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ABOUT THE PROJECT AND EVENT	
PROJECT:	DigiPath - Youth Up 4 Possibilities
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ACTIVITY TYPE:	International Youth Conference
DATE:	26.09 – 28.09.2024.
VENUE:	Krusevo, North Macedonia
THE MAIN AIM OF THE CONFERENCE	The DigiPath - Youth Up 4 Possibilities International Conference on inter-sectoral youth cooperation in Krusevo aimed to strengthen connections among participants, promote the application of practical approaches, and increase awareness of digital technologies. It sought to create a safe and inclusive environment for young people to engage with diverse stakeholders from various sectors, thereby enhancing their employability, supporting their well-being, and empowering them to build meaningful professional and social networks.
PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS	The conference brought together a diverse group of 50 young participants representing eight countries — North Macedonia, Kosovo, Albania, Serbia, Croatia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, and Slovenia — encompassing a wide range of cultural, political, and social perspectives. The participant group included 36 young people from North Macedonia and 14 representatives from the partner countries, with two participants from each. While many of the attendees were already involved in the DigiPath project, contributing to its further development through their insights and experiences, several new participants also joined the initiative, bringing fresh perspectives and ideas. The group maintained gender balance and demonstrated environmental awareness, showing strong motivation to engage in meaningful dialogue, explore relevant themes, and contribute to open and constructive discussions.
SCOPE OF WORK AND METHODOLOGIES USED	The three-day conference gathered representatives from each participating organization and was guided by a team of experienced professionals specializing in international youth work, cross-sectoral cooperation, digitalization, and sustainability. It featured a range of distinguished speakers from the youth, business, academic, government, and media sectors, who provided valuable insights into the role of communication and information in fostering active youth engagement. The event emphasized the transformative potential of the DigiPath platform, conceived as a dynamic bridge connecting young people with opportunity providers across borders, thereby fostering collaboration and unlocking cross-border potential. Throughout the conference, participants engaged in public sessions, interactive presentations, and group work aimed at developing ideas for intersectoral cooperation, digital innovation, and sustainability. The methodological presentation

	of the platform's development process further strengthened connections among young participants, encouraging the exchange of experiences, transparent dialogue, and exploration of solutions to common challenges at both local and regional levels. Importantly, the input and active participation of young people ensured that the conference remained centered on their needs, aspirations, and perspectives, reinforcing its inclusive and participatory character.
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OVERVIEW OF THE SESSIONS	
SESSION TITLE	OPENING CEREMONY OF THE INTERNATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE
DATE AND TIME	26.09.2025 18:00 - 20:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Opening Ceremony of the 'DigiPath - Youth Up 4 Possibilities' International Youth Conference 2025 set an inspiring tone for the event, bringing together young leaders from across the region in an atmosphere of productive collaboration. The session was moderated by Ms. Anelija Mitrova from Youth Alliance – Krusevo, who warmly welcomed the participants and guided the proceedings. The conference was officially opened in a innovative way by Stela, the virtual robot, reflecting the event's commitment to digital transformation, technological innovation, and forward-thinking youth engagement. This digital introduction symbolized the conference's goal to blend technology with meaningful youth participation, creating a space where creativity and collaboration could thrive. Following the digital opening, Mr. Metodija Stojceski, Executive Director and President of Youth Alliance – Krusevo, addressed the audience with a speech that highlighted the organization's continued dedication to regional cooperation, youth empowerment, and cross-sectoral dialogue. His remarks reinforced the importance of collective efforts in building stronger connections among young people and institutions throughout the Western Balkans, Croatia and Slovenia. During the session, Anelija Mitrova also introduced the Youth Alliance – Krusevo team, acknowledging the commitment and hard work of those behind the realization of the conference. The ceremony concluded with a series of interactive digital activities, designed to help participants get to know one another, share first impressions, and foster a collaborative spirit for the days ahead. These activities not only broke the ice but also established a foundation for open dialogue and teamwork throughout the event.
