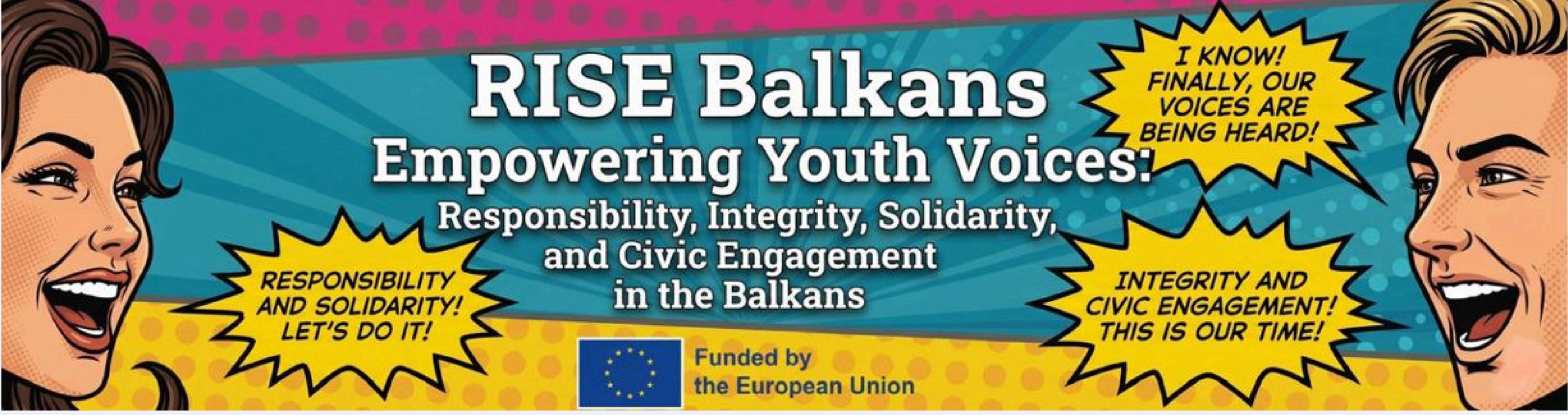
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- University of National and World Economy (BG)
- EURO-EDU (GR)
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How RISE Balkans Works

RISE Balkans follows a connected pathway from research and capacity building to youth-led action, institutional dialogue, and European-level exchange. Through national and regional activities, the project helps young people build knowledge, develop practical skills, design initiatives, and bring their ideas into dialogue with institutions at national and EU level.

ACTIVITIES YOU CAN JOIN

As a participant in RISE Balkans, you can engage in:

- Research
- Good Governance Clinics
- Youth Civic Labs
- Governance Talks
- Digital and Multimedia Storytelling
- Youth Bootcamps
- 5 regional online events
- Brussels - Belgium: Advocacy and study visit

Visit to Brussels (2027)



Youth representatives from all project countries will visit Brussels, meet EU policymakers, and engage with EU institutions.

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