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I. Activities on the implementation of the RYCO project “Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic (Acronym MULTIYOU)” February – September 2021

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union project “**Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic**” is supported by the **Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)** and the **European Union (EU)**. The project was also supported by the **French Embassy in Montenegro** and the **Konrad Adenauer Foundation**. The project was implemented in the period from February 18 to September 18, 2021. The partners in this project were the following organizations: **The Observatory for Children and Youth Rights** (Albania), **Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Bosnia and Herzegovina), and **Centre for Foreign Policy** (Serbia).

The general objective of this project is to challenge youth issues related to democratic and identity inherited narratives in the time of COVID-19 pandemic by providing safe environment for intercultural dialogue, learning and cooperating among diverse peers from multicultural communities within named Contracting Parties from the Western Balkan region.

The key project activities were:

- Google survey;
- Regional Summer School;
- Brochure;
- Dissemination of project activities.

1. Google survey: *"Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU"*

For the needs of first project activity – **Google survey**, the MPEU project team in cooperation with the partners have developed an online structured questionnaire.

The main goal of this survey was measuring the perception and attitudes of young people from Western Balkans (namely Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia) on issues such as:

- DEMOCRACY AND EUROPEAN INTEGRATIONS;
- IDENTITY AND TRUST;
- MOBILITY, EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT

Based on the regional survey conducted in four different areas of the Western Balkans region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Serbia), we obtained a sample of 500

respondents. The structure of respondents in percentages by areas is as follows: Albania – 21%, Bosnia and Herzegovina – 29%, Montenegro – 30%, and Serbia – 19%. Out of the total number of respondents, 38% are male and 62% are female, out of which 84% live in urban area, and 16% in rural area. The structure by respondents' age in percentage is: from 18 to 23 – 47%; from 24 to 30 – 40%, and from 31 to 35 – 13%. The questionnaire is prepared in English and is available at the following link – https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1HV8NIswQImCWNw2JHiyPxGnJMOfyCbCVzcy7WvmbCE/edit?usp=drive_web. The results of the questionnaire were a key input for creating the brochure. This activity was realized in the period from **March to April 2021**.

Also, a PPT presentation on survey results was prepared in English and presented at the **Regional Summer School, the final MULITIYOU press conference, the KAS-CPEU seminar "Let's talk about Europe: Political, economic and security challenges"**, and the final conference of the Pan-European Union of the Austria **"Citizens Looking for Multidimensional Migration Challenges"** in Vienna, where the MPEU was one of the partners in the project of the same name.



2. Regional Summer School: "Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU"

Regional Summer School "Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU" was organized from **10 to 15 June 2021 at the Princess Hotel in Bar**. Regional Summer School was a key activity within the MULTIYOU project. It provided special ambient to really touch into every participant's personality and their past framework of conduct enabling close, intimate and safe environment that is directing them to one and another to accept, discuss and cooperate, providing long lasting experience and change in their' attitudes, behaviours and capacities. Through various lectures and workshops, participants had the opportunity to learn and understand the complexity and multidimensional aspects of democracy and identity. Marginalized young people in the Western Balkans region have created new ties, friendships and broadened their horizons through intercultural dialogue with various actors.



The aim of this activity was for participants to understand the complexity of the Western Balkans region and the multidimensional aspects of democracy and identity through dialogue, learning, exchange of knowledge and experience. The aim is also to exchange good practices in order to improve the position of young people in the region and to hear their voice in policy-making. The Regional Summer School was opened by: professor **Gordana Djurovic**, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, **Edin Koljenović**, Head of the local RYCO Office and Ambassador of France to



Montenegro, **Christian Thimonier**. **Denis Piplas**, RYCO project coordinator, also attended the opening of the school.

The participants of the Regional Summer School were **young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia**. In total, **23** young people participated in the school. In addition to the participants, there were also **team members** from the MPEU and partner organizations (5 team members in total). Also, **10 great lecturers** (from four different countries of the Western Balkans) with their participation and inspirational lectures, workshops and discussions connected young people and pass on their knowledge in the fields of democracy, identity, European integration, multiculturalism, religion and education.

