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The Balkan Youth Club

Who we are:

The Balkan Youth Club is a non-governmental organization established in 1998 with the main goal to encourage cooperation and facilitate the dialogue among youth in South-eastern Europe. Its head office is in Sofia, Bulgaria. Objectives:

Fostering of the intraregional and EU integration processes of South-Eastern Europe;
Support in development of democratic, tolerant and pluralistic civil societies in Balkan countries;
Enhancement of youth participation and exchange in all the areas of political, economic, social, cultural, academic and scientific life within the region;

To realize its aims the Balkan Youth Club relies on the young generation free of historical prejudice, which is going to shape the future of the region. Its team comprises of young professionals who are citizens of Balkan countries should overcome frontiers and together through revealing their own and common potential to participate in the European integration process.

What we do:

Academic and cultural exchange – The program operates since the very beginning of the Balkan Youth Club's activities in 1998. It covers areas of Culture: Archaeological Summer camps in NW Bulgaria and art centre ORESHAK; Scientific exchange among young researchers; Education and academic exchange: Annual Balkan/European Seminars for students in social and humanitarian sciences. Research program – It's also an "old" program operating since 1998. The projects included provide research of the wide variety issues concerning youth, regional development, politics, history, culture and environment of the Balkans. Politics and Media - The program includes 2 autonomous sub-programs: Balkan Youth Dialogue for exchange of young political leaders from SEE, since 2001 and Young journalists' exchange program since 2003. Regional development, youth participation and cross-border cooperation – It started in 2002. Program's activities are targeted at: Empowerment of youth; Enhancement of youth participation in local governance, municipal and regional life; development of Youth centre's network in the bordering regions of SEE countries; Cross-border youth exchange and promotion of voluntarism. For now the program's projects are implemented in the pilot municipalities: Dragoman and Godech on the Bulgarian-Serbian border.