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# FORUM MNE

Forum MNE, ( [www.forum-mne.com](http://www.forum-mne.com) ) is an organization for youth that has been working on the development of youth work and youth policy through non-formal education since 2002.

Forum MNE evolved from an international project (PRONI Institute for Social Education of Youth and Forum Syd) into a local civil society organization, which was registered in March 2007.

Our figures so far show 19 years of work, 33,000 young people who have gone through our programs, 87 implemented projects and 384 educated youth workers and activists.

The organization employs 6 people and 10 trainers. The organization is governed by a five-member board. The assembly of the organization consists of representatives of young people/youth groups with which Forum MNE works, partner civil society organizations and relevant institutions. As a model of co-management in management structures, the organization has formed the *Youth Assembly* body, which counts 15 young people who are responsible for the design and establishment of the International Youth Village. The organization gathers around 100 volunteers.

## The vision of the Forum MNE is:

A peaceful and just society with young active citizens contributing to its development.

## The mission of the Forum MNE is:

Forum MNE is an organization which develops its vision by supporting the development of young people into conscious, responsible and active individuals and citizens capable of recognizing, seeking and exercising their rights, while contributing the development of a peaceful and just society.

## Values:

Forum MNE strongly opposes any form of discrimination. Forum MNE creates a safe environment in which everyone feels welcomed and is treated based on the principle of equality. The programs of Forum MNE are based on the following principles and values: non-discrimination, tolerance, lifelong learning, promotion and personal responsibility, transparency, optimism, proactivity, respect and appreciation of young people and active participation of young people in the decision-making processes.

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# INTRODUCTORY

## WORD

Elvira Hadžibegović

Executive Director



Dear young people, partners, donors, citizens,

In front of you is the Forum MNE Annual Report 2021, which is our nineteenth year of existence and work.

It is the second year of an epidemic caused by the Coronavirus.

Although we have deserved to celebrate our successes so far, and we are firm believers in the celebration of both small and big anniversaries, successes and even failures, we could not do that this year either. It seems like every day, quietly and in solitude, we celebrate the fact that we are healthy and have been given more time on this wonderful planet.

We are already used to the new, virtual, reality and through it we are trying to at least partially achieve our mission, and then to be one step closer to our vision.

We were and still are perfecting our digital skills each and every day, so that we can work with much more confidence in the online world now.

I am proud of my team, it is amazing how much we did in the second Covid year! In the following pages, see for yourself and learn about the development of existing, and new projects and programs of Forum MNE.

You will remember how proud we were of the fact that we awarded grants to civil society organizations across the Western Balkans. Implementation, support and monitoring are something else entirely. We are immensely proud of all our grant recipients and all their actions. The process was very useful, especially from the aspect of our learning.

Not only have we become more digitally literate, but we are part of the digital revolution in the Western Balkans and Montenegro. The *One-Stop-Shop* service we have developed, will improve with each succeeding generation. The consortium implementing it, both in the region and at the national level, is promising. We think we can do great things together.

Covid-19 taught us a lot, and sometimes even helped us to see things that passed under the radar more clearly. We have researched the attitudes of young people towards alcohol consumption in our country, and I do not believe that you will like the results of the research, but I am sure that our *Messages from the Labyrinth* will certainly make you want to join us. Welcome!

This has been a digital year! Please check out our YouTube channel - we filmed, young people filmed, partners filmed... Enjoy the content!

As every year, we owe a great deal of gratitude to the young people who have placed their trust in us and honored us with being part of their development path. Thank you!

I would also like to point out that the doors of Forum MNE organisation are open, and you are more than welcome to visit us (we have a sufficient amount of face masks and hand sanitizers), write and share with us your vision of our society, which fully meets the needs of young people and provides them with the necessary support on their path to personal and social growth and development.

Sincerely,

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# 1. NEW STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS OF FORUM MNE

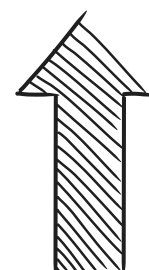
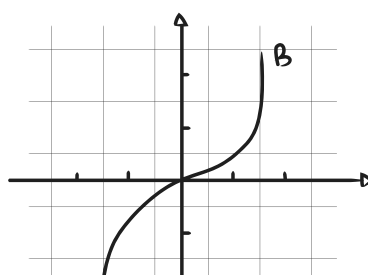
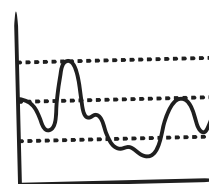
In the period 15-16 October 2020 in Kolašin, the Forum MNE team worked on strategic planning of the organization's work and creation of new strategic directions. As our work is based on the active participation of young people, this time it was important for us to hear from them what the priority areas we should all work on together in the coming period are. Having in mind the changing trends and current issues that young people are actively facing, their rights and role in society, the goal of strategic planning was to modify strategic directions and adapt to the current needs of young people. Over 100 young people told us what are the issues that interest them, the challenges they face and the opportunities they would like to have available for themselves and other young people in Montenegro.