During the school, participants had the opportunity to learn and discuss growing populism, democracy and identity, the EU and its values, human rights, intercultural dialogue, religion, the richness of different cultures, as well as media freedoms and social media challenges.



In addition to the teaching part of the school, the participants visited **Old Bar** and talked with the mayor of Bar, **Dusan Ricevic**, about the history of Bar, its multiculturalism and sights. Also, the young people visited the **Islamic-Cultural Center, the Catholic Cathedral** and **the Orthodox Church**, which introduced them in the best way to the recognizability of the city of Bar, which is its openness and coexistence of all denominations, for centuries in one place.

The contribution to the dialogue with young people gave **professor Franjo Topic** from the Catholic Theological Faculty in Sarajevo, **professor Neritan Sejamini** from Faculty of Political Science in Tirana, **professor Olivera Komar** and **Msc Nemanja Stankov** from Faculty of Political Science in Podgorica, **professor Milos Hrnjaz** from Faculty of Political Science in Belgrade, **professor Gordana Djurovic** from Faculty of Economics in Podgorica, as well as Protector of Human Rights and Freedoms **Sinisa Bjekovic**, and several civil society activists from four countries in the region: **Suzana Grubjesic, Nenad Koprivica, Anida Sabanovic** and **Elma Tershana**. The main goal of the regional school has been achieved, and that is to educate and teach young people about the basic values of democracy and provide them with space for dialogue, so that in the future they are ready to change the region of the Western Balkans for the better.





The news about the Regional Summer School was also broadcast by MINA news, Avaz.ba, Radio Dux.me, TV Boin, and the Municipality of Bar.

Additional information regarding the Regional Summer School can be found at the following link <https://panevropa.me/en/ryco-project/> , as well as on the social networks CPEU (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and LinkedIn).

3. Brochure *“Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU”*

The MPEU project team in cooperation with the partners (The Observatory for Children and Youth Rights, Pan-European Union of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Centre for Foreign Policy) created brochure **“Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU”**

The brochure is the result of a survey conducted on a sample of 500 young respondents from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia. The survey topic was democracy, identity and trust, education, employment and education. The brochure contains reflections and attitudes of young people on these



issues. Also, the findings from the Regional Summer School, direct recommendations and attitudes of young people on the topics covered, were input for the development of the brochure.

The brochure has been prepared bilingually (in Montenegrin and English) and is available on the MPEU website www.panevropa.me (<http://www.panevropa.me/wp-content/uploads/2021/08/MULTIYOU-Brochure.pdf>). The brochure consists of 36 pages (with 23 graphics and 17 tables). The brochure was also presented at the final press conference of the MULTIYOU project, as well as distributed online to relevant addresses.

Brochure authors: Professor dr **Gordana Djurovic**, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, Predsjednica Crnogorske panevropske unije, **lecturers from the Regional Summer School**, and young members of the MULTIYOU/MPEU team (**Bojana Boskovic**, Mr **Djordjije Djurovic**, **Petar Raicevic**, Mr **Milica Muhadinovic**, Mr **Haris Cutahija**, **Dusan Milenkovic** and **Ensara Reci**).

4. Dissemination of project activities

At the beginning of the project, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union adopted a plan for the dissemination of project activities and regular informing of the public and all interested groups about project activities and results. All information related to the project was available on **social networks** and the MPEU **website (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, LinkedIn)**. Also, the press was informed about the Regional Summer School, as well as the final MULTIYOU press conference where the final results of the project were presented.

Eight posts related to the project were published on social networks Facebook and Twitter, seven posts on Instagram and LinkedIn, and eight posts on the website. In addition to the MPEU's social networks, posts on project activities were also posted by partner organizations.

A number of posts were **promoted**, in order to provide **additional visibility to the project and its activities**.

