

Western Balkans School Exchange Scheme 2

Duration: 01.04.2024 - 30.09.2026

Countries:

Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro,
North Macedonia, Serbia

EU contribution: € 4 500 000

Total budget: € 5 500 000

Implementer:

Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale
Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH, Regional Youth
Cooperation Office (RYCO)

Website(s): giz.de/en/projects/youth-exchange-western-balkans

Project description:

The 'Western Balkans School Exchange Scheme 2' promotes reconciliation, cooperation, and understanding among young people across the Western Balkans.

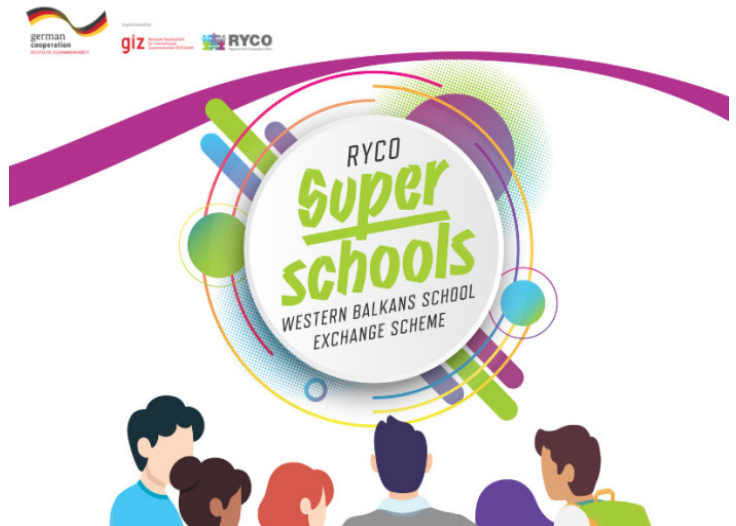
Co-financed by the European Union and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, and implemented by GIZ together with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), the project strengthens RYCO's capacity to manage regional youth programmes and supports school-to-school exchanges.

Through the Superschools programme, students and teachers from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia take part in learning exchanges that foster intercultural dialogue, peacebuilding, and inclusion.

The action also builds partnerships among education institutions and ministries, promotes gender equality, and encourages collaboration between donors and youth organisations. By connecting schools and empowering young people, the project contributes to lasting peace, cooperation, and social cohesion in the region.

Expected results:

- RYCO's institutional capacity and governance structures strengthened.
- Increased regional collaboration among education institutions and ministries.
- Successful implementation of school exchange cycles involving over 170 schools and 5,600 students.
- Improved intercultural competencies and gender awareness among youth and teachers.
- Enhanced visibility and coordination of youth-related initiatives across the Western Balkans.



Social media:

rycowb.org/building-capacity-and-momentum-for-ryco-2-3-2/,
<https://superschools.net/new/>, [instagram.com/rycowb/](https://www.instagram.com/rycowb/)