Thus, the first session of strategic planning began with a look into the future and visualization of the organization's work in the long run, which was followed by the work on data, trends, opportunities, as well as defining the needs of young people and how to best strengthen their role in society. During the second working day, we worked more precisely on defining strategic directions and priorities, and then on mapping the synergy potential.

Forum MNE strives to work on encouraging personal and creative development, development of critical thinking, psychosocial support for young people, independence of young people, development of essential skills as well as youth entrepreneurship. It also seeks to reduce the ethnic and social distance of young people, mobility and migration of young people and the development of local communities and youth organizations. With a focus on youth and a healthy environment, Forum MNE also strives to create activist and information campaigns on climate change as well as youth creativity in general in the field of environmental protection.

In this regard, new strategic directions have been created:

- Welfare and well-being of young people
- Youth and solidarity, cooperation and cohesion
- Youth and healthy environment
- Activism and participation of young people in the democratic life of society



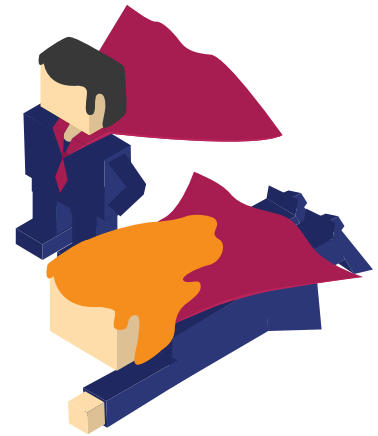
## 1.1. WELFARE AND WELL-BEING OF YOUNG PEOPLE

**Forum MNE** provides support to young people for personal development and self-actualization, as well as the acquisition of essential skills, building resilience and agility, independence and dignified work.

This program includes: **youth camps, youth exchanges, youth independence programs, psychosocial support for young people, cultural, artistic and research workshops, youth information, development of critical thinking-career counseling, development of essential skills, harmonization of education with labor market needs, entrepreneurship and service learning.**

### 1.1.2 MY CAREER FROM ZERO TO HERO

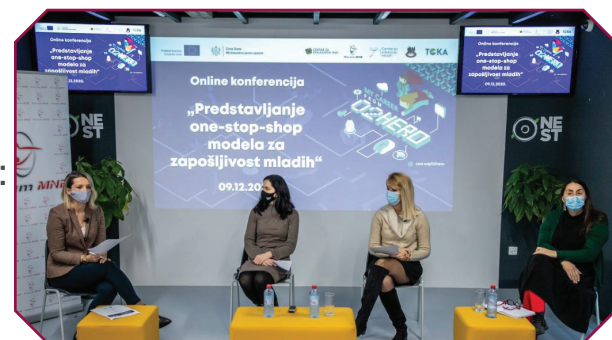
In 2021, Forum MNE continued to implement a project aimed at strengthening the capacity of civil society to become efficient, responsible and independent actors, able to engage constructively with governments in the identified thematic priority of innovative solutions for youth employment in the Western Balkans Strategy 2018.



At the beginning of the year, a Call for Proposals for the implementation of a one-stop-shop model for youth employability was published, which encompasses a soft and digital skills course, career counseling, entrepreneurial skills course and online tutorials for developing and improving digital skills.

The total amount of funds available under this call is € 50,000, and a total of 6 organizations were supported:

- NGO Business Center - digital skills course A level
- Forum for the promotion of ICT solutions and communication strategies - digital skills course B level
- NGO Home - career counseling A level
- NGO Active Zone - Career Counseling B level
- NGO TNT- online tutorials for improving digital skills
- NLP Network- entrepreneurial skills course



Forum MNE is responsible for implementing the soft skills program.

Selected organizations, together with organizations from partner countries, participated in a three-day online regional training to strengthen the capacity to implement and design one-stop-shop model programs in detail.

In August, the Call for Youth to participate in the #02hero program in Podgorica was opened, intended primarily for young people belonging to the NEET category (young people who are not in the process of education or employed). Out of a total of 262 received applications, 120 young people were selected to participate in the interviews. In the end, 50 participants were selected, 25 in Group A and 25 in Group B. After signing the contract, both groups started participating in a six-month program that included the simultaneous implementation of 3 courses (soft and digital skills and career counseling).

In the next year, after the end of the program, the participants will take part in the Showcase Days, which will aim to present the acquired knowledge and skills to employers. In Montenegro, the project “My Career from Zero to Hero” is implemented by Forum MNE in cooperation with CZOR (Serbia) CEM (Bosnia and Herzegovina), TOKA (Kosovo) and YSC (Albania), financially supported by the European Union and co-financed by the Ministry Public Administration, Digital Society and Media.



### 1.1.3. **START!**

In the previous year, we were also active in the field of promoting entrepreneurship among young people. Project *Start!* provided trainings on the principle of non-formal education in which young people from Podgorica, Nikšić, Cetinje, Budva, Tivat, and Rožaje were given the opportunity to upgrade the knowledge acquired through formal education and develop their entrepreneurial ideas.

The first training was organized in the period from 8-10 April, titled **Entrepreneurship and Youth**. On that occasion, young people discussed the most common mistakes of entrepreneurs, entrepreneurial ideas, motivation of entrepreneurs, as well as the phases of entrepreneurial ideas.