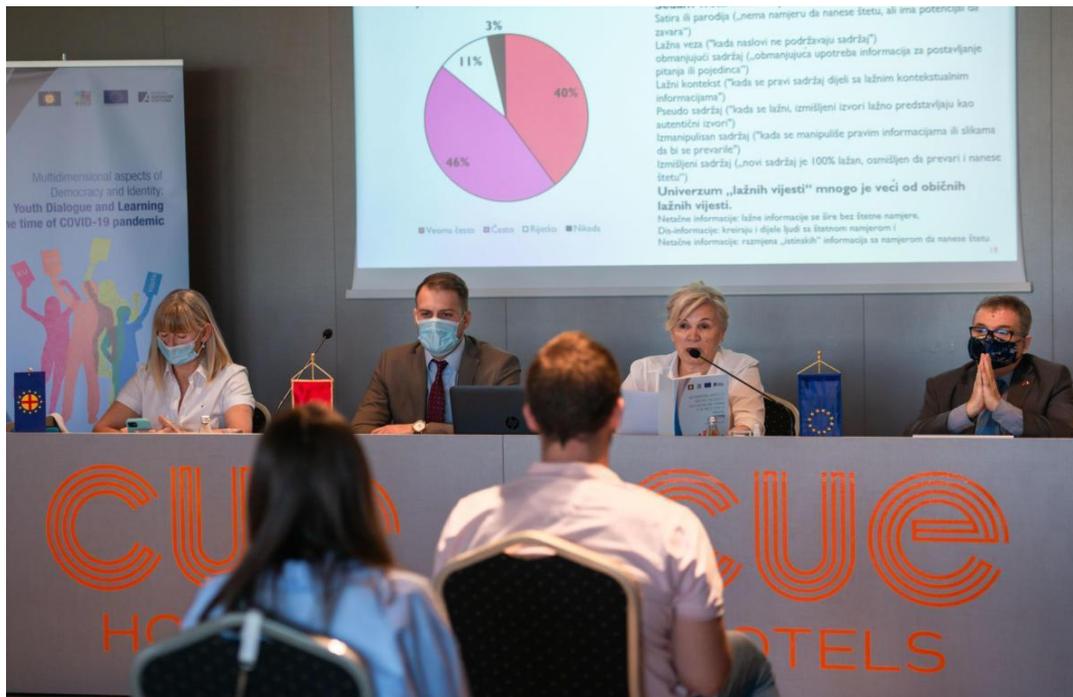
The number of people who visited the MPEU website during the MULTIYOU project is 747.

5. Final MULTIYOU press conference

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union organized the **final MULTIYOU press conference at the CUE Hotel in Podgorica, on September 14, 2021**. The results of the MULTIYOU project were presented: youth survey on multidimensional aspects of democracy and identity, organized Regional Summer School for young people from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Montenegro, and a bilingual Brochure was prepared. **Gordana Djurovic**, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, **Edin Koljenovic**, Head of the RYCO Office in Montenegro, Ambassador of France, H.E.

Christian Thimonier, and Head of the KAS Foundation Office in Montenegro, **Sanija Sljivancanin**, spoke at the conference.

The conference was covered by the media. You can find more details on our website <https://paneuropa.me/en/final-multiyou-press-conference/> or on the MINA news portal – <https://mina.news/crnagora/mladi-u-regionu-nezadovoljni-stanjem-demokratije/>.



II Activities on the implementation of the Visegrad Fund project “V4 support to promote WB6 Common Regional Market: one market for post-COVID recovery (V4/WB6) “ October 2021 – September 2022

Montenegrin Pan-European union received grant support for the project “**V4 support to promote WB6 Common Regional Market: one market for post-COVID recovery**”. The project is funded by the Governments of Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia through Visegrad Grants from International Visegrad Fund. The mission of the fund is to advance ideas for sustainable regional cooperation in Central Europe. The project implementation period is from **October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2022**.

The project focuses on sharing experiences, transferring knowledge and recommending further regional economic integration through development of the WB6 Common Regional Market using experiences from ex-CEFTA and V4 after integration into the EU single market. Project products (**e-book and storytelling video**) and events (**conference, roundtable, webinar, lectures**) address the difference in economic cooperation before and after entering the EU and how to speed up process of European integration, with focus on closer economic cooperation between V4 and WB6 in the post-COVID period.

