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25 events have been carried out within this project:

### **Event 1: REACT! Camp: Perspective of Montenegro's membership in the EU – Agenda 2025**

**Participation:** The event involved in total: **69 participants**, including 6 from **Albania**, 11 from **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, 23 from **Montenegro**, 6 from **Serbia**, 6 from **Kosovo**, 7 from **Macedonia**, 2 from **Croatia**, 7 from **Romania**, 1 from **Bulgaria**

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Village Vusanje, Municipality of Gusinje, Montenegro on 04/09/2018

#### **Short description**

This event was held as a part of 11<sup>th</sup> edition Summer School – Regional Euro Atlantic Camp REACT 2018 which was held from September 3<sup>rd</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup> 2018 in Gusinje [www.reactmontenegro.me](http://www.reactmontenegro.me) General aim of this debate was to develop better understanding of Western Balkans countries integration process into EU as well as youth active participation in these processes.

The brief introduction on the topic was delivered by Gordana Đurovic, Professor, Faculty of Political Science, University of Montenegro, Former Deputy Prime Minister of the Government, Montenegro in 25 min. After that, participants were discussed about positive and negative implications of EU accession. The debate was facilitated by Milos Perovic and Aleksandar Dedovic from ALPHA Centre. During this, there were 11 questions raised and 7 comments delivered.

### **Event 2 - First partners meeting in Belgrade**

**Participation: Participation:** The event involved **15 citizens**, including 2 participants from the city of Zagreb, **Croatia**, 2 participants from the city of Bucharest, **Romania**, 2 participants from the city of Nikšić, **Montenegro**, 1 participant from the city of Vilnius, **Lithuania**, 2 participants from the city of Warsaw, **Poland** and 6 participants from the city of Belgrade, **Serbia**.

**Location / Dates:** The first partners meeting took place in **Belgrade, Serbia** from **17/9/2018** to **20/09/2018**

#### **Short description:**

Preparatory meeting of project consortia lasted for two working days with the aim of specific tasks among partners and preparation of online campaign. Partners jointly worked on project implementation plan, campaign goals and messages, optimal communication channels as well as project timeline and reporting details. Important part of the meeting was presentation of partners events as well as two workshops delivered by media and communication experts. First workshop was focused on exchanging examples of good practise and communication in local, national and international contexts of communication. The second was focused on social accounts, website and editing and creating content for specific audiences. The final part of the meeting was joint development of online communication tools – EnlargeEUrope Experiences and EnlargeEUrope Quiz.

### **Event 3 – Belgrade Security Forum Plenary Panel 1 – “Balkans 2025”**

**Participation:** The event involved **323** citizens, including 180 participants from **Serbia**, 2 participants from **Austria**, 5 citizens from **Belgium**, 5 citizens from **Italy**, 10 citizens from **Bosnia and Hercegovina**, 9 citizens from **Bulgaria**, 2 citizens from **Canada**, 5 citizens from **Croatia**, 1 citizens from **Czech Republic**, 2 citizens from **Denmark**, 3 citizens from **France**, 10 citizens from **Germany**, 1 citizens from **Finland**, 2 citizens from **Greece**, 6 citizens from **Hungary**, 1 citizens from **Israel**, 2 citizens from **Korea**, 1 citizen from **Libya**, 2 citizens from **Macedonia**, 2 citizens from **Montenegro**, 3 citizens from **Netherlands**, 2 citizens from **Norway**, 1 citizens from **Palestine**, 9 citizens from **Poland**, 2 citizens from **Romania**, 4 citizens from Slovakia, 7 citizens from **Slovenia**, 1 citizen from **Spain**, 2 citizens from **Sweden**, 2 citizens from **Switzerland**, 10 citizens from **UK**, 18 citizens from **US**.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, **Serbia** on 17/10/2018

#### **Short description:**

The debate under the title Balkans 2025 was organised within the Belgrade Security Forum, the biggest forum on foreign and security affairs in the Western Balkans. The aim of the debate was to gather different stakeholders and discuss the future of Western Balkans, especially Serbia and Montenegro as forerunners of the EU Enlargement. Representatives of academia, civil society, media, international organisations and interested citizens discussed enlargement benefits and importance of European path of Western Balkans. One of the important topics was raising question about what EU can give to the people in the region in positive and negative EU Enlargement scenarios. Speakers on the panel were Zoran Nechev from Center for EU integration, Robert Cooper from European Council on Foreign Relations, Naim Rashiti from Balkans Policy Research Group, Vladimir Međak from European Movement in Serbia and Hedvig Morvai from the European Fund for the Balkans as moderator.