KEY OUTCOME	The key outcome of this session was that it provided participants with essential information about the purpose and objectives of the International Youth Conference 2025, emphasizing the importance of intersectoral youth cooperation, regional collaboration, and digital transformation. The session introduced participants to the concept and structure of the conference, setting a positive and inclusive atmosphere for active engagement in the days that followed. Through a series of interactive digital activities, participants had the opportunity to get to know one another and exchange ideas. The opening ceremony successfully motivated participants to take an active role in shaping discussions and contributing to the achievement of the conference's goals.

SESSION TITLE	FUTURE FORWARD SESSION ‘DigiPath to Europe: REROUTing Youth Cooperation for a Smarter EU Integration’
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 10:00 - 12:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	This future forward session explored how digital transformation can act as a catalyst for smarter youth cooperation and EU integration, emphasizing the role of the DigiPath platform in bridging the gaps between education, the labor market, and the youth sector. The discussion highlighted how the platform promotes circular, inclusive pathways for young people to access meaningful opportunities both within their home countries and across borders — shifting the integration process from passive expectation to active co-creation driven by youth innovation, cross-sector collaboration, and regional solidarity. The session was moderated by Mr. Uroš Bulatović, who introduced the theme and guided a dynamic and interactive discussion using the Hot Seat Rotating Speaker–Youth methodology, ensuring the direct involvement of young participants throughout the session. Guest speakers provided valuable perspectives on the intersection of digitalization, youth empowerment, and ethical innovation. Assoc. Prof. Dr. Elena Tilovska-Kechegi, Vice Dean for International Cooperation and Science at the Faculty of Law, UKLO, Post-doc in New Technologies and Law at Mediterranea University, Italy underlined the importance of embedding digital literacy and coding skills into formal education systems, stressing that digital transformation begins with education. Ms. Emilija Stojmenova Duh, Associate Professor at the University of Ljubljana and former Minister of Digital Transformation of Slovenia, emphasized that digital transformation is not merely technological but societal, calling for transparency, responsibility, and ethical awareness to ensure no community is left behind. Mr. Andrija Leovac, Co-founder of Levimax Tivat and Associate at the University of Donja Gorica, focused on entrepreneurial growth and risk-taking as essential for progress, highlighting that surrounding oneself with visionary and driven individuals multiplies the potential for success. Mr. Nemanja Živković, Founder and CEO of Funky Marketing, offered a practical reflection on youth activism and communication in decision-making processes, encouraging participants to be bold, remain true to their values, and actively use their voice to shape change. Following the expert insights, Anelija Mitrova from Youth Alliance – Krusevo presented the DigiPath platform and illustrated how digital platforms can connect young people, institutions, and businesses in pursuit of sustainable regional development and smart integration into the EU framework. The session concluded on an inspirational note, reinforcing the belief that the future of integration depends on empowered and digitally competent youth. As Nemanja Živković summarized, “Always nurture your inner child and prioritize your values — everything else, including success, will follow.”

KEY OUTCOME	The main outcome from the session was a shift in participants’ understanding of digital transformation, from a purely technical process to a societal, ethical, and cooperative force driving youth empowerment and EU integration. Through dynamic dialogue and expert insights, participants recognized the DigiPath platform as a concrete tool for connecting education, employment, and civic engagement across borders. The session inspired young people to view digitalization as an opportunity for inclusion and innovation rather than a challenge, motivating them to take an active role in co-creating transparent, ethical, and collaborative digital ecosystems in their communities.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Open your mind: Share Your Story
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Youth Experience Space session, on topic “Creating Regional Pathways, Not Just EU Destinations”, invited participants to rethink the dominant narrative of migration as the primary route to opportunity for young people in the Western Balkans. Moderated by Mr. Uroš Bulatović, the session brought together participants from across the region to engage in an open and reflective dialogue about how to build meaningful futures within their own societies. Participants shared inspiring examples of local and regional initiatives that successfully generate opportunities for young people through quality education, entrepreneurship, innovation, and civic engagement, highlighting that progress can be achieved through collaboration and community-driven efforts, not only through emigration. The discussion also addressed the issue of brain drain, encouraging participants to explore how stronger regional connections and collaboration can turn competition into cooperation. Through the moderated discussion and audience interventions, the session underscored that building trust, creating decent jobs, and empowering youth voices are essential steps in making the region into a spot of opportunities, not departure.
