

Draft Agenda

26.09.2024 [Thursday]

18:00 – 20:00 | Opening Ceremony

The opening ceremony of the 22nd International Youth Conference will be a vibrant start to the event, featuring welcoming addresses from both the organizers and key supporters. Representatives from Youth Alliance Krusevo will set the stage by outlining the conference's goals and significance. Additionally, prominent donors and supporters who have generously contributed to the success of the conference will offer their insights and encouragement, emphasizing the importance of youth empowerment and regional collaboration. This ceremony will serve as an inspiring kickoff, setting a positive and collaborative tone for the sessions to follow.

27.09.2024 [Friday]

08:30 – 09:30 | Get2Gether

Networking session

10:00 – 12:00 | Real Talk session I

Topic: *Left, Right, or Forward: Youth Vote Steering the Political Future of the EU and the Balkans Amid Radical Tensions*

In this session, we'll dive into the European Elections in both the EU and the Balkans, with a spotlight on the rise of radical movements in Europe. We'll also highlight the crucial role of young people in political decision-making and EU integration and discuss how youth initiatives can drive positive change in the region. At the end of the real talk session participants will be invited to share any questions that are still lingering.

12:00 – 12:30 | Coffee Break

12:30 – 14:30 | Real Talk session II

Coded Youth Futures: *Unlocking the DIGITAL VISION EUROPE 2025 for Digital Innovation, AI, and Citizen-Centered Public Solutions*

In this session, the panelists dive into the impact of digital transformation on citizen-oriented public services and regional cooperation. We'll focus on the goal of DIGITAL VISION EUROPE 2025 to empower European citizens through digital skills and knowledge. We'll also highlight the importance

of digital literacy, explore how Artificial Intelligence can enhance policymaking and regional collaboration, and discuss the exciting future of smart cities in Southeastern Europe.

14:30 – 16:00 | **Lunch**

16:00 – 18:00 | **Youth Power Jam**

In this session, youth participants engage in an interactive session using collective intelligence techniques, crowdsourcing and interactive polling to explore thought-provoking questions from previous sessions, from participants, conducting interactive polling, and facilitating group discussions to generate innovative solutions.

18:00 – 20:00 | **Fireside chat | Chitchat | Storytelling**

20:00 – 22:00 | **Dinner in the city**

28.09.2024 [Saturday]

08:30 – 09:30 | **Krusevo Uncovered: Walking adventure**

10:00 – 12:00 | **Real Talk session III**

Topic: *DigiPath for youth possibilities: Exploring Economic Empowerment Pathway Management for Youth*

In this session, panelists will explore the economic empowerment landscape in the Balkan and EU region, focusing on youth employability, entrepreneurship chances, and fostering a startup mindset. This session would aim to boost regional collaboration and networking to share available youth employment and entrepreneurship opportunities in motion, ideate on new potential projects and identify barriers and enablers for youth to enter these pathways effectively.

12:00 – 12:30 | **Coffee Break**

12:30 – 14:30 | **Real Talk session IV**

Topic: *Building Blocs: Forging Well-Resourced, Interconnected and Stronger Economic Alliances in the Region*

In this session, we will explore the possibilities and opportunities for regional economic development within the region, focusing on specific points for improvement. Furthermore, the aim is to discuss the opportunities for enhancing cross-border regions and achieving economic stability. Additionally, we will address the challenges related to connectivity and infrastructure for regional improvement. We will also advocate for certain economic areas and discuss how countries can cooperate more effectively. Finally, we will discuss financing the future of the region.

14:30 – 15:30 | **Lunch**

15:30 – 17:30 | **Interactive Vision Boarding**

Topic: *Vibe Check: Dream It, Do It*

Participants enter the Vision Room with a big blank canvas (or a digital tool) on each corner, based on the inspirations from the topic of economic empowerment they pick one example 'decent work' and create a vision board using sticky notes, drawings, and images to visualize their ideas on the vision board. Once completed, they can be invited, or other conference attendants to walk through, engage

and to add comments, questions, or additional ideas to each section using sticky notes or digital annotations.

18:00 – 23:00 | **YAK's 25th Anniversary Fiesta Under the Stars**

29.09.2024 [Sunday]

08:30 – 09:30 | **Meditation Session**

10:00 – 12:00 | **Hackathon**

Session I: SEE 2050 Innovate: Navigating Digital, Inclusive, and European Youth Future

In this session, we will challenge young leaders from Southeastern Europe to innovate and create groundbreaking solutions for the region's digital, inclusive, and green future. Participants will focus on specific areas for improvement, identifying key opportunities for regional advancement. Furthermore, the aim is to develop strategies that enhance cross-border collaboration and promote sustainable development. Finally, teams will present their ideas on empowering the future vision of Southeastern Europe, fostering a prosperous and sustainable 2050.

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14:30 – 16:00 | **Lunch**

16:00 – 18:00 | **Presentation of conclusions from the hackathon**

19:00 – 20:00 | **Dinner**

21:00 | **Closing ceremony**

30.09.2024 [Monday]

10:00 – 12:00 | **Final evaluation of the event**



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