#### **Event 4 – Facelook with Bojan Perić in Kraljevo**

**Participation:** The event involved **67** citizens, mostly youngsters from City of **Kraljevo, Serbia**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Kraljevo, Serbia on 11/12/2018

#### **Short description:**

The Facelook discussion, was held in the Turist hotel in Kraljevo on December 11th, featuring famous Serbian actor Bojan Perić. One of the most popular young actors, good known TV host, was a guest of the Youth Forum of the European Movement in Serbia, realized in cooperation with the European Movement in Serbia – Kraljevo. An open and informal talk with youth of Kraljevo region was moderated by Isidora Martinenko, EMinS Youth Forum Vice President. The Facelook discussion was arranged as informal talk with participants, drawing common conclusions, and providing answers to questions of how the EU affects citizens' lives, especially young people. The participants actively debated and talked with Bojan and Isidora about what the European Union meant to them and exchanged opinions on civic engagement, activism and youth opportunities within the EU integration process. The Facelook discussion gathered more than 60 young people and was one of our first youth events within the project.

#### **Event 5 - European class in Zaječar**

**Participation:** The event involved 49 youngsters from City of **Zaječar, Serbia**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Zaječar, Serbia on 21/03/2019

#### **Short description:**

First European class was held on March 21 in Zaječar led by Youth Forum of EminS' activists Anja Anđušić and Nevena Nedeljković. The topic was "What is EU enlargement process and how it benefits youth?", and high school students had the chance to discuss with peer educators on what exactly is the process of European integration, how far Serbia got in the process, what European Union means to them, as well as their prejudices towards it. Students were very open for sharing opinions and experiences with their peers, but also for gaining new knowledge. They said that they lack this kind of content in their curriculums and showed interest to participate in similar activities in the future. "European Union stands for mobility. These kinds of lectures are great for us because we can get more motivation and get more interested in this important topic", says Nikola Trajković, second grade student. He thinks that the process of European integration of Serbia is going to last until we are able to achieve approximately even level of economic development and development of educational system as other EU countries.

Civic education professor Dragana Rašić, assessed that the form of European classes is well thought out and was especially pleased that this activity of European Movement in Serbia was realized in Zaječar."

#### **Event 6 - European class in Kuršumljija**

**Participation:** The event involved 36 youngsters from City of Kuršumljija, Serbia.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Kuršumljija**, Serbia on 12/04/2019

**Short description:**

Activists of the Youth Forum of the European Movement in Serbia, Nina Stojanović and Radomir Aleksić held European class at Economic school in Kuršumljaja. The topic was the future of Europe and educators spoke with students about the current challenges facing the European Union, such as the growth of populism, the consequence of the migrant crisis and the Brexit, but also the possible directions of the reform of the Union. A special part of the workshop was dedicated to the vision of young people about the future within the European Union, as well as the opportunities available to young people. The students were very interested in exchanging opinions and experiences with their peers and to acquiring new knowledge as well. Asked what the European Union is for them, they most often replied that EU is a space of peace that associate them with the unification of nations, but also better opportunities for education and greater innovation. Also, the vast majority of them said that it supports the introduction of these topics in high school education.

**Event 7 - Conference "EU - Empowering Youth Entrepreneurs"**

**Participation:** The event involved 20 youth from Vilnius

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in **Vilnius**, YEPA, Lithuania, 18/04/2019

**Short description:**

Practical conference and discussion, as part of the "EnlargEUrope" project, was held in Vilnius on April 18th, 2019. The organizer Youth Entrepreneurship Promotion Association gathered young people to discuss their entrepreneurship perspectives in EU. The conference was opened by YEPA director who tried to motivate participants to be active, not be afraid of taking risks and take the advantage of the opportunities offered by the EU. Key speaker presented the EU policies and its benefits for young entrepreneurs. Participants received the information about business creation and key speaker shared the detailed list of EU foundations and programmes that support young entrepreneurs with business start ups. Business reps. presented successful business stories and shared their experience with young participants. They talked about challenges faced throughout career's beginning and tried to inspire young participants to think critically and to look for opportunities for business everywhere. Participants were interested in entrepreneurship in the EU, they asked to get useful tips for business establishment and development.