This project will be implemented with the support of partners from four VISEGRAD countries (Czechia, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia) and partners from five Western Balkans countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, North Macedonia and Serbia). The partners are as follows:

- **Union of the Robert Schuman Institute for Developing Democracy in Central-Eastern Europe (RSI)** from Budapest, Hungary. The project partner web site is – <http://schuman-institute.eu/>;
- **Center for Social and Economic Research (CASE)** from Warsaw, Poland. The project partner web site is – <https://www.case-research.eu/en>;
- **Institute for Politics and Society (IPS)** from Prague, Czech Republic. The project partner web site is – <https://www.politikaspolecnost.cz/en/front-page/>;
- **Macro-Economic and Social Analyses 10** from Bratislava, Slovakia. The project partner web site is – <https://www.mesa10.org/>;
- **Albanian Center for Economic Research (ASER)** from Tirana, Albania. The project partner web site is – <https://acer.org.al/>;
- **Foreign Policy Initiative BH (FPI BH)** from Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project partner web site is – <https://vpi.ba/en/fpi-bh/>;
- **Riinvest Institute for Development Research (Riinvest)** from Prishtina, Kosovo*. The project partner web site is – <https://www.riinvestinstitute.org/En>;
- **FINANCE THINK – Economic, Research and Policy Institute** from Skopje, North Macedonia. The project partner web site is – <https://vvv.financethink.mk/en/>;
- **Center for Foreign Policy** from Belgrade, Serbia. The project partner web site is – <https://cfp.org.rs/>.

The project overall goals are:

- to improve Ecosystem for business and social business development at regional level;
- to promote and further explain benefits and challenges of CRM plan for the WB6;
- to include post-COVID recovery plan in research, education, debate and set of recommendation;
- to promote Key CRM benefits through the project;
- to support necessary changes achieved through close cooperation, knowledge transfer and experience sharing with V4.

1. Lecture “WB6 Common Regional Market 2021-2024”

As part of second project activity – Lectures at the Faculty of Political Science and Faculty of Economics, University of Montenegro, the president of the MPEU and a professor at the Faculty of Economics in Podgorica **Gordana Djurovic** held a thematic lecture "**WB6 Common Regional Market 2021-2024**". The lecture was held on **November 22, 2021 via Zoom** due to protection measures. The lecture was for third-year students of the Faculty of Economics, subject - Economic Development. Video of the lectures is available on the MPEU YouTube profile - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XdqZjaSef2U&ab_channel=Crnogorskapanevropskaunija_CPEU.

• Visegrad Fund
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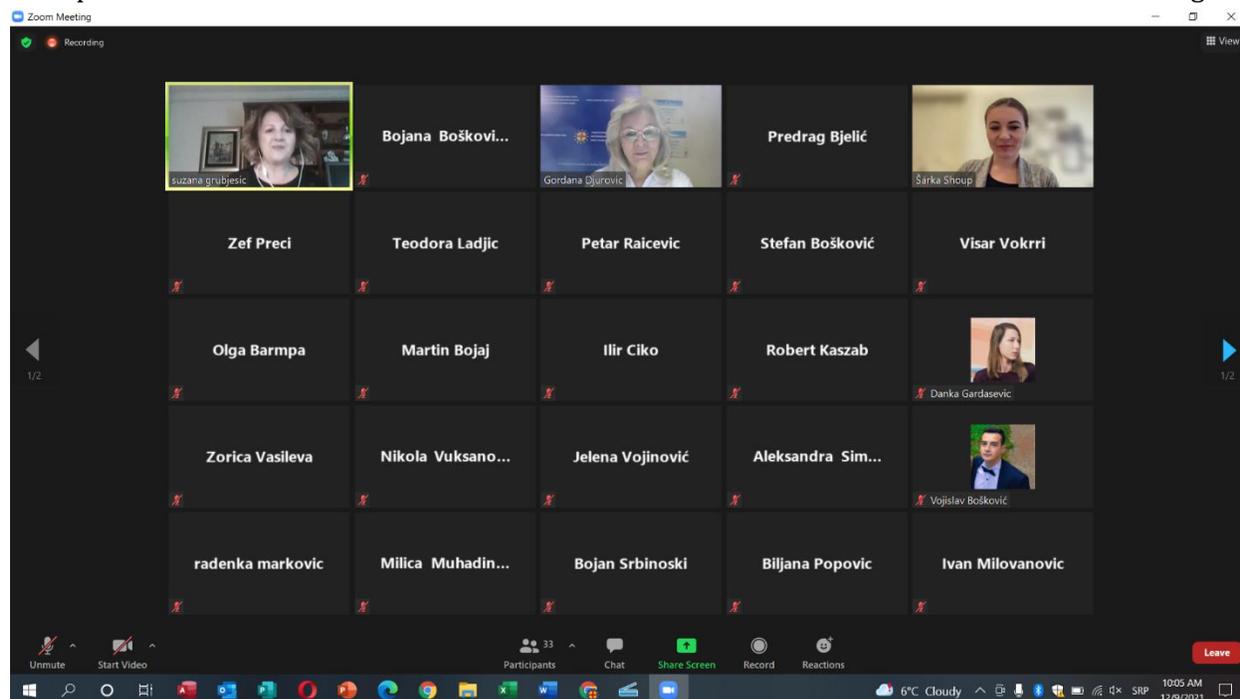
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2. Webinar “Business process analyses of trade procedures: how to remove obstacles in the regional trade”

