

Resolution on Youth Vision and Recommendations for a More Effective Contribution to Democratic Governance

The Enter: Change Second Forum Shaping Bosnia and Herzegovina's tomorrow:
Youth leading the way,

- *recalling* the 1995 Dayton Peace Agreement as the foundation of peace and stability in Bosnia and Herzegovina, reaffirming commitment to the Constitution, recognising three decades of peace achieved, and underlining the need to take all measures necessary to preserve it;
- *recognising* that the European Union integration process and full membership in the European Union remain Bosnia and Herzegovina's strategic goal, as well as an underutilised but powerful driver of reforms that would tangibly improve the daily lives of its citizens;
- *stressing* that the EU perspective is of particular importance for young people, who are determined not to become another "lost" generation deprived of the chance to see their country attain full membership within the span of their professional careers;
- *recognising* that the EU integration process offers a framework to train a professional civil service, to monitor and accelerate the fulfilment of accession priorities, and to motivate young people to contribute to Bosnia and Herzegovina's European path;
- *whereas* good neighbourly relations and regional cooperation are essential for regional peace and stability, as well as Bosnia and Herzegovina's progress on its path towards EU membership;
- *reaffirming* the need for Bosnia and Herzegovina to make better use of the already available instruments and offers of the European Union, including by accelerating reforms required under the Energy and Transport

Communities, making full use of the EU Growth Plan, and engaging actively in regional initiatives, in particular those under the Berlin Process;

- *recognising* the ongoing changes within the European Union, including its pursuit of internal reforms, increased and more integrated defence spending, and the advancement of the green and digital agendas; aware that these developments will have direct consequences for the citizens of the Western Balkans, including Bosnia and Herzegovina, through their potential to generate both positive opportunities and negative challenges, and underlining the importance of close observation and proactive adjustment to these dynamics;
- *having regard* to the fact that the rule of law and strong, independent institutions are the foundations of good governance, democracy, and prosperity;
- *aware* that consolidating the justice system and preventing corruption are preconditions for public trust, accountability, and sustainable progress;
- *noting* that EU integration also provides a framework for transparency and anti-corruption in public-sector employment, including through the responsible use of technology and artificial intelligence to ensure objective, merit-based recruitment;
- *whereas* young people represent a decisive force for democratic renewal and the promotion of shared values;
- *mindful* of the need for structured, joint work among young people across Bosnia and Herzegovina, and for strong connections with Brussels and EU institutions to enable experience-sharing and capacity-building;
- *whereas* Bosnia and Herzegovina's multiconfessional and multiethnic character is an inseparable part of its identity, and whereas the destructive

consequences of the war underline the urgent need to invest in an environment of mutual understanding and respect;

- convinced that reconciliation, interethnic dialogue, and education—supported by international partners—are vital to renewing social cohesion and to developing a shared identity that respects all ethnic identities;
- *recalling* the discussions, conclusions, and lessons learnt from the First Forum Enter: Change, and recognising the importance of ensuring continuity by building upon its achievements;
- *underlining* the need for further intensification of activities both within each forum and in the period between them, in order to sustain momentum, deepen cooperation, and translate ideas into concrete action;

Adopts the following recommendations:

On EU integration process

1. calls on the authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina to move forward strongly on implementing EU conditions needed to start accession talks;
2. stresses the importance of fully using the benefits of the current EU approach, including finalising the reform agenda necessary to take part in the EU's Growth Plan, and completing requirements to join the Single Euro Payment Area (SEPA);

On youth capacity and EU integration

3. invites universities, in cooperation with the EU Delegation and the civil service agencies, to publish an open call for outstanding students from all universities in Bosnia and Herzegovina for a structured training programme in EU institutions; provides each participant with a mentor during the placement and sustained mentorship upon return; ensures that,

after completion, participants can take up positions in public institutions and deliver training on monitoring EU integration; notes that financing for the first year could be provided by EU institutions;

On the rule of law and justice reform

4. calls for the urgent adoption of laws on the courts, the prosecution, and the high judicial and prosecutorial council, to guarantee transparent, merit-based selection of judicial officials, effective oversight of their work, and the elimination of opportunities for abuse of office;
5. supports the establishment of independent, specialised institutions to prevent, investigate, and prosecute corruption and organised crime, with clear mandates, resources, and regular public reporting;

On transparent public procurement

6. urges the creation of an automated, standardised e-procurement platform providing public access to all relevant information and minimising opportunities for misuse; requires independent oversight—including qualified civil society representatives and external experts—to safeguard integrity and impartiality.

On merit-based public employment

7. calls for the adoption and implementation of a legal framework enabling the responsible use of specialised software and artificial intelligence in public-sector human-resources departments, to screen applications and curricula vitae against clear, job-specific metrics and to support objective candidate selection, thereby increasing transparency, public trust, and incentives for young people to build their careers in Bosnia and Herzegovina;

On education and civic culture

8. calls for a coordinated programme—developed by ministries of justice and ministries of education—to teach the rule of law from an early age, covering the principles of a legal state, citizens’ rights and obligations, ethical behaviour, and integrity, supported by qualified staff and tailored materials;
9. stresses that schools must foster critical thinking, help young people understand their identities, and allow them to explore knowledge freely, without imposition or limitation;

On interethnic dialogue

10. urges that primary and secondary schools be strengthened as spaces for dialogue and cooperation through regular exchanges, school visits, joint competitions, and shared projects;
11. calls for establishment of a dedicated fund to finance regular inter-school activities across Bosnia and Herzegovina, with particular emphasis on visits between schools whose pupils predominantly belong to different ethnic communities; Invites the Interreligious Council of Bosnia and Herzegovina to conduct regular activities in every local community to promote peaceful coexistence and practical ways to achieve it;

On media culture

12. calls on international and domestic actors to support independent, constructive media through financial and educational assistance, noting the reality of propaganda outlets and the importance of strengthening credible alternatives in the online space;

On the role of diaspora

- 13.invites the diaspora—especially academically and professionally successful individuals with cultural and political influence—to organise formal and informal networks that promote interethnic dialogue abroad as a model for society at home;
- 14.invites the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Bosnia and Herzegovina to establish a programme of active support for diaspora initiatives and to create and maintain a database of individuals and associations able to lead and sustain such efforts;

On energy market integration and the green transition

- 15.supports, in line with Energy Community reforms, the Berlin Process, and the EU Growth Plan, the launch by the European Commission (with EU delegations) and ministries of energy of a Western Balkan Energy Exchange (WBEE) to unify the fragmented regional energy market; implement EU energy legislation regionally; ensure a balanced supply-and-demand system; lower prices and introduce new energy products and services; and position the region as an actor focused on the energy-transition agenda and the EU's new energy strategy;

On the Forum's future

- 16.calls to explore linking the programme in Bosnia and Herzegovina to other regional initiatives with the same goals to share best practice, leverage synergies, and amplify impact; and potential development of the Enter Change platform into a regional hub connecting youth from Serbia, Montenegro, and Bosnia and Herzegovina;
- 17.proposes a structured partnership with the University of Ljubljana as a knowledge hub through regular panels, workshops, and joint research to strengthen academic rigour and cross-border collaboration;

18. seeks new partnerships with academic institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, including the School of Political Science of the Council of Europe, to expand its reach and expertise;
19. commits to creating and maintaining an alumni network to ensure continuity, exchange, and long-term engagement;
20. commits to an annual declaration of implemented steps and policies as a transparent progress report and roadmap;
21. proposes joint visits of participants to Brussels and to the country holding the EU Presidency to sustain high-level engagement and visibility.

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