**Event 8 - Conference "Great Enlargement – Lessons for the Western Balkans"**

**Participation:** The event involved 60 citizens of Belgrade and Serbia

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, Media Center, Serbia on 07/05/2019

**Short description:**

International conference titled Great Enlargement – Lessons for the Western Balkans was held in organization of the Forum for International Relations of the European Movement in Serbia. National consensus on the issue of accession to the European Union as a crucial element of European integration in Serbia and other Western Balkan countries is the conclusion of the conference. Participants from Europe and the region emphasized the importance of communication of European integration process, rights and obligations, in order to build support and prepare for the EU membership. The event saw the participation of Suzana Grubješić, Secretary General of the European Movement in Serbia, H.E. Sem Fabrizi, Head of EU Delegation to the Republic of Serbia, H.E. Oana-Cristina Popa, Ambassador of Romania to Serbia H.E. Gordan Bakota, Ambassador of Croatia to Serbia, Andrzej Kindziuk, Charge d'Affairs, Embassy of Poland to Serbia Duško Lopandić, Ambassador, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia, etc.

**Event 9 – European class in Požega**

**Participation:** The event involved 40 youngsters from City of **Požega, Serbia**.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Požega, Serbia on 14/05/2019

**Short description:**

The third European class within the project "EnlargEUrope" was held on May 14 at the Technical School in Požega, and in the role of peer educators, activists from the Youth Forum of European Movement in Serbia were Marija Mitić and Nevena Marinčić. Students had the opportunity to learn more about the importance of EU institutions that directly influence the smooth functioning of the Union and its member states. The informal atmosphere at the class, as well as the great interest and desire to acquire new knowledge, encouraged students to ask questions freely, and the most interest students showed in accessing different youth programs provided by the EU, especially, the Erasmus exchange program. After the Technical School, another group of high school students was gathered on the same topic in NGO Forca's premises. The most frequent questions that pupils put up were related to the lives of their peers in the European Union, benefits from the accession of Serbia to the Union, and EU programs that are accessible to young

people as well. Evaluations after classes have shown that young people greatly support the introduction of this type of teaching into high school syllabus.

### **Event 10 – Facelook with Galeb Nikačević in Čačak**

**Participation:** The event involved 8 youngsters from City of Čačak, Serbia.

**Location/ Dates:** The event took place in Čačak, **Serbia** on 20/05/2019

#### **Short description:**

The Youth Forum of European Movement in Serbia organized Facelook talks in Čačak and the guest was Galeb Nikačević, a popular show host and editor of Vice magazine. At the event at the Čačak Cultural Center gathered young people who had the opportunity to talk with Galeb about European values, civic activism and European integration. Galeb shared his view on importance of youth contribution to the society. He emphasised that after learning abroad, upon return to their communities young people help those communities to develop and improve. He also shared his rich experience with young people from various journeys across Europe and the world, emphasizing why getting to know other cultures, languages and people is important for young people from Serbia. It helps them deal with prejudice and helps them understand differences and accept them. Another conclusion is that young people must remain active in local initiatives, because in this way they activate society as a whole.

### **Event 11 - Conference: “Open Debate on EU Enlargement“**

**Participants:** The project involved 45 citizens from Warsaw

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Embassy of Romania in Poland, Warsaw, **Poland**, on 07/06/2019

#### **Short description**

The Polish Robert Schuman Foundation in partnership with the Embassy of Romania in Warsaw organized an open debate on the future of the EU enlargement basing on Polish and Romanian accession and membership experience. The event gathered about 45 persons from different groups – civil society organizations, academics and students, diplomats, journalists etc. For the purpose of this debate we have prepared a report “Enlarged in diversity: The EU enlargement process and its perspectives” – online and printed publication in a form of an overview of the EU enlargement prospects. The report was presented during the seminar and was a starting point for the discussion. The event as well the report were widely communicated in social media.