Montenegrin Pan-European Union in cooperation with the Centre for Foreign Policy organized Webinar – **Business process analyses of trade procedures: how to remove obstacles in the regional trade**. The webinar was held on **December 9, 2021 from 10h to 12h**. This Webinar was dedicated to the **NTMs (non-tariff measures)** and **NTBs (non-tariff barriers)** and WTO/EU standard and practices in this area and identifying procedural inefficiencies and operational bottlenecks in cross-border intra-regional trade within Western Balkans, with focus on some examples from economies of the region.

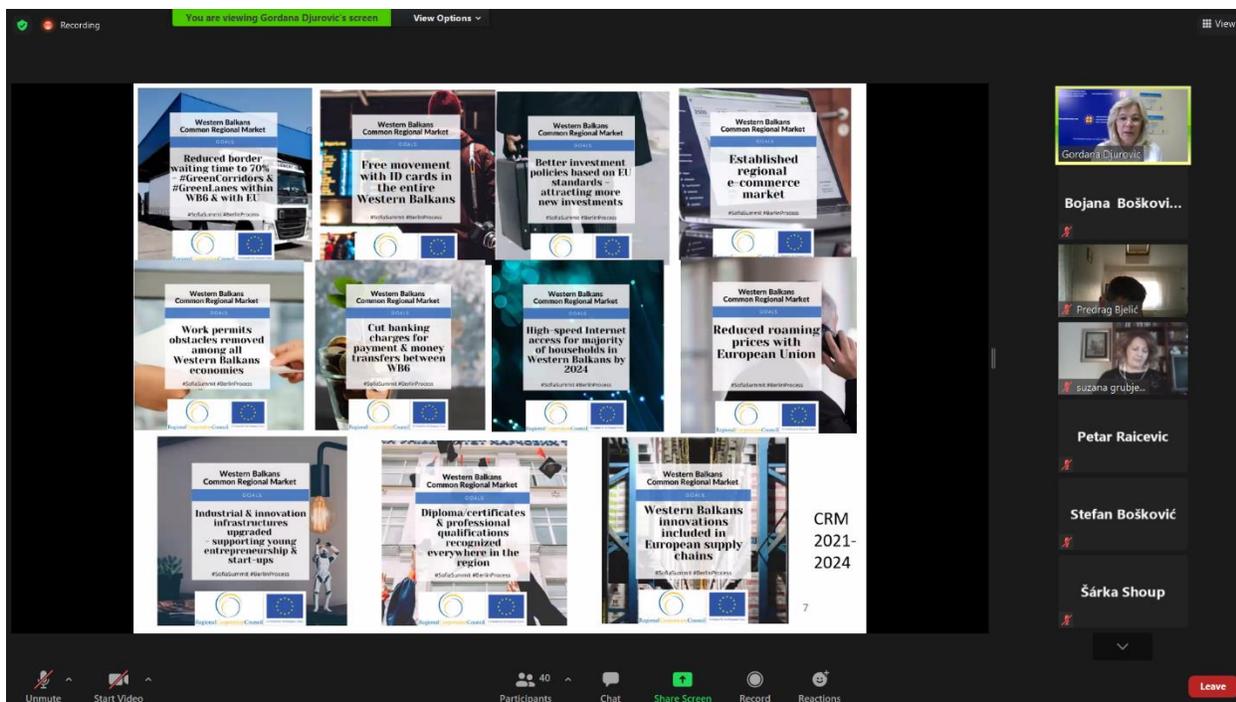


Speakers at the webinar were dr **Šarka Shoup** from Institute for Politics and Society – Czech Republic, professor dr **Predrag Bjelic** from Faculty of Economics, University of Belgrade, and professor **Gordana Djurovic**, president of the MPEU and professor at the Faculty of Economics, University of Montenegro.