In addition to the educational part, within the three-day training, a Chat Room with young entrepreneurs was organized with the participation of:

- Uroš Bulatović, Union of Young Entrepreneurs
- Nada Vojinović, Photo studio Zahara
- Milica Petričević, Cegerica.







Young entrepreneurs shared their experiences, what their beginnings and work on the entrepreneurial idea looked like and what makes their business different from others.

The second training in a row was held from 10-12 May on the topic of ***Business Basics, Design and Successful PR Campaign Management and Ways of Financing Entrepreneurial Ideas***. The sessions were implemented through a practical and interactive approach, and the time was dedicated to talking to young people and entrepreneurs.

The guests of the chat with entrepreneurs were:

- Nikolina Kovačević, Montaste
- Marko Maraš, Seljak.me
- Andrej Šeter, QQRIQ

Entrepreneurs shared their experiences, motivating young people to step out of their comfort zone, empower themselves and persevere with their entrepreneurial ideas.

Within the two-day **Interactive Laboratory for Entrepreneurial Ideas**, which was organized on 17th and 18th June 2021, the development of 4 entrepreneurial ideas began. Over the next 3 months, with the support of mentors, young people continued to develop their business ideas, followed by the Challenge phase. It meant connecting young people with successful entrepreneurs. As a result of this activity, one project participant entered into an employment relationship with the host company, and the group that developed the Bfit business plan established cooperation with 3 host companies.

The project was funded by the Directorate for Sports and Youth of Montenegro.



**Sve na jednom  
mjestu**

za socijalnu inkluziju i  
zapošljivost mladih

## 1.1.4 *ONE-STOP-SHOP SERVICE FOR SOCIAL INCLUSION AND YOUTH EMPLOYABILITY*

After the successfully launched one-stop-shop model (model of integrated services for employability of youth from the NEET category) in Podgorica, Forum MNE continues its practice in the north of Montenegro.

The training program is part of the two-year project ): „one-stop-shop” service for social inclusion and youth employability, which we implement in partnership with the CZOR (Serbia), Office for Youth Novi Pazar and Civic Youth Initiative Rožaje, in 6 municipalities of the cross-border region Sandžak in Serbia and Montenegro.

During 2021, **a survey was conducted on the needs of actors for the implementation of integrated services for youth employability; developed one-stop-shop service** based on cross-sectoral cooperation and research data. We ended the year by **opening an invitation for young people** who will be participants in the training program, and made a selection of participants in this 5-month training.

The beginning of the implementation of the program is planned for the next year; organization of the cross-border event “ Choosing the best business idea” with the aim of promoting successful business practices and competition for the best youth business idea in Serbia and Montenegro; as well as the organization of a cross-border round table with the aim of promoting the model and advocating for its recognition by local governments in Serbia and Montenegro.

Project duration: 1 June 2021 – 31 January 2023.

## 1.1.5 **YOUTH SILENCE FICTION**



From 2021, the doors of the International Youth Silent Film Festival (“International Youth Silent Film Festival” <https://www.makesilentfilm.com/how-to-enter.html>) from Portland, USA, are open to Montenegrin youth.

Forum MNE, with the support of the US Embassy in Podgorica, presented the concept through the Youth Silence Fiction project and enabled young people from Montenegro to participate in the festival. The festival itself was preceded by numerous activities:

- Two-day training for teachers **“Meet the Silence”** in which young people aged 16 to 20, learned about the world of film, writing synopses, screenplays, framing, and talked about the elements of production and similar. The training was led by producer Biljana Vušović and director of the Underhill Festival Vuk Perović. As a part of the project, 10 educational tutorials were recorded. Tutorials are available at the [Forum-a MNE](#) website.
- Online two-day workshop held in March 2021, titled **Silent Film as an Extracurricular Activity** gathered teachers from 4 Montenegrin schools who provided support to young people in creating silent films: High School Golubovci, Gymnasium “Panto Mališić”, Berane, Gymnasium “Petar I Petrović Njegoš”, Mixed High School “25. May”, Tuzi.





- **Consultative meetings with young people** who were trained in December,
- **Information session** in which 20 young people aged 16-20 participated.

Finally, on September 27, the **Silent Film Festival** was held in cooperation with the Underhill Festival. During the two-month open call, 14 short silent films were submitted, 7 of which were shown on the big screen of the Underhill Festival.

On the same evening, awards were presented for the 3 best films, according to the expert jury, which consisted of: professor and theater director Petar Pejaković, film director Mladen Ivanović, stand-up comedian Andrija Dabanović and photographer Katica Nišavić.

**The first prize** and a prize voucher in the amount of 750€, provided by the Film Center of Montenegro, received the film **“Where to next?”** The film was made by students of the **Mixed High School Golubovci**. **The second place**, and a prize voucher in the amount of 500€, provided by the Secretariat for Culture and Sports - Podgorica, won the film **“The Other Side of the River”**, while the **third place** and a prize voucher provided by Tehnomax went to a student of **Gymnasium “Panto Mališić” from Berane** for the film **“Keepsake Riddles”**.