### **Event 12 - Ask Me Anything about ... Poland in the EU**

**Participation:** The event involved 24 youth from Belgrade

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, European Movement in Serbia, **Serbia** on 14/06/2019

The first debate “Ask me anything about Poland in the EU” was held in Belgrade and interested citizens had the opportunity to discuss with Poland’s European Affairs Expert, Piotr Kaczyński, about the experience of his country in regards to accession and membership in the European Union. Open format of the debate allowed the participants to ask about comparison of the situation in Poland and Serbia with the lack of European values in the public narrative, as well as the presence of radically right attitudes, especially among young people. Piotr warned of growing, right winged attitudes in his home country, but also in others.

### **Event 13 - Ask me Anything about... Lithuania in the EU**

**Participation:** The event involved 14 citizens of Novi Sad, mostly youth

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Novi Sad, EU Info Point, **Serbia** on 09/07/2019

#### **Short description:**

The Debate “Ask me anything about Lithuania in the EU” that European Movement in Serbia organized at the EU Info Point Novi Sad was an opportunity for young people from Novi Sad to talk about Lithuania’s EU experience with Indrė Kulėšienė. She spoke about the membership negotiations that Lithuania led with the EU for five years, pointing out that after the collapse of the USSR, the EU was significant for Lithuania primarily for security and economic reasons and as well as a mechanism to strengthen institutions, initiates economic growth and respect for human rights.

### **Event 14 - European Classes in Subotica**

**Participation:** The event involved 69 high school students from Subotica

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Subotica Polytechnic School, **Serbia** on 18/09/2019

**Short description:**

European Classes were held in September at the Polytechnic School in Subotica. Members of our Youth Forum Luka Milovanovic and Ilija Gavrilovic gave short presentation on the European values and continued to talk with students whether these values are something that is “imposed” or we already incorporate them in our daily lives. In addition, students were introduced to the opportunities offered to young people to study abroad and participate actively in society. Each student received a copy of the textbook It Rings for Europe.

**Event 15 - Ask me Anything about... the EU Citizenship**

**Participation:** The event involved 45 citizens of Niš, mostly youth

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Niš, EU Info Point, **Serbia** on 04/10/2019

**Short description**

Last week, we organized an event Ask me Anything about EU Citizenship with guests from Croatia in Niš. The participants had the opportunity to hear more about the experiences of Croatian citizens in the European Union in a direct conversation with Martina Horvat and Lucija Dumančić from the renowned Croatian activist organization Gong. The guests overwhelmingly stressed that the EU a value system, if established in all candidate countries could create a sense of belonging and a shared identity that could in no way impair the existence of a national one. It was concluded that the implementation of public policies, increased importance of civic participation, as well as citizens’ uncensored access to information can improve the quality of life for future EU citizens.

**Event 16 - Ask me Anything about... the Joint Path to the EU**

**Participation:** The event involved 41 citizens of Prijepolje, mostly youth

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, **Serbia** on 16/10/2019

**Short description:**

In order to bring the EU enlargement process closer to citizens and discuss the benefits it brings to them, the European Movement in Serbia organized a debate in Prijepolje to present the process of European integration from the perspective of citizens of Montenegro, which is like Serbia on its path to the EU membership. Guest was Radoje Mijušković from the partner organization “Alfa Centar” from Nikšić and the aim of the debate is to contribute to the citizens’ understanding of the process and to open a discussion on the EU at the local level. Some of the questions that had been discussed included the positive sides of the European integration process and the advantages and disadvantages of EU membership. Montenegro has gone the farthest among the countries in the region on its European path and out of 33 Chapters, it has only one unopened. As much as the opening of the Chapters is important in the EU accession process, fulfilling the required conditions and complying with regulations and practices in the countries of the European Union play a much more important role.

**Event 17 - European Classes in Ivanjica**

**Participation:** The event involved 60 high school students of Ivanjica

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Ivanjica Gymnasium, **Serbia** on 10/10/2019

Activists of the European Movement Youth Forum in Serbia, Bojan Latinovic and Oleg Slatina, held European Class at the Gymnasium in Ivanjica on how and why the EU came about.

The main reasons for creation of the European Union were presented to the students, as well some of the key figures and chronology of the EU evolution. The educators spoke with the students about the EU as a peace project with different dimensions of cooperation and the participants were particularly interested in the possibility of establishing a similar model in the Balkans. They discussed in detail the context of economic cooperation and the reduction of trade barriers. After the lectures and discussions, a fun EU quiz was organized. Each student received a copy of the textbook It Rings for Europe.