The webinar was attended **by 44 participants**. After the presentations of the speakers, a discussion with the participants followed.

The news about the webinar was published on social networks and the website of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and the Center for Foreign Policy.

You can watch a video of the webinar on the following link – <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=p-qicTWTQ>.



II. Debate with European ambassadors

1. Debate: “Slovenia: End of EU Council Presidency”

On December 16, 2021, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union in cooperation with the Embassy of Slovenia in Montenegro, organized a debate in the premises of the EU Info Center within the series of traditional gatherings with the European Ambassador. Our interlocutor was **H.E. Gregor Presker**, Ambassador Presker spoke on the topic of the **end of Slovenia's presidency of the EU Council**. Ambassador Presker pointed out that Slovenia was satisfied with the results achieved by the presidency of the EU Council in this period, and that a special priority for Slovenia was the issue of **enlargement policy and the Western Balkans**. The messages from the EU-Western Balkans Summit in Slovenia in early October were clear – the EU’s door is open, the Union supports the process through an investment plan and a green agenda for the region, and the shortest path is through strengthening the rule of law and economic integration.

The end of the Presidency for the countries of the region was symbolically represented by the adoption of the conclusions of the General Affairs Council on enlargement and the Stabilization and Association Process two days ago in Brussels, on whose margins intergovernmental conferences with Montenegro and Serbia were held.



The facilitator of the debate was the President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, professor Gordana Djurovic, and students, MPEU Youth, partners, as well as representatives of several embassies of European countries took part in the debate.

The event was covered by the media. The following media published key messages from the debate: FOS Media, Vijesti, Portal Analitika, Pobjeda and CDM. More information as well as press releases of the mentioned media can be found on the MPEU website - <https://panevropa.me/en/debate-with-slovenian-ambassador-slovenia-end-of-eu-council-presidency/>.



III. Seminar of the MPEU and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation "Let's talk about Europe"

The Konrad Adenauer Foundation and the Montenegrin Pan-European Union organized a seminar "Let's talk about Europe: political, economic and security challenges", which was held from 26 to 27 June 2021, at the Hotel Avala, Budva.

The seminar was attended by members of the political youth of KAS and young members of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union. The seminar gathered a total of **23 young people**. The seminar focused on the political, economic and security challenges facing Europe, but also the Western Balkans region.



Lecturers at the seminar were: professor **Gordana Djurovic**, President of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union and **Mehmedin Tahirovic**, security policy expert and former National Military Representative of Montenegro to NATO.

Also, at this seminar it was presented Google survey of Youth from the four Western Balkans countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia) "Multidimensional Aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic – MULTIYOU".



IV. Other activities

1. FIFTH MPEU JUBILEE: „*Debate on the future of Europe: a view from Montenegro*“

On May 17, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union celebrated **five years of existence**. On the occasion of the fifth anniversary, the MPEU organized the event “**Debate on the future of Europe: a view from Montenegro**” at the Ramadi Hotel. During its five-year existence, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union (MPEU) has developed through projects focusing on Montenegro and its integration path towards the EU. The MPEU continues to contribute to strengthening integration and helping to make the process faster through constructive criticism.



Speakers at the event were: the MPEU President, professor **Gordana Djurovic**, Montenegro’s chief negotiator with the EU, **Zorka Kordic**; the Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to Montenegro, **Gregor Presker**, and the President of the MPEU Youth, **Milica Muhadinovic**, who moderated the debate. The event was attended by members of the MPEU, representatives of municipalities with which the MPEU has signed a memorandum of cooperation, as well as representatives of other organizations.

