



Call for applications

The Franco-German Youth Office (FGYO), in cooperation with PULSE (Groupe SOS Pulse), the Regional Youth Cooperation Office of the Western Balkans (RYCO) and ARNO, Balkan Green Foundation, Nesto vise, Smart Kolektiv, IEC Technoplois and Yunus Social Business Balkans is organising an ex-change meeting between young social entrepreneurs from the Western Balkans, France and Germany.

The "Youth Entrepreneurship in Europe" encounter will start on **25 November 2024 in Paris** with the train continuing to **Berlin on November 28, 2024**, where it will **end on December 1, 2024**.

The aims of this encounter are

- to exchange experiences and to share tips for setting up your own social enterprise (NGO, initiative, company);
- to gain insights into youth entrepreneurship in Germany, France, and the Western Balkans;
- to highlight existing support structures and measures, associations that have been established between young entrepreneurs or initiatives that promote entrepreneurship of minority groups;
- to foster contacts and networks for possible further development and cooperation, peer-to-peer learning and mentoring;
- to promote intercultural learning and understanding.

We are looking for

- 6 participants from Germany;
- 6 participants from France;
- 2 participants from each of the 6 Western Balkan territories (Albania, Bosnia-and-Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia) who have already taken part in the [RISE project](#).

Eligibility requirements and selection criteria

- be between 18 and 35 years old;
- be resident in one of the above-mentioned territories;
- have a social enterprise project with concrete ideas and prototypes on the project you want to realize or have already created a social enterprise in the field of education, employment, tech for good, integration, civic engagement, culture, (mental) health and well-being, ecology and urbanism;
- be interested in networking and exchanging experiences with like-minded people;
- good knowledge of English (knowledge of one of the other languages represented is an advantage, but not obligatory).

* 'This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.'

Further information

Participants will be accommodated in double rooms with separate beds and of course separated by gender. The FGYO will cover the costs of board and lodging and provide a travel allowance of up to €250 for participants from France and Germany and up to €400 for participants from the Western Balkans. The organizers will take care of the train journey between Paris and Berlin. Participants from the Western Balkans will receive support from SOS PULSE for their travel arrangements to Paris and back home from Berlin so that they do not have to advance the money. Participants from Germany and France are asked to take care of their travel themselves and will be reimbursed within the framework of the aforementioned lump sum after the encounter. The selected participants are encouraged to travel as environmentally conscious as possible. 1st class tickets are non-refundable.

The **working language** is English, although all other languages will be given a place.

Applications must be submitted **using this form**

The **closing date** is **28 June 2024**

For further questions please contact

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