KEY OUTCOME	This session encouraged a rethinking of success, as participants moved beyond the idea of migration toward embracing the Western Balkans as a space for opportunity, cooperation, and youth-driven development. The dialogue reinforced the understanding that meaningful opportunities can and should be created locally, through youth-led initiatives, cross-border cooperation, and investments in education, innovation, and decent work. Participants left the session inspired to redefine success not by migration, but by contribution, to see regional cooperation as a path toward empowerment, solidarity, and sustainable development for the youth of the Western Balkans.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Open mic: Be a voice not an echo!
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Youth Experience Space – Open Mic: Be a Voice, Not an Echo! session focused on the topic “Studying, Working, and Volunteering in the Region”, provided a safe and engaging platform for young people to share personal experiences and opinions about studying, working, and volunteering in the Western Balkans. Youth speaker

	Matea Kaleb opened the discussion by encouraging participants to reflect on their personal journeys and the realities they face, ranging from limited job prospects and outdated education systems to the social pressure to leave the region in search of better opportunities. While many participants acknowledged the appeal of studying or working in the EU, others highlighted the untapped potential of the Balkans, emphasizing the need to strengthen local opportunities, cooperation, and mobility within the region. The dialogue showcased diverse experiences and common aspirations, inspiring participants to challenge stereotypes and to view the Balkans as a region capable of offering meaningful and sustainable futures for its youth.
KEY OUTCOME	This session inspired participants to rediscover the strengths of their own region, shifting from an outward-looking mindset toward embracing the Western Balkans as a place of opportunity, stability, and shared identity. The open dialogue helped change perspectives from viewing migration to the EU as the only pathway to success toward recognizing that studying, working, and volunteering within the region can also lead to growth, stability, and fulfillment. Participants concluded that the solution to youth migration lies in creating opportunities at home through better education, decent employment, and stronger regional cooperation, while promoting a shared identity built on trust, solidarity, and pride in belonging to the Balkans.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Fireside chat
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Fireside Chat Session titled “Digital Transitions Must Include the Region” focused on the importance of ensuring that the Western Balkans keeps pace with Europe’s broader digital transformation. The conversation, led by Enia Hoxha, created an open and reflective space for discussing how digitalization can serve as a driver of inclusion, innovation, and youth empowerment across the region. The speaker emphasized that the digital future of the Western Balkans must be built on accessibility, cooperation, and shared opportunity. Enia Hoxha introduced the visionary concept of a “Digital Passport” — a tool that could allow young people to move freely not only across borders, but also between opportunities in education, employment, healthcare, and democratic participation. The idea sparked a lively discussion with the audience, who raised questions about implementation, benefits, and regional priorities. Through this interactive exchange, participants explored how investing in connectivity, digital skills, and youth-led innovation can help close existing gaps and ensure that no country or community is left behind in Europe’s digital transformation.
KEY OUTCOME	The session’s central insight emphasized digital inclusion as not only a technological goal but a democratic imperative for the Western Balkans. The discussion high-lighted that bridging the digital divide requires joint action among governments, the private sector, and civil society to create equitable access to technology and opportunities. Participants left the session inspired by the idea that a “Digital Pass-port” could symbolize a shared regional future — one where young people are empowered, connected, and equipped to fully participate in Europe’s digital era.