**Event 18 - Belgrade Security Forum Session – “The ‘Big Bang Enlargement’: 15 Years Since the EU’s Greatest Accomplishment”**

**Participation:** The event involved 62 participants from Serbia, Kosovo, Germany, Croatia, Bulgaria, Romania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, North Macedonia, etc.

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, Hotel Hyatt Regency, **Serbia** on 16/10/2019

**Short description:**



The session of the Belgrade Security Forum 2019 entitled [“The ‘Big Bang Enlargement’: 15 Years Since the EU’s Greatest Accomplishment”](#) focused on the 2004 enlargement of the European Union and its consequences 15 years on. The panellists explored current EU enlargement policies, especially in regards to the Western Balkans. Martin Povejšil, Deputy Minister for Security and Multilateral Issues at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Czech Republic, described the 2004 enlargement as one of the EU’s biggest successes, emphasising its positive perspectives in terms of economic growth and stable institutions, but also admitting the resulting political divergences and difficulties in single market integration. Nathalie Tocci, Director of the International Affairs Institute in Italy, stated that the 2004 enlargement had its “dark” and “light” sides, but that it was certainly a historical necessity. She warned that it would be incorrect to apply the old enlargement policies to current circumstances in the Western Balkans and the EU. Bernd Hüttemann, Secretary General of the European Movement Germany, pointed out the success of the “Big Bang enlargement”, primarily as a shield against Russian influence in Central Europe, while Ivo Vajgl, a former member of the European Parliament from Slovenia, expressed his worries about the state of democracy, and especially media freedom, in Serbia.

### **Event 19 - Conference “Not Another Enlargement Conference”**

**Participation:** The event involved 70 participants from Serbia

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, Aeroklub, **Serbia** on 18/11/2019

#### **Short description:**

Conference intended to gather somewhat different actors than the usual experts and decision makers to discuss the current state of the EU enlargement process in the Western Balkans. First panel saw the participation of one Serbian/Portuguese novelist, women rights activist and digital influencer, and one author of satirical website and TV show, all from Serbia. Decision makers have to find a better way to communicate the EU to the citizens – they concluded. European Union has been sending mixed messages to the countries of the Western Balkans which has significantly impacted the trust of the citizens in the process of European integration. The second panel analysed the different meaning of the EU in 6 countries - Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Poland, Lithuania and Serbia, participating in the Project and saw the participation of the project partners’ representatives. They were seeking of the communication of the EU and the ruling narrative in their countries.

### **Event 20 - Closing Meeting of Project Partners**

**Participation:** The event involved 7 participants from Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Poland, Lithuania and Serbia

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Belgrade, hotel Royal Inn, **Serbia** on 19/11/2019

#### **Short description:**

Meeting of partners from 6 countries implementing the Project - Montenegro, Croatia, Romania, Poland, Lithuania and Serbia, met to discuss the results, the process of implementation and coordination, lessons learned, and prepare points for the final report. Brief evaluation of the project management process was done and ideas for future cooperation discussed.

### **Event 21 - Ask Me Anything about ... Romania in the EU**

**Participation:** The event involved 25 participants from Lazarevac

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Lazarevac, Cafe Ginko, **Serbia** on 19/11/2019

#### **Short description:**

Last of the AMA events was held in Lazarevac in November with guests from partner organisation Romanian Academic Society, Constantine-Alexandru Manda. Conversation was moderated by Vladimir Međak, Vice President of the European Movement in Serbi. Manda focused on the issues of corruption, transparency and civil activism in his country. Participants were interested in data on economic growth of Romania and living standards of citizens. Manda underlined the importance of civil activism and watchdog activities in fight against corruption and embezzlement. Local Tv station covered the event and took statements from the participants.

### **Event 22 – “The European Dimension in Formal Croatian Education”**

**Participation:** The event involved 19 citizens, including participants from the city of Zagreb, Rijeka, Koprivnica (Croatia).

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the Impact Hub, Zagreb (Croatia), 27/11/2019

**Short description:**

The aim of the event was to discuss whether there is a European dimension of education within the formal Croatian educational framework. To which extent this dimension (whose basic contents are European values, European citizenship, European identity, multilingualism and mobility) is really implemented in the Croatian educational system was discussed with Ivana Miočić (Assistant at the Department of Pedagogy, Faculty of Philosophy, University of Rijeka), Ante Babačić (teacher of Sociology, Zagreb Administrative School), Ivana Zelenika (teacher of Politics and Economics, Ethics and Civic Education, School of Transport, Zagreb), Olja Brajčić (Geography teacher, X. Gymnasium, Zagreb) and Stojanka Lesicki (Librarian, St. Peter Orehovec OS) during a panel discussion that took place in Zagreb (Impact Hub) on November 27th 2019.