Of the three award-winning films, two will continue to compete at the Portland International Silent Youth Film Festival in June 2022.



## 1.1.6 **ALCOHOL AND YOUTH IN MONTENEGRO: MESSAGES FROM THE LABYRINTH**

### Recognizing the factors and causes of alcohol consumption among young people in Montenegro

The focus of this program during 2021 was the development of [qualitative research](#) on the attitudes of young people towards alcohol. The research included 16 focus groups with young people aged 15 to 18 in eight Montenegrin municipalities: Berane, Bijelo Polje, Pljevlja, Podgorica, Nikšić, Herceg Novi, Budva and Bar. In addition to focus groups, the research included interviews with representatives of institutions, civil society organizations (CSOs) and parents, as well as analysis of relevant documents.

The research was presented at the event “Alcohol and Youth in Montenegro: Messages from the Labyrinth”, which was held on 27 December 2021.

The project also included an intensive campaign on social networks, and was implemented with the financial support of the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) through ForumCiv and IOGT NTO Movement.



## 1.2. YOUTH AND SOLIDARITY, COOPERATION AND COHESION

Forum MNE encourages solidarity and cooperation among young people, and supports young people to actively contribute to social cohesion, justice and peace.

Within this strategic direction, Forum MNE works in several fields: **reducing the ethnic and social distance of young people, mobility and migration of young people and the development of local communities and youth organizations.**



### 1.2.1. *MOTHERSCHOOLS: PARENTING FOR PEACE*

MotherSchools: Parenting for Peace is a project implemented in partnership with the Austrian organization Women without Borders. The goal of this project was to sensitize mothers for the prevention and suppression of extreme and violent behavior among young people. A model which was created and developed, included a series of workshops, on a weekly basis, that connected mothers to share their experiences, discuss challenges, learn from each other, and become aware of the great role parents have in proposing peaceful solutions to problems young people face. Over 40 students of the school had the opportunity to improve their parenting skills, and the school was implemented in three municipalities: Podgorica, Tuzi and Nikšić.

The final event and online graduation ceremony for the students of the School for Mothers was held on 12 March 2021. During the event, participants were able to hear the experiences of participants, representatives of local and international organizations and institutions dealing with this topic.



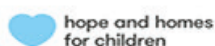
## 1.2.2. **COMMUNITIES FIRST**

Creation of a civil society hub to address violent extremism  
from prevention to reintegration

The focus of the project during 2021 was on providing support to civil society organizations in six countries of the Western Balkans region in the implementation of projects supported through the small grants program.

Forum MNE supported a total of 24 projects through the Small Grants Program “Building Community Resilience to Violent Extremism in the Western Balkans”. The total amount of allocated funds is 120,025.27 EUR.

Communities in which social and economic ties are disrupted are fertile ground for violent extremism, so the call for projects aimed to support small local organizations in the Western Balkans in building and increasing community resilience to violent extremism, through local partnerships and joint action.



**Well Being for the Western Balkans**  
*Grassroots Boost*

**26.02.2021.**

## LIST OF SUPPORTED ORGANIZATIONS

| Montenegro                      | Albania  | Bosnia and Herzegovina   | Kosovo  | Serbia  | North Macedonia              |
|---------------------------------|--|--|---|---|------------------------------|
| NGO Alfa Centar                 | Woman Center for Development and Culture Albania - W.C.D.C.A     | Association for Social Research Global Analytics               | Center for Advanced Studies - FIT / Qendra per Studime te Avancuara - FIT | Center for Intercultural Communication CINK     | ZIP Institute                |
| NGO COSMO                       | Center for Bridging Communities                                  | Center for Psychological Support Sensus                        | Foundation for Information, media, Dialogue and Education - KosovaLive    | Association of Psychologists Novi Pazar         | Journalists for Human Rights |
| NGO Children of Montenegro      | People in Focus  | Muharem Berbić Foundation                                      | LIZA-R <sup>1</sup>   | Center for Civil Society Development - PROTECTA | Youth Council Prilep         |
| Monitoring group Ulcinj - MogUl | Albanian Legal and Territorial Research Institute – ALTRI Center | Association for Dialogue in the Family and Society Small Steps | NGO Rule of Democracy in Kosovo - SDK <sup>2</sup>                        | Sombor Educational Center                       | Open Fun Football School     |

Within the same project, Forum MNE also organized the following events:

- Regional online event „Well Being for the Western Balkans - GrassrootsBoost”, was held on 26 February and brought together more than 50 representatives of civil society organizations, the international community and institutions from the region. During the event, 24 initiatives, supported under the small grants program, were presented.
- Press conference ***Building Community Resilience to Violent Extremism in Montenegro*** was organized on 9 March 2021 at the EU Info Center. On that occasion, four Montenegrin civil society organizations and initiatives implemented in Montenegro were presented: Local Action Planning - A Step towards a Society for all (NGO “Alpha Center”), Schools as a Resource for Prevention and Countering Hate Speech, Extremism and Radicalism NGO “Children of Montenegro”), Prevention through Community Involvement (“MogUL” - Ulcinj) and #IsolateExtremism (NGO “COSMO”).