SESSION TITLE	FUTURE FORWARD SESSION – From Insight to Impact: RECOGNITION of Youth Voices in Driving WB6 Growth and Integrity
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 15:00 - 17:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	This Future Forward session focused on the vital role of young people in strengthening transparency, integrity, and inclusive growth across the Western Balkans. Moderated by Mr. Selmir Smajić, the discussion connected youth participation with governance, integrity, and sustainable development — underlining that empowering youth voices is essential for building trust and advancing the region’s EU integration process. Speakers and participants engaged through the Hot Seat Rotating Speaker–Youth methodology, ensuring an open and fast-paced dialogue. Ms. Mirjana Miroslavljević Bobić, Project Manager at the Ana and Vladi Divac Foundation, stressed that while data often focuses on the quantity of youth participation, real progress depends on improving the quality and impact of young people’s involvement in politics, civil society, and local decision-making. Mr. Luka Cavdek, Representative of Interreg Italy–Slovenia highlighted the paradox of high educational attainment but limited youth engagement, emphasizing the need for active participation that translates knowledge into change. Mr. Zoran Nechev, Policy and Advocacy Fellow at Think Europe, Slovenia urged young people to take ownership of reform processes, reminding them that “if you’re part of the problem, you’re also part of the solution.” The exchange demonstrated that the future of the Western Balkans depends on recognizing and amplifying youth voices — not just as observers, but as key drivers of accountability, integrity, and democratic renewal.
KEY OUTCOME	The main conclusion drawn from this session is a shared understanding that youth participation and integrity are inseparable foundations for the Western Balkans’ progress. Participants concluded that the region’s growth depends not only on economic indicators but on creating systems that value transparency, civic engagement, and trust. The Youth Participation Index (YPI) emerged as a valuable tool for measuring and improving the quality of youth engagement. Through dialogue, participants recognized that empowering young people to participate meaningfully in governance, policymaking, and community development can foster accountability, reduce corruption, and accelerate EU integration. The session ended on a hopeful note, reaffirming that when youth voices are heard, integrity and progress follow.
SESSION TITLE	Living Lab Spaces
DATE AND TIME	27.09.2025 17:30 - 19:30
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Living Lab: From Vision to Action session invited young participants to explore how collective reflection and creativity can turn ideas into tangible change. Facilitated by Andrej Stojkoski, Borjan Eftimov, and John Harhas, the session was designed as an immersive, hands-on experience combining digital exploration, group collaboration, and advocacy learning. The sessions began with a virtual journey through the DigiPath platform, where participants navigated an interactive map of youth success stories and digital innovation across the Western Balkans. Guided by the facilitators, they

	explored various “pathways” highlighting real projects, opportunities, and initiatives that promote regional cooperation. Each stop on this digital route included short videos, interactive elements, and reflection prompts, encouraging participants to connect the potential of digital transformation with real-world community impact. After completing the virtual exploration, participants transitioned into the Living Lab space, where the focus shifted to teamwork and collective vision-building. Through energizers and engaging activities such as the “Agree / Disagree” game, participants opened up discussions about shared regional experiences before moving into deeper analysis. Working in groups, they identified key youth challenges, including unemployment, low wages, discrimination, poor infrastructure, and environmental issues, and clustered them into broader thematic areas. Each group then formulated a clear and concise vision statement describing the future they wanted to see in the region, grounded in EU values of solidarity, equality, and democratic participation. The facilitators guided the process as participants presented and refined their visions, ultimately shaping a unified, collective outlook that would inform the advocacy and action-planning phase of the conference.
KEY OUTCOME	The main result of this session was the creation of a shared regional vision that united participants around common priorities for youth empowerment, cooperation, and development. Through dialogue, teamwork, and the virtual DigiPath experience, participants not only identified key social, economic, and environmental challenges but also began crafting solutions rooted in collaboration and mutual understanding. By transforming their reflections into clear, actionable ideas, the Living Lab strengthened participants’ sense of ownership and agency, reinforcing their role as active contributors to shaping the future of the Western Balkans. The experience demonstrated that meaningful change begins when young people connect, imagine together, and take collective steps from vision to action.