The interest in the European dimension in education in Croatian scientific and research circles has been evident in the last two decades, especially after Croatia's accession to the European Union.

Ivana Miočić presented research findings showing that geography teachers recognize different challenges in the process of implementing content of the European dimension in education; disinterestedness of students, outdated textbooks, time, organizational and material conditions... The teachers are facing these and similar challenges as well. They pointed out that the implementation of the European dimension in the educational system in Croatia is largely left to particular teachers; their motivation and their personal engagement.

All participants in the panel, both primary and secondary school teachers, recognize Erasmus+ programs as a great opportunity to promote knowledge of Europe. This is an opportunity, they say, to learn about new places, foreign customs and tradition, but also internalize what we call European values.

Although they generally express a positive general picture of the European Union, most of the research respondents presented by Ivana Miočić (Ledić, Miočić and Turk, 2016) admit that topics related to the European dimension in education hardly, if at all, find their way to the students. Therefore, teachers who recognize the importance of the European dimension in education, who find a time and a way to teach those topics in schools, should be motivated and encouraged.

**Event 23 – Workshop “Youth Participation in National and EU Level”**

**Participation:** The event involved 30 young people from Croatia

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in the School for Traffic, **Zagreb** (Croatia) on 05/12/019

**Short description:**

One additional event dedicated to youth was organised by the Croatian partner GONG. It was a workshop on mechanisms and ways for youth activism and political participation both on national and EU level. Fun and education workshop engaged 30 students and high school student in exercises on starting initiatives, petitions, advocacy, and utilizing European Citizens Initiative mechanism.

**Event 24 - Facelook feat. Petar Strugar in Kruševac**

**Participation:** The event involved 29 participants from Kruševac, Serbia

**Location / Dates:** The event took place in Kruševac, **Serbia**, on 16/12/2019

**Short description:**

The last Facelook discussion in 2019 was held in Kruševac. Mostly youth was gathered at the event at Saračeva Story cafe, as the guest was popular young actor Petar Strugar. Strugar spoke about his profession and his humanitarian work, and referred to European integrations from the perspective of his work. He stressed that he did not know much about the European Union, but that there were nevertheless things where one could recognize the positive impact of membership and gave the example of Bulgaria.

**Event 25 - EnlargEUrope through Young People**

**Participants:** The project involved 72 citizens, notably 7 participants from the city of Constanta (Romania), 3 from the Ilfov county, 2 participants from the city of Bacau (Romania), 1 participant from Timisoara (Romania), the rest being residents in Bucharest.

**Location / Dates:** Hotel Capitol, Bucharest, **Romania**, 18/12/2019

**Short description**

We ended the year 2019 with the EnlargEUrope conference in Romania, held in the presence of over 70 young people, officials, representatives of the media and members of civil society, who came to learn

lessons and conclusions after joining the European Union, but also to participate in the launch of our analysis targeting local youth policies at national level.

Therefore, the conference had two parts. The first one concerned a debate about the lessons learned by Romania from the accession process, which meant for us the 12 years as part of the European Union, as well as on the future prospects of the enlargement process. We had 4 ladies in the panel, namely Alina Mungiu-Pippidi (RAS president), Renate Weber (People's Advocate institution), Iulia Matei (State Secretary for European Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs), and Tamara Ceaicovschi (GEYC organisation), the discussion being moderated by Constantin-Alexandru Manda.

In the second part, in the context of the active participation of young people in the community - value promoted by the EU, we have launched a study regarding the policies, strategies and financing of the activities and centers of youth at local level, this being followed by a discussion with the representatives Ministry of Youth and Sport and organizations in the youth sector. In the panel we had Yolanda Florescu (youth policy national cooperation network within the FITT Timisoara), Gabriel Carnariu (president of the Youth Council of Romania), Laura Nani (counselor within the Ministry of Youth and Sport), the debate being moderated by Cristian Ghingheș, the author of the study.

The analysis of the funds and youth policies of the local public authorities in Romania for the period 2015-2019 can be downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/politicitineret>