<sup>1</sup> Lidhja në Interes Zhvillimor për të Ardhmen e Rinisë

<sup>2</sup> OJQ Sundimi i Demokracisë në Kosovë



- A regional workshop titled **Well Being for the Western Balkans** was held on 24-25 June in Podgorica. The event brought together over 60 practitioners, representatives of civil society organizations, academia, the media and relevant institutions, involved in implementing activities in the field of preventing and combating violent extremism in their local communities in the Western Balkans.
- Filmed a documentary **Resilient.React.Rebuild.**  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IHYQ9N-JXF8>  
 The documentary presents various stories and efforts to counter and prevent violent extremism in the Western Balkans region. It points to the impact that this phenomenon has had on Balkan families and on everything that various actors have done to build and maintain community resilience.



Project *Communities First: Creation of a civil society hub to address the issue of violent extremism – from prevention to reintegration* Forum MNE has implemented in partnership with the Center for Legal Civic Initiatives (Albania), Hope and Homes for Children (Bosnia and Herzegovina), Partners of Kosovo - Center for Conflict Management, Center for Common Ground (Northern Macedonia) and Cultural Center DamaD (Serbia). The project was funded by the European Union and co-financed by the Ministry of Public Administration, Digital Society and Media.

## 1.2.4. SOCIAL MEDIA COUNTER-NARRATIVE CAMPAIGN TRAINING AND MENTORSHIP PROGRAM

Forum MNE, with the support of the International Organization for Migration (IOM), implemented the project *Social Media Counter-Narrative Campaign Training and Mentorship Program*. The project included two intensive trainings for ten representatives of civil society organizations on building community resilience and creating campaigns with positive narratives. Participants also had the opportunity to apply the acquired knowledge in practice, so the teams worked on creating and implementing five campaigns:

- *#EkstremizamNIJECool (#EkstremismisNOTCool) implemented by Alpha Center and the Organization of Montenegrin Students Abroad - OCSI;*
- *#DiskonektujMrznju (#DisconnectHate) implemented by the NGO “Children of Montenegro” and the Civic Youth Initiative Rožaje;*
- *#PrijaviNasilje (#ReportViolence) implemented by the NGO “Walk with us - Phiren Amenca” and the Center for Affirmation of the RE population - CAREP;*
- *#OdbaciNarativ (#RejectNarrative) implemented by NGO 35mm and Kombinat media;*
- *#MirSeUci (#PeacelsTaught) implemented by the NGO COSMO.*

The final event and award ceremony for the most successful campaigns was organized on 27 September 2021 in Podgorica. For the campaign with the longest reach (*#EkstremizamNIJECool*) and the most innovative campaign (*#MirSeUci*), vouchers for the purchase of equipment in the amount of 1000 euros were awarded.

The video, made out of key messages of all five implemented campaigns, is available at: [www.forum-mne.com/nagrade-za-najuspjesnije-kampanje-sa-pozitivnim-sadrzajima-na-drustvenim-mrezama/](http://www.forum-mne.com/nagrade-za-najuspjesnije-kampanje-sa-pozitivnim-sadrzajima-na-drustvenim-mrezama/)



## 1.2.4. *SERVICE LEARNING IN MONTENEGRO*

This year, Forum MNE continued to introduce the concept of service learning in the Montenegrin education system through the projects “Service Learning for More Inclusive Schools” and HEARMI, as well as the membership in the Network of Organizations Promoting Service Learning in Central and Eastern Europe.

### *SERVICE LEARNING FOR MORE INCLUSIVE SCHOOLS*

The aim of the project is to pilot the concept of service learning in 5 primary schools in Montenegro, with the consent of the Ministry of Education, Science, Culture and Sports of Montenegro. During the previous year, Forum MNE organized meetings with selected schools and agreed on the dynamics of work in accordance with their needs, as well as measures and the situation caused by the Covid-19 virus pandemic.

### *HEARMI*

Forum MNE started the implementation of the HEARMI project implemented by the TOKA (Kosovo) with partner organizations: New Horizons Foundation - NHF (Romania), MIOS (Bosnia and Herzegovina). The aim of the project is to develop the capacity of the organizations involved to strengthen the civic engagement of young people and the ability of young people to advocate for social inclusion in service learning projects. During the past year, we organized preparatory meetings and worked on the preparation of exchanges that were postponed to next year in accordance with the situation caused by the Covid-19 pandemic. In addition, Forum MNE participated in the Service Learning Conference in Prizren and spoke at a panel on the importance of including service learning in education. The project implementation period is from December 2020 to November 2023.

This year, Forum MNE continued to actively participate in the Regional Network of Service-Learning of Central and Eastern Europe and as a member of the jury in the selection of projects for the Regional Award.



## 1.3. YOUTH AND HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

Through activist and information campaigns, Forum MNE creates conditions for youth activism and youth creativity related to the environment and climate change.

In this regard, Forum MNE has entered into a partnership within the “**Back to the Roots**” project.