SESSION TITLE	FUTURE FORWARD SESSION – Reframing YOUTH NARRATIVES: Recognition, Reroute, and Reflection in the region and in EU
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2024 10:00 - 12:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Future Forward Session: Reframing Youth Narratives – Recognition, Reroute, and Reflection in the Region and in the EU explored how youth perspectives are shaped, represented, and often misinterpreted within national and European media. Moderated by Ms. Maria-Parthena Moula, the session gathered journalists and communicators to examine the power of storytelling in influencing public perception, policy-making, and the EU integration process. The discussion began with Ms. Ana Zafirova, freelance journalist and communication specialist, who emphasized that media literacy and critical thinking are not optional but essential democratic tools. She underlined that in today’s globalized media space, where disinformation and deep fakes circulate freely, citizens, especially young people, must be equipped to

	engage critically with information and contribute meaningfully to public discourse. Mr. Dino Subašić, awarded journalist, moderator, and social worker and communicator, followed by reflecting on the importance of empathy and emotional intelligence in communication. He highlighted that true dialogue begins with understanding opposing perspectives and that humility and emotional awareness are vital qualities for young people seeking to transform institutions and rebuild trust in divided societies. The conversation then expanded with Ms. Virginie Tebou Kamche, co-founder of Afrika Netzwerk Bremen, who reframed migration as a global asset rather than a challenge. She noted that young migrants contribute linguistic, cultural, and professional diversity that can strengthen Europe's social fabric and drive innovation. Virginie also called for tangible actions such as online awareness centers, mentorship programs, and transnational collaboration, to promote inclusion and redefine migration narratives in Europe. Using the Hot Seat Rotating Speaker–Youth methodology, the session fostered direct exchanges between the speakers and young participants, allowing them to challenge assumptions, share experiences, and co-create new ways of framing youth voices in the media. The dialogue was both introspective and solution-oriented, blending journalistic insight with youth-driven perspectives on how to reframe narratives that shape the region's collective future.
KEY OUTCOME	The key outcome of this session was a renewed understanding of the power of youth narratives to drive democratic transformation, inclusion, and integrity within both the Western Balkans and the European Union. Participants recognized that reshaping public discourse begins with fostering media literacy, empathy, and ethical communication. The exchange highlighted that young people are not merely subjects of media stories but active narrators of their own realities, capable of reframing divisive narratives into ones of solidarity and shared progress. By bringing together journalists and youth voices, the session reinforced the need for responsible storytelling that reflects truth, diversity, and mutual understanding as the foundation of a more connected and democratic Europe.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Open your mind: Share Your Story