In the introductory speech, the President of the MPEU, **Gordana Djurovic**, reminded that in May, when Europe celebrates the Day of Europe, the Day of Victory over Fascism, and Montenegro celebrates its Independence Day and the MPEU celebrates its jubilee. The President also referred to the path that the MPEU has taken since the Founding Assembly on May 17, 2016, until today. The President said that the MPEU would continue to make modest contribution to strengthening the idea of European integration in Montenegro and that constructive criticism would help speed up the process.



The Ambassador of Slovenia to Montenegro, **Gregor Presker**, said that the initiatives of the MPEU are significant and essential, as well as the programs of this organization. The ambassador expects that the EU will have a new member by the end of the mandate of this European Commission. Montenegro is close on that path, with all negotiation chapters open, which is a good message. He emphasized that the EU-Western Balkans summit would be held during Slovenia's presidency and added that he hoped progress would be made compared to the summit in Zagreb 20 years ago. Chief negotiator with the **Zorka Kordic** said that Montenegro is the only candidate country to have all chapters open, including full alignment with the EU's common foreign and security policy, at the level of principles. Kordic said that Montenegro should maintain the image of a process leader and prove that



can implement the new methodology. The President of the MPEU Youth, **Milica Muhadinovic**, said that every Pan-European organization, in its structure, also has a Youth organization and that in that way generational continuity and energy in Pan-Europe is built and preserved. Milica also reminded of various events organized by the MPEU: debates with European ambassadors, seasonal schools, seminars, round tables. The event was covered by the media, and a video of our speakers' speeches can be found at

the following link - <https://panevropa.me/en/the-montenegrin-pan-european-union-has-celebrated-5-years-of-its-foundation/>.

2. Final CITIMIG conference in Vienna

The delegation of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union attended final conference of the “**Citizen Looking for Multidimensional Migration Challenges (CITIMIG)**” in the period from **September 17 to September 19, 2021 in Vienna**. The CITIMIG project was implemented by the Pan-European Union of Austria, while the Montenegrin Pan-European Union was a partner in the project. The Montenegrin delegation consisted of: MPEU Project Manager **Bojana Boskovic**, Youth Presidency member **Petar Raicevic**, and Youth Presidency member **Djordjije Djurovic**.



First day of final CITIMIG conference sparked a debate on “**Migrations – Sword of Damocles above Europe?**”. The speakers were: **dr Arabelle Bernecker-Thiel** – political scientist, Austria, **Augustin Nguh** – researcher at the Institute of Advanced Studies, Köszeg (iASK), Hungary, **Egle Samuchovatte** – Program Director at Lithuanian Red Cross, and **Fabian Lutz** – Senior Legal Expert European Commission DG Migration and Home Affairs. This panel was moderated by **Lovro Klinar** from Paneuropa Movement Slovenia.

The second panel “**The art and power of European political dialogue**” was dedicated to overcoming political differences in the EU, the conference on the future of Europe, European identity,



and what individuals can do. The speakers were: **dr Paul Rübzig** – expert for the EESC on the conference on the future of Europe, Austria, **Vinzenz Stimpfl-Abele** – international advisor for strategy and communication, Austria, and **Dimitar Nikolovski**, Executive Director of Eurothink – Center for European Strategies, Skopje. **Bojana Boskovic**, MPEU project manager moderated this panel.

Second day of final CITIMIG conference brought a debate on **“Rethinking the future of Europe”** addressing how European citizens can contribute to the debate on various European issues like security, social and economy policy.

The speakers were: **Bent Nerby Bonde** – secretary general Europe’s People’s Forum, Denmark, **Leida Ruvina** – Research Fellow Institute of Advanced Studies in Köszeg, Hungary, and **Mag. Mariana Kuhnel** – Deputy Secretary General, Austrian Chamber of Commerce, Austria. Panel was moderated by **Rainhard Kloucek**. At this conference, Petar Raicevic, member of the Presidency of the MPEU Youth, presented the results of the **“Multidimensional aspects of Democracy and Identity: Youth Dialogue and Learning in the time of COVID-19 pandemic (MULTIYOU)”** project that the MPEU has successfully implemented.