“Back to the Roots” is a joint project between: La Maraña de Gaudalahara (Spain), Hors Pistes(France), AnandaMarga(Portugal), ForumMNE(Montenegro), Culture Clash4U (The Netherlands), Vzaiemopomich(Ukraine) and the Center for Intercultural Dialogue (Macedonia). This project is based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), as well as the different ways that each person can apply it in their daily lives. Through this project, the goal is to bring the goals of sustainable development closer to the youngest and to provide youth workers with tools and knowledge that they can apply both in their daily lives and in their work within their entities and with young people. Participants will gain competencies to improve their skills to prepare young people to be leaders in their communities and to raise awareness of climate change and how to implement sustainable development goals in their daily lives.

Forum MNE is one of the member organizations of the network of Socially Responsible Companies in Montenegro (CSR), within which since 2013 it has been actively participating in the implementation of the strategy of sustainable development through the activities of the network.



## 1.4. ACTIVISM AND PARTICIPATION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE DEMOCRATIC LIFE OF SOCIETY

Forum MNE encourages the development of youth activism and promotes and encourages the participation of young people in the democratic life of society, through: political literacy of young people, youth activism and monitoring of youth policy.

### 1.4.1. *SUPPORTING THE DEMOCRATIC EDUCATIONAL ENVIRONMENT*

The overall goal of the project is to increase cooperation and networking of teachers and students both within the school and between schools belonging to the fourth-mixed group, in order to identify needs in the school/wider community and find solutions.

The schools, which belong to this group and directly participate in the project, are: Mixed High School “Bećo Bašić” - Plav, Mixed High School “Andrijevića”, Mixed High School “Braća Selić” - Kolašin, Secondary Mixed School “Vuksan Đukić” - Mojkovac, Elementary School “Aleksa Đilas Bećo” - Mojkovac, Educational Center Plužine and Educational Center Šavnik. During the first phase, the project was based on educational project activities within which 2 trainings on democratic competencies were held. One training was held for 15 teachers (2 from each school) and for 35 young leaders (5 from each school), who were selected by public call through a questionnaire.

During the second phase of the project, young people worked through interactive workshops titled “Zujalica” (“Buzzer”) to identify problems in their communities and created 7 actions as a way to respond to them.

The project was implemented within the action “Quality Education for All” in Montenegro, within the joint program of the European Union and the Council of Europe “Horizontal Facility for the Western Balkans and Turkey 2019-2022.”

## 2. OTHER ACTIVITIES

During 2021, Forum MNE formed a partnership within the following project:

- **Pioneering Youth Information Services in the Western Balkans**

Despite numerous sources of information, especially online, recent studies by ERYICA (European Agency for Youth Information and Counseling) discover that it is difficult to find reliable and understandable information. In the context of mass disinformation, young people more than ever need help in selecting and processing information in order to assess accuracy and make autonomous decisions. In this sense, the goal of “Pioneering Youth Information Services in the Western Balkans” is to train young people in the Western Balkans to become better decision makers and solve problems based on quality information and guidelines, as well as promoting the integration of youth rights to information in national strategy for young people. This requires the training of youth workers and youth information professionals, and the recognition of youth information as a part of national youth policies and youth work development plans.

## Global education

Forum MNE has been a member of the Global Education Network since 2013. The North-South Center is a partial agreement of the Council of Europe, and the aim of the center is to develop, improve and maintain strategies and capacity building for global education with a focus on institutions and experts in the field of global education in the formal, non-formal and informal sectors.

The Global Education Week was marked in the period from 15-21 November 2021, under the title “The world is ours, let’s start an action together!” During the “Global Education Week”, civil society organizations, youth organizations, development organizations, local and national self-governments and other organizations gathered to raise awareness of the importance of cooperation for the protection of our world and future through numerous activities. Numerous workshops, dialogues, quizzes on human rights, ecology and environmental protection, climate change, children’s rights, gender equality, intercultural education, etc. were held. A total of 10 schools participated in Global Week, 6 vocational high schools/gymnasiums and 4 elementary schools. The first Youth Club for young people with disabilities was opened within the Resource Center for Children and Youth “Podgorica”.

The annual meeting of the members of the Global Education Network was held from 6-7 April, where they discussed the concept of global education within the iLEGEND II program, adjusting goals and activities during and after the pandemic situation and new capacity building strategies, aiming at enhancing joint cooperation and functioning of network members.

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## Training

### ***Research in the Field of Prevention and Combating Violent Extremism***

During September and October 2021, Forum MNE, in cooperation with the RESOLVE network, organized an online training Research in the Field of Prevention and Combating Violent Extremism for representatives of civil society organizations from the Western Balkans.

The training consisted of three modules, and participants had the opportunity to learn and discuss the relevance of research for creating programs and policies, but also to exchange experiences and good practices.

### **DigiYouth- Training for youth workers in the digital age**

From 3-7 December, our representatives had the opportunity to participate in the Erasmus training on “Digitalization in Youth Work” in Lagodekhi, Georgia. The aim of the training was to connect youth workers and the digital world to explore the extent to which it can be part of the youth work experience. During the training, participants explored the role of digital as an approach to youth work, better understood the needs of young people in relation to the digital world, explored and understood how digital tools, applications and platforms are used in youth work and gained better understanding of digital security.