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The session “Youth on the Move, Media on Alert: Students Reclaim the Regional Narrative” offered a space for students and young people to share authentic stories of mobility, migration, and regional engagement, reflecting on how their experiences are often framed, or misrepresented by the media. Moderated as an open storytelling dialogue, the discussion encouraged participants to speak freely about their educational journeys, regional exchanges, and personal efforts to contribute to their communities while navigating opportunities both at home and abroad. Guest speaker Natalija Tasić emphasized the importance of reclaiming youth narratives and giving visibility to stories of resilience, creativity, and social impact that are often overlooked. The conversation also explored how media outlets can play a more constructive role in amplifying youth voices, promoting accurate and inspiring

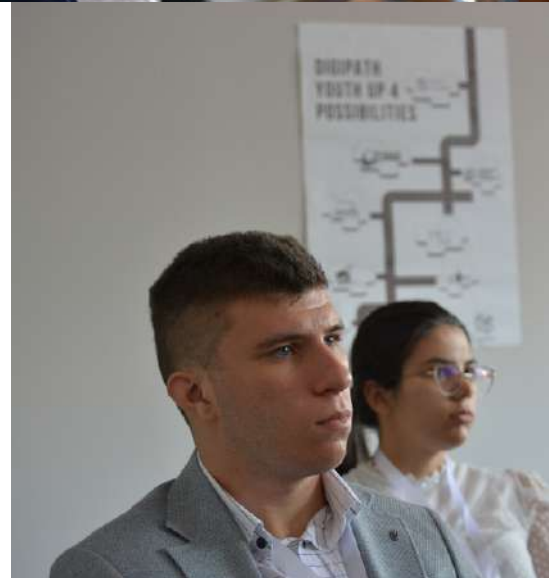
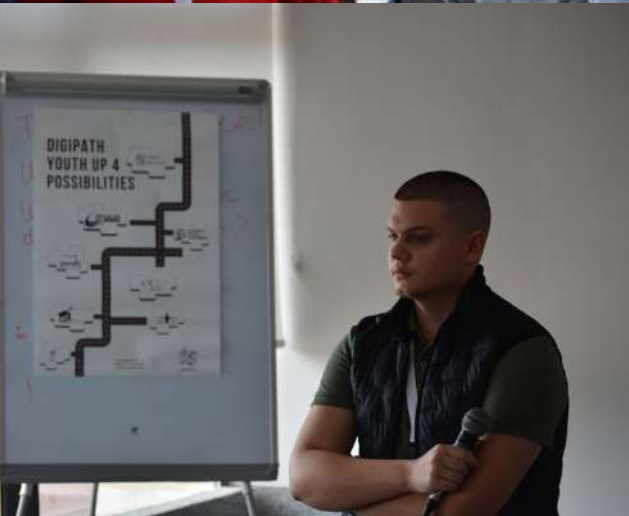
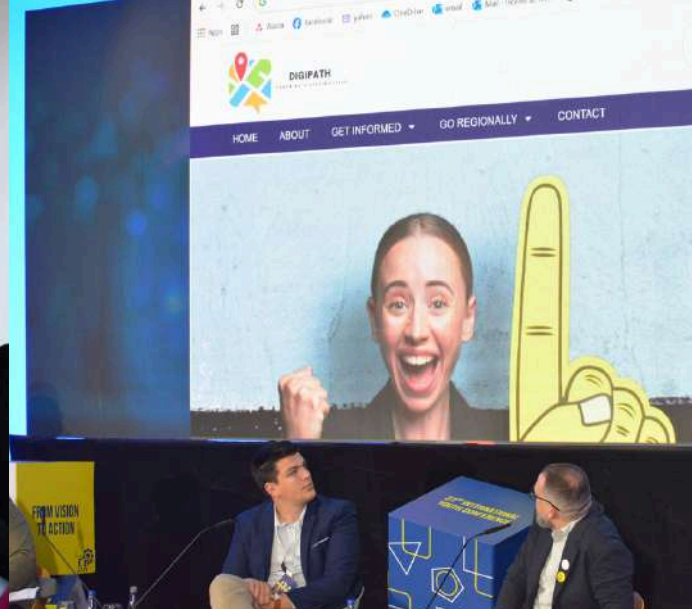
	portrayals of young people within the region. Through this interactive exchange, students and journalists engaged in a shared reflection on responsibility, representation, and the power of storytelling to shape regional identity and solidarity.
KEY OUTCOME	The session fostered a deeper understanding among participants of how media narratives influence perceptions of youth mobility and opportunities in the region. Students realized that their experiences go beyond the simplified story of “leaving to succeed,” revealing instead a narrative of adaptability, contribution, and belonging. The discussion reinforced the importance of reclaiming their voices and actively participating in shaping how the region is portrayed. It also highlighted that responsible media coverage can play a crucial role in amplifying youth perspectives and countering stereotypes. Participants concluded the session with a renewed commitment to use storytelling as a means of empowerment and to promote a balanced, forward-looking image of the Western Balkans in both regional and European contexts.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Open mic: Be a voice not an echo!
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The session “Regional Champion in Your Eyes?” provided a platform for young people to speak openly about what it means to be a true Regional Champion from their own perspective. Moving away from abstract concepts of leadership, the discussion centered on authentic experiences of youth activism, social engagement, and the pursuit of change across the region. Youth speaker Blendi Hodai opened the dialogue by inviting participants to reflect on moments when they felt their rights were violated or when frustration with social systems inspired them to act. The conversation unfolded through shared personal stories, and through the session was presented Blendi’s initiative FECH (Forum for Educational Change)—a youth platform advocating for education reform and civic participation. Blendi shared his own experience of reaching out to the European Commission in Brussels as part of his activism, emphasizing that youth engagement, even when seemingly small, can lead to tangible change. The audience actively joined the discussion, asking about FECH’s institutional support, its community reach, and young people’s interest in civic platforms. Other participants contributed by underscoring the impact of youth activism in local communities, giving the example of the crisis in Kočani to highlight the consequences of low youth participation in social issues. The session concluded with Blendi presenting several FECH posts as inspiration for a digital campaign promoting youth involvement in the civic sector and encouraging young people to become proactive drivers of change in their societies.

