



# Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator

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<b>Rotarian Peace Projects Incubator's Thematic Area</b>	<b>Peace Building</b>
<b>Rotary Focus Area</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Promoting Peace</li> <li>● Protecting the Environment</li> </ul>
<b>Contact:</b> Contact person within your group (responsible for this project proposal)(Name + email)	<b>Natalija Vojno</b> <b>natalija.vojno@gmail.com</b>
<b>Project Title:</b> Provide a full title (and acronym if any)	<b>Balkan Roots &amp; Green Futures</b>
<b>Project Partners and Participating Organisations:</b> List all your project partner organisations, including participating <b>Rotary clubs and districts</b> if any	<b>Our Future First</b>
<b>Geographical Scope</b>	<b>Western Balkans</b>
<p><b>Summary:</b> Please provide a concise summary with a maximum of 500 words outlining the project and explaining the community needs your project will address and how these needs were identified.</p> <p>Ensure that you include what your project aims to achieve (objective) and how (method/procedure). What will be the main outcomes?</p> <p>Explain in a few sentences how you will incorporate the objective of sustainability into your project.</p>	<p><b>Problem description</b></p> <p><a href="#">Tensions are on the rise</a> in the Western Balkans. From Police in Kosovo stopping the ethnic Serb minority from accessing Serbian referendum ballots following escalations at the border in late 2021, to the January 9th commemoration of Serb independence triggering renewed tensions and counter demonstrations in Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina (BiH) unresolved disputes are mobilizing the citizenry and the diaspora on social media and in person. <a href="#">Some in Kosovo seek unification with Albania</a> and the Republika Srpska (RS) entity has been moving towards secession. The dispute in the RS comes in part following a <a href="#">Constitutional Court ruling</a> which considers agricultural land and forestry in RS the jurisdiction of Bosnia and Herzegovina. Most recently, Bosnian Serbs <a href="#">voted to leave the BiH armed forces, judiciary and tax system</a> triggering Bosniaks who oppose allowing the territory to peacefully secede. In November of 2021, the <a href="#">UN renewed the EU Bosnia military mission</a>. Youth are becoming increasingly nationalistic and lack opportunities to exchange with one another and to engage in dialogue about shared interests.</p> <p>For the Western Balkan countries to ascend to the EU, environmental laws need to be harmonized with EU frameworks, corruption addressed, and minority rights as well as border integrity must be ensured. The people and their cultures are very much interrelated following many migrations over centuries. Rather than treat each country in isolation, or facilitate ethno-politics, a holistic approach is proposed that seeks to establish stronger cooperation and coordination over shared interests.</p>

	<p><b>Project objectives and goal</b></p> <p>Environmental peacebuilding project in the Western Balkans with inter-ethnic youth gathering to articulate their vision for a Shared Green Future in the Western Balkans.</p> <p><b>Project description</b></p> <p>The program would enable participants' to formulate positions and gain knowledge about UNEP thematic areas of climate change, disasters and conflicts, ecosystem management, environmental governance, chemicals and waste, resource efficiency &amp; biodiversity, and science policy interface (environmental assessment and information management). Through a combination of lectures, dialogues, and workshops the program would build knowledge and understanding among the national and regional youth on environmental governance and conservation, sustainable development, and empowering young people to participate in environmental governance. The multilingual program would allow for diverse input and for the assessment of cooperation opportunities between the members of different communities in the thematic areas. Time would be dedicated to exploring the differences and merits of the Berlin Process and Open Balkan Initiative with space given to young people to share their concerns and hopes for coordination on trade, travel, and environmental governance.</p> <p>The project is intended to re-frame interests according to the land, and socio-ecological systems that create overlapping regional bio-cultures in the Western Balkans. By widening the circle to the broader region, the common transboundary concerns, overlapping issues and commonalities, can be discussed to best address the well-being of the diverse peoples who consider the Balkans home.</p> <p><b>Sustainability</b></p> <p>The project lead has begun to build a network of young people in the Western Balkans and would be recruiting leaders from this community to join a working group with a small honorarium provided for them to develop the main event and continue with ongoing engagements.</p>
<p><b>Beneficiaries:</b> Who are the beneficiaries? Please include the estimated number of direct beneficiaries</p>	<p>40-50 Young People from Albania, Bosnia &amp; Herzegovina, Kosovo, North Macedonia, Montenegro, and Serbia.</p>
<p><b>Project Period</b></p>	<p>February 20, 2022 - June 20, 2022 +</p>

**Project Timeline:**

	Feb	March	April	May	June						
<b>Planning</b>	X										
<b>Design</b>	X	X									
<b>Promotion</b>		X	X								
<b>Delivery</b>			X								
<b>Follow-Up</b>				X	X						

**Project budget:**

Category	Unit	Number of Units	Unit Cost	Amount	%
<b>Coordinator for Admin &amp; Reporting</b>	person months	2.00	\$200.00	\$400.00	14.29%

Two Task Force members responsible for administrative work, such as setting meetings, keeping regular communication, etc.					
<b>Partnerships &amp; External Relations</b>					
PR, and logistics of comms with different partners / external entities, etc.	person months	2.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	8.93%
<b>Communications: Social Media + Graphics design + Marketing/ Media + Video</b>					
Designing of social media assets, visual and posting schedules. Also coordinating with relevant partners to cross-post	person months	2.00	\$125.00	\$250.00	8.93%
<b>Communications: Social Media Promotion</b>					
\$20 per language group (Albanian, Serbian, Bosnian, Macedonian, English) across Facebook, Instagram	ads	5.00	\$20.00	\$100.00	3.57%
<b>Workshop Development &amp; Capacity building materials</b>					
Development of materials for capacity-building and other case by case basis stuff as required	person months	1.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	4.46%
<b>Admin</b>					
Bank & Transfer Fees; Coordination, Web	fees	1.00	\$125.00	\$125.00	4.46%
<b>Local Actions</b>					
4 Micro-Grants Awarded to participants of the consultation following Selection Committee Input. The selection for these would be done in a competitive manner through a voluntary selection committee. Applicants to this process are not eligible on the selection committee.	Micro-Grants	4.00	\$350.00	\$1,400.00	50.00%
<b>Convening Costs</b>					
ZOOM Pro to allow for concurrent sessions or Conditional allowance to offset costs of participation	connectivity	1.00	\$150.00	\$150.00	5.36%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>				2800	100