This year, Forum MNE continued to actively participate in networks, such as: Central and Eastern European Service-Learning Network, the Youth Network of Montenegro and the Network of Organizations Fighting against Peer Violence in Montenegrin Schools.

The goal of the **Central and Eastern European Service-Learning Network** is to introduce the concept of service learning in education systems and the work of NGOs in the countries of this region to encourage innovation in education through local capacity building.

The Youth Network of Montenegro is an organization, is an association of non-governmental organizations/associations that implement youth policy, and gathers 36 organizations.

### **Network of Organisations Fighting against Peer Violence**

in Montenegrin schools was established on 26 July 2018 within the project Coalition against Peer Violence in Montenegrin Schools, whose main goal is to create protective mechanisms for elementary and high school students in Montenegro. The mission of the Network is to develop a supportive environment, free of violence, based on understanding and accepting diversity among students.



Also, Forum MNE took part in the working group for the introduction of the **Youth Guarantee Program in Montenegro**. The program is intended for young people in order to reduce unemployment by supporting the smooth transition of young people from the world of education or from unemployment to the world of work. The main principle of the program is that every young person, within 4 months after leaving education or training or becoming an unemployed person, receives a quality job offer, internship or further training or continuing education.

Forum MNE has launched a **Regional Network of CSOs** dealing with the prevention and combating violent extremism. 30 organizations from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Northern Macedonia, Serbia and Montenegro are actively participating in this network.

In order to intensify the monitoring of the implementation of the Action Plan, the Bureau for Operational Coordination, formed a body - **the National Multisectoral Operational Team to monitor the implementation of the Action Plan for the Implementation of the Strategy for Combating Violent Extremism**. It consists of 16 representatives of state bodies, state administration bodies, the Supreme Court, the Supreme State Prosecutor's Office, administrative bodies, public institutions and non-governmental organizations. Forum MNE is one of the two NGOs on this team. The team regularly assembles and decides on actions in the field of prevention of violent extremism and radicalization.

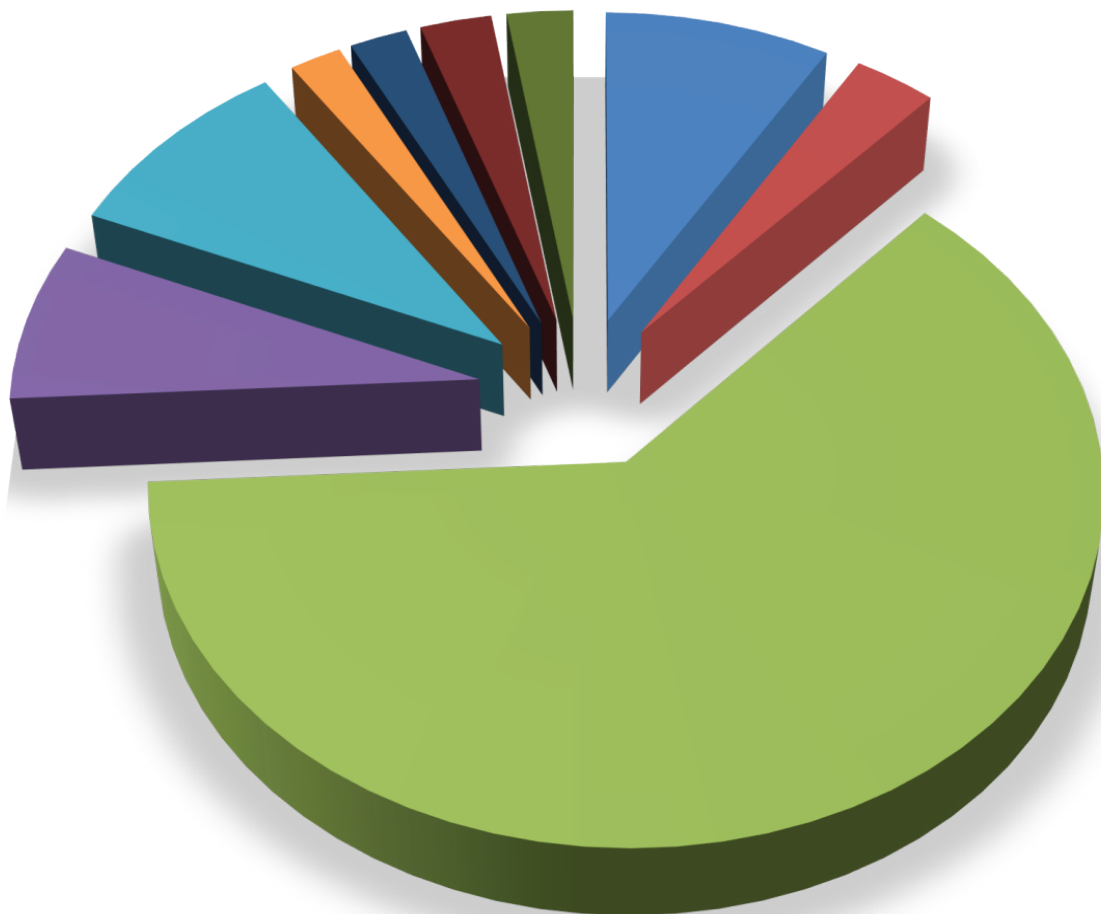
Also, Forum MNE is a member of the Assistance and Protection Team, which was formed at the initiative of the NOT, the Bureau for Operational Coordination, and consists of representatives of: Ministry of Labor and Social Welfare, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Education, Ministry of Interior, Police Administration, units of local self-government and non-governmental sector.



