

#ReLOaD



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Regional Programme on Local Democracy in the Western Balkans 2 - ReLOaD2

Overall objective of ReLOaD2 is to strengthen participatory democracies and the European Union (EU) integration process in the Western Balkans by empowering civil society and youth to actively take part in decision making and by stimulating an enabling legal and financial environment for civil society organizations (CSO).



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United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)



Duration:
2021-2024 (48 months)



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January 1, 2021



Budget:
€12.63 million (\$15.06 million)

- EU €11.35 mil (\$13.53 mil)
- UNDP and local governments €1.28 mil (\$1.53 mil)



ReLOaD2 in Western Balkans:
Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia



Partners: Ministries and institutions in charge of local governments and civil society in each participating IPA beneficiary



ReLOaD2 collaborates with **63 local governments across the Western Balkans** and will implement **300 CSO projects** and provide benefits for **35,000 beneficiaries**

29% (or **135**) of **469** local governments in the Western Balkans expressed their interest to participate in ReLOaD2. ReLOaD2 partnered up with **63** local governments.

Combined with partner local governments from ReLOaD1, there are **95** local governments engaged with ReLOaD programme OR **19%** of all local governments from the Western Balkan region.



SCAN ME



ALBANIA - 13 local governments

Elbasan, Kamëz, Kavajë, Korçë, Kukës, Lezhë, Lushnje, Patos, Përmet, Roskovec, Sarandë Shkodër and Tirana

BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA - 13 local governments

Bihać, Centar Sarajevo, Gacko, Goražde, Gradiška, Istočno Sarajevo, Mostar, Novo Sarajevo, Prijedor, Prozor Rama, Rudo, Ugljevik and Vitez

KOSOVO - 7 local governments

Dragash/š, Fushë Kosovë/Kosovo Polje, Mitrovicë/a South, Podujevë/o, Rahovec/Orahovac, Shtërpcë/Štrpce and Skenderaj/Srbica

MONTENEGRO - 15 local governments

Five clusters:

- Central region - Podgorica, Cetinje, Golubovci and Danilovgrad
- Coastal mates - Budva, Herceg Novi, Kotor and Tivat
- Tara - Mojkovac, Kolašin and Pljevlja
- Together for North - Andrijevića and Berane
- Together Nikšić and Plužine - Nikšić and Plužine

NORTH MACEDONIA - 8 local governments

Bitola, Gevgelija, Gostivar, Kocani, Kriva Palanka, Kumanovo, Ohrid and Veles

SERBIA - 7 local governments

Babušnica, Kruševac, Novi Sad, Subotica, Topola, Vladičin Han and Vrnjačka Banja

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE

Strengthened partnerships between local governments and civil society in the Western Balkans created by enhancing transparency in funding of CSOs from local government budgets and promoting youth and civic engagement in decision-making and community development



EXPECTED RESULTS



Strengthened capacities of local governments and CSO to institutionalize and implement transparent and gender responsive grant schemes and deliver good quality projects servicing the local community



Enhanced capacity of local authorities and CSOs to generate greater civic and youth engagement in local affairs



Enhanced regional networking and dialogue among civil society and local governments across the Western Balkans



EXPECTED IMPACT

Working across the region, ReLOaD2 enhances capacities of local governments to **engage in productive partnerships with CSOs**. Local governments and CSOs are able to **mutually contribute to improved service delivery and realization of local priorities** in line with development strategies and subsidize to higher quality of living in local communities.