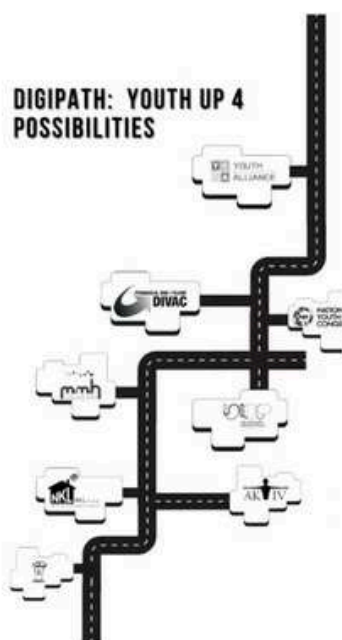
KEY OUTCOME	The discussion generated a shared understanding that regional champions are defined not by titles or positions, but by action, empathy, and persistence. Participants agreed that true leadership in the Western Balkans emerges from those who confront challenges, advocate for justice, and work collectively for the well-being of their communities. The session emphasized that youth activism is not only a form of resistance but also a constructive force that builds trust, fosters cooperation, and strengthens regional solidarity. Through personal reflections and interactive dialogue, participants left inspired to see themselves as changemakers capable of driving transformation—proving that every young person has the potential to be a champion for their region’s future.
SESSION TITLE	YOUTH EXPERIENCE SPACE – Fireside chat
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2025 12:45 - 14:00
SESSION OVERVIEW	The fireside chat “EU–WB6 ‘Youth Experience Scheme’ – Is it Possible?” opened an engaging conversation on the future of youth mobility and cooperation between the European Union and the Western Balkans. The discussion explored the idea of establishing a structured program similar to existing EU exchange initiatives, but tailored specifically to the realities and aspirations of young people in the WB6 region. The speaker Valentina Plaskan, a youth advocate and active participant in international cooperation initiatives, shared her reflections on integration, mobility, and the social and political challenges young people face within and beyond EU borders. She spoke candidly about her personal experiences growing up in Slovenia, a country positioned at the crossroads of the EU and the Balkans, highlighting how opportunities for growth, education, and exchange often come with complex societal and political dimensions. The conversation encouraged participants to compare experiences, discuss barriers to mobility, and imagine what a potential EU–WB6 Youth Experience Scheme could look like. Questions from participants deepened the dialogue, focusing on education, employability, and the personal values that shape meaningful cooperation. Valentina emphasized that genuine progress stems from humility, curiosity, and the willingness to learn from one another—values essential for building an inclusive and sustainable framework for regional and European youth exchange. The fireside chat concluded with a lively Q&A, where participants reflected on their own experiences and the shared vision of turning mobility into a bridge for understanding, growth, and solidarity.
KEY OUTCOME	The conversation inspired participants to view youth mobility not only as a path to personal development but as a strategic tool for strengthening regional and European cooperation. It became clear that an EU–WB6 Youth Experience Scheme could serve as a transformative platform, helping young people gain new skills, expand their horizons, and engage in cross-cultural learning without the need for permanent migration. The session fostered a collective understanding that exchange programs must go beyond logistics and funding, focusing instead on building trust, inclusion, and shared European identity. Participants left the session motivated by the belief

	that creating such a scheme is not just possible, but necessary for ensuring that young people from the Western Balkans can shape their futures as equal partners in Europe common journey.
SESSION TITLE	IDEA SHOWCASE
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2025 15:00 – 16:30
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Idea Showcase marked the final and most action-oriented phase of the International Conference, where participants turned creativity into tangible outcomes. Building on their work from the Living Lab sessions, participants were divided into three groups, each tasked with transforming their shared vision into practical action. With only a few minutes to present, each group demonstrated clarity, innovation, and teamwork as they showcased solutions addressing regional youth challenges before the wider audience. The first group produced a powerful social media video featuring a unified message from the youth, demanding greater inclusion of young people in decision-making processes. Their statement — “A lot of decisions that directly affect us are made without us — this has to change!” — resonated strongly, calling for youth representation, transparent allocation of youth budgets, and youth quotas in parliaments. The video was later shared across official IYC platforms and participants’ personal profiles, amplifying the message that “Nothing about youth should be decided without youth.” Meanwhile, the second group worked on sustainability and outreach, creating a database of contacts that included DigiPath alumni, institutions, and organizations from across the region. This resource aimed to support future collaboration, advocacy, and cross-border initiatives beyond the conference. Using this database, the third group drafted and distributed an open email letter addressed to youth ministries, European institutions, and decision-makers. Signed by 50 young representatives from 8 EU and Western Balkan countries, the letter outlined key proposals, from creating youth councils and structured youth-government dialogues to ensuring transparency in youth budgets and increasing public visibility of youth voices. The session concluded with an evaluation of the presented ideas, highlighting their creativity, impact, and potential for real-world application. Participants reflected on lessons learned at the international level, particularly how collaboration and digital advocacy can translate into concrete policy influence. The ideas and tools developed were closely linked to the DigiPath platform, showcasing its potential to connect opportunities in education, employment, and civic engagement while fostering lasting regional cooperation.
KEY OUTCOME	The Idea Showcase clearly demonstrated how youth-driven innovation can transform dialogue into collective action. Participants left the session with a renewed sense of empowerment and practical experience in advocacy, communication, and project implementation. By creating and sharing digital content, building collaborative networks, and launching an open letter to policymakers, the young participants proved their ability to shape public discourse and influence regional agendas. The session’s legacy extended beyond Krusevo, reinforcing that when youth are trusted,

	connected, and equipped with the right tools, they can lead meaningful change.
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SESSION TITLE	CONFERENCE EVALUATION AND FINAL SESSION
DATE AND TIME	28.09.2025 17:00 – 18:30
SESSION OVERVIEW	The Conference Evaluation and Final Reflections session marked the closing stage of the event, providing participants with an opportunity to assess and reflect on the overall experience, structure, and outcomes of the event. Representatives from each participating country were invited to share their impressions regarding the conference’s organization, methodology, and content. The discussion focused on evaluating the achievement of key objectives, the quality of the sessions, and the level of engagement and interaction throughout the program. Participants also reflected on how effectively the conference addressed its core themes, youth empowerment, intersectoral cooperation, and digital transformation, while highlighting the role of the DigiPath platform as a central outcome of their collective work. Many noted that DigiPath had evolved not just as a digital tool, but as a unifying framework that connects education, employment, and civic engagement across borders. In addition, the evaluation process included a digital feedback form, allowing participants to provide structured input on speakers, facilitators, and session formats, as well as propose future directions for the platform’s development and collaboration among partner organizations. The session concluded in an atmosphere of appreciation and shared vision, as participants discussed ideas for sustaining the momentum of the conference through ongoing partnerships, follow-up activities, and concrete steps for enhancing DigiPath’s visibility and impact in the region.
KEY OUTCOME	The final evaluation session served as both a reflective and forward-looking exercise, helping participants and organizers identify the conference’s strongest achievements and areas for further improvement. Across all feedback, a recurring message emerged — the value of connection, collaboration, and continuity. Participants expressed deep motivation to continue contributing to the DigiPath platform, recognizing it as a living embodiment of the conference’s mission to bridge youth, institutions, and opportunities in the Western Balkans and beyond. For the organizing team, the session provided meaningful insights into logistical efficiency, facilitation methods, and the importance of maintaining youth-centered, interactive approaches. More importantly, it reaffirmed that the conference succeeded in fostering a strong sense of purpose among young leaders, who left Krusevo inspired to translate shared ideas into action and to continue building a digitally connected and cooperative regional community.





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