3. The Capital Podgorica: Action of afforestation of the hill Gorica

Members of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union joined the joint action organized by the Capital Podgorica, which includes the rehabilitation and afforestation of the Gorica hill, all with the aim of rebuilding the part affected by the fire. The action was conducted on **September 21, 2021**. A



responsible attitude of society towards nature is imperative, especially having in mind that Montenegro was declared an ecological state 30 years ago. Getting to know and adopting the values of the European Union implies preserving and improving the environment. know and adopting the values of the European Union implies preserving and improving the environment.

4. Seminar: *"Montenegro: From the Common Regional Market to the EU Integration Agenda"*

The Montenegrin Pan-European Union, in cooperation with the **Hanns Seidel Foundation**, successfully realized a seminar in Petrovac in the period from **19 to 21 October 2021** on the topic: **"Montenegro: from the Common Regional Market to the EU integration agenda"**. **19 young participants** (master's students at the Faculty of Economics and the Faculty of Political Science, members of



of the Montenegrin Pan-European Union, representatives of state institutions - the Ministry of Economic Development and the Office for European Integration) had the opportunity to connect, expand knowledge and discuss common regional market for the Western Balkans region with special reference to Montenegro and Serbia, its advantages and disadvantages for WB6 countries, as well as sustainable agriculture and tourism. In a special session, through a discussion, students had the opportunity to hear from representatives of the Office for European Integration more about the process of Montenegro's accession to the EU, as well as the Report of the European Commission for Montenegro. Eminent professors and



experts from Montenegro and Serbia in the field of economy, European integration, agriculture and

tourism passed on knowledge and experiences to young participants through a set of lectures and workshops. The seminar was held in compliance with health care measures due to the COVID-19 pandemic prescribed by the Institute of Public Health.

5. Conference on social dialogue in the Western Balkans

Youth Secretary General and the member of the MPEU Presidency, Ms. Teodora Ladjic participated in the conference on social dialogue in the Western Balkans within the European integration process held in **Athens from 8-10 November 2021.**, organized by the Movimento Cristiano Lavoratori and the European Centre for Workers' Questions. About **40 members** from several European countries participated in the conference. The focus of the conference was put on strengthening of the social dialogue during the period of gradual recovery from the consequences of the pandemic, with the aim to boost growth and development of Western Balkan countries.



6. Other conferences, round tables and lectures attended by President Djurovic

1. **March 1, 2021** – 14th meeting of the EU – Montenegro civil society Joint Consultative Committee, professor dr Gordana Djurovic, **Presentation: An overview of the civil society situation in montenegro – introduction**, available at <https://www.eesc.europa.eu/en/agenda/our-events/events/14th-meeting-eu-montenegro-joint-consultative-committee>;
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3. **March 26, 2021** – **Panel: Four years since Montenegro's membership in NATO - retrospective and future challenges**, FPN, FPN Student Council;
4. **April 14, 2021** – Pan-European Union of Austria, Online Discussion – **Karl von Habsburg's speech "On the future of Europe" and its consequences**

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15. **June 30, 2021** – **The role of the diaspora in the process of European integration**, Bijelo Polje, Directorate for Diaspora of Montenegro;
16. **September 28, 2021** – International conference “**One Region – One Market**”, KAS, Novi Sad, Serbia;
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V. Final remarks

Towards the 100th anniversary of the founding of the Pan-European Union, the oldest movement for the unification of Europe, the Montenegrin Pan-European Union continues to work on its key purpose, which is **to implement European standards** and to **promote European democratic values in Montenegro**. The Montenegrin Pan-European Union is one of the youngest member organizations of the International Pan-European Union that works to promote and achieve objectives outlined in the Strasbourg Declaration of the International Pan-European Union of 1974 and 1995. MPEU aims to preserve and improve good neighbourly relations with the countries in the region, as well as to develop friendship and cooperation with the EU Member States and other countries. Also, MPEU works towards enhancing the cultural, scientific, technical and economic cooperation and exchanges between Montenegro and other countries.

The organizational structure of the MPEU consists of the Presidency and the Youth Presidency which meet on a quarterly basis to discuss past activities and make plans for the coming period. At the same time, the MPEU holds the door open for all people willing to help work and achieve the goals of the MPEU through their **volunteer engagement**.