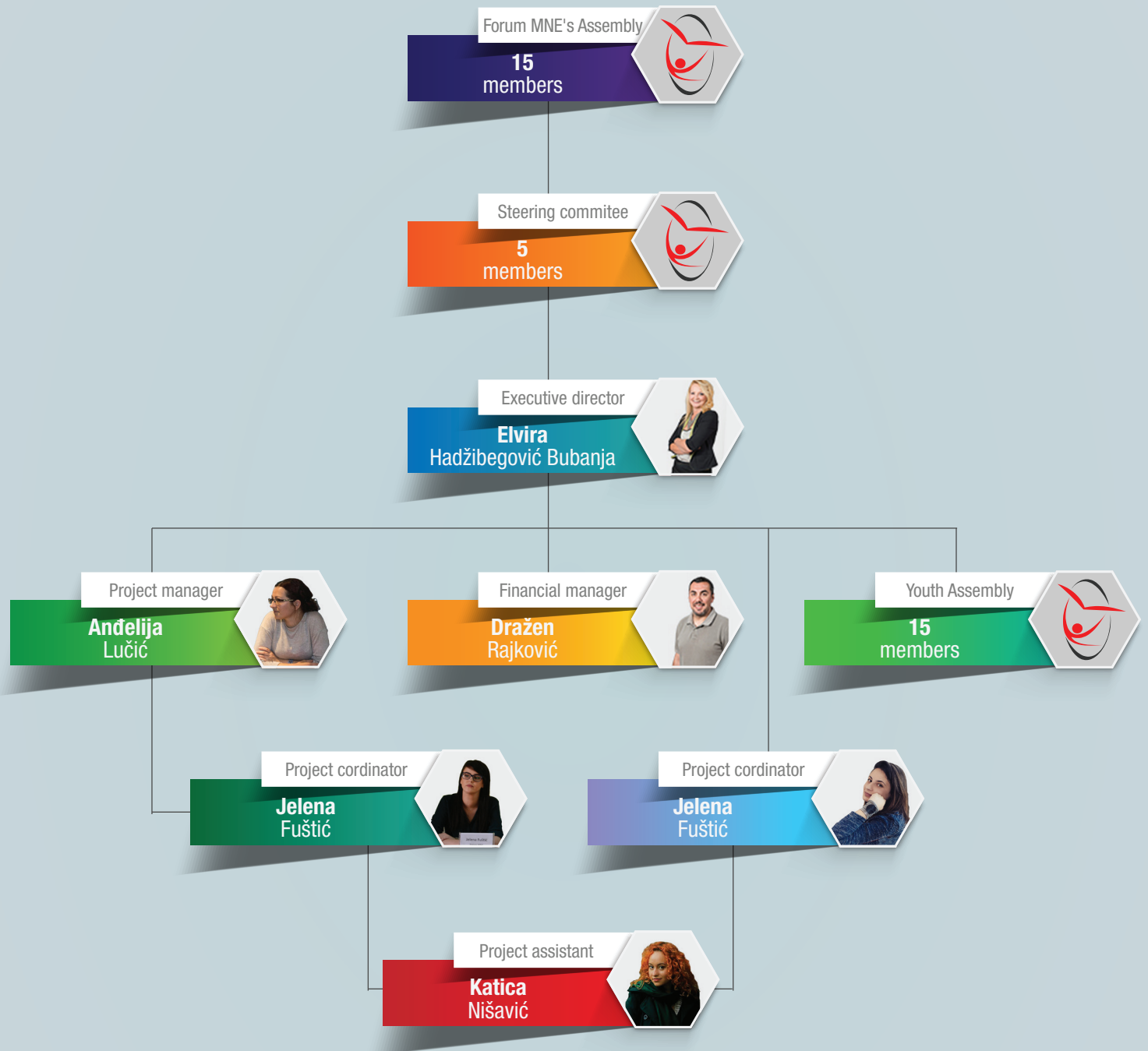


# 4.3.FINANCIAL REVIEW AND DONOR REVIEW 2021

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| ■ IOGT-NTO MOVEMENT                        | 22075.14         |
| ■ OeAD                                     | 8150.91          |
| ■ European Commission                      | 161543.58        |
| ■ International Organization for Migration | 19095.00         |
| ■ Women without Borders                    | 23633.08         |
| ■ United States Institute of Peace         | 5113.67          |
| ■ Council of Europe                        | 5686.47          |
| ■ Embassy of the United States of America  