



# Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA)





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# About WBAA



The Western Balkans Alumni Association (WBAA) is a **regional network** of students and alumni from the **Western Balkan** region (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, North Macedonia, Montenegro, Serbia) who have spent part of their **studies abroad**, funded by the **EU education and training programmes**.

WBAA is neutral, unbiased and nonpartisan in the existing political discourse.

WBAA is supported and funded by the European Commission.

*\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.*



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# WBAA Mission

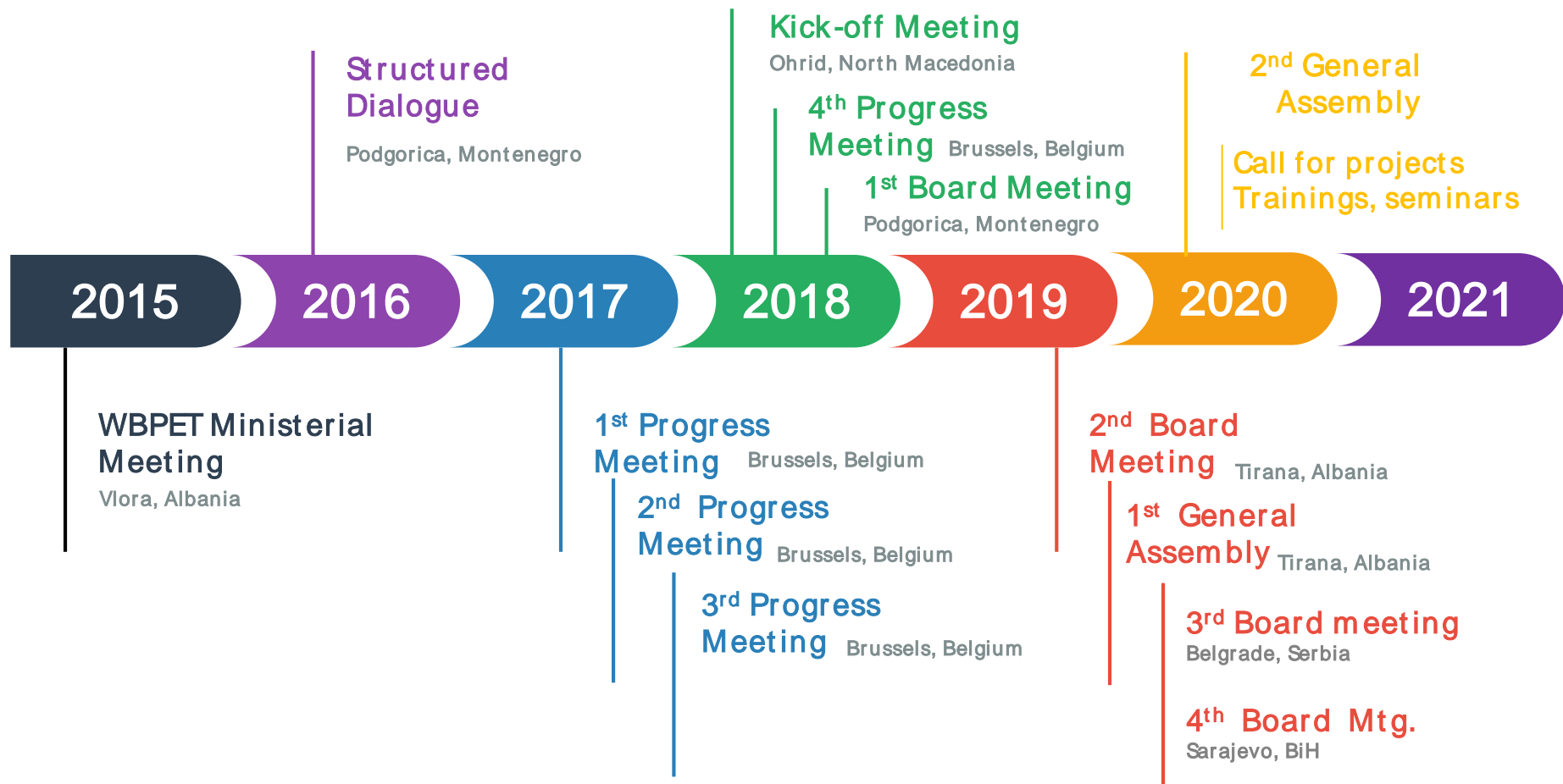


- To **advocate** for modernization and improvement of higher education quality in the region
- to **empower** young people of the Western Balkans on their academic and career development towards successful employment
- to **strengthen** regional exchange, collaboration and integration
- to **support** the regions efforts towards European integration



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# WBAA Progress





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WBAA Start



# How did we get here?

Ohrid, North Macedonia

Balkan Confluence Kick Off Meeting

2018



Tirana, Albania

WBAAA 1<sup>st</sup> General Assembly

2019





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# 1. WBAA Members



WBAA consists of:

~~750+~~  
~~681~~ **registered members**  
form part of the General Assembly

All WBAA members are volunteers!



# 2.WBAA Representatives



## 2.Regional Board

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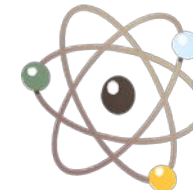
# 3. WBAA TEAMS



## Internal Affairs



## Research



## Projects



## Academic & Career Development



## Communication & IT







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# WBAA Projects



- We had 2 open calls for projects
- All members can apply
- Projects should take place in the Western Balkans
- Projects can be **local, national and regional**
- **Project themes:**
  - Events for Erasmus+ and WBAA promotion
  - Training sessions for volunteers and WBAA activists
  - Other outreach projects providing knowledge exchange and networking opportunities
  - Strengthening Higher Education Quality

**We received 39 applications!**  
**And we approved 29 projects!**



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- We received in total 39 applications
- We had 2 open calls for projects

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- We selected 29 applications
- Projects varies from 1.500 to 10.000 EUR

120.000

- We spent in total 120.000 EUR in WB
- We plan to increase that number in next 2 years



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# WBAA Opportunities



## WBAA gives its members opportunity to:

- Improve their **professional skills** (project writing, research, event organising, etc) and **boost their employability**
- **Meet new people** and **experience other cultures** through informal networking
- **Network and cooperate** with relevant institutions and organizations
- Receive information about **educational and professional opportunities**
- Be part of the **first regional alumni network** and **make a difference** in the regional development



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# WBAA Partners



- EU institutions
- Ministries and Governmental organizations
- National Agencies/Erasmus+ Offices
- Universities
- UN
- CoE
- NGOs





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# WBAA Next Chapter



## How can you support your WBAA chapter:

- Support efforts to promote WBAA
- Help WBAA reach out to young people and students
- Offer assistance to WBAA Chapters to implement projects and activities
- Include WBAA members in activities regarding Higher Education and trainings that you are organizing
- Facilitate partnerships between WBAA and Higher Education Institutions



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# WBAA On Social Media



## Lets keep in touch!



Website - [www.western-balkans-alumni.eu](http://www.western-balkans-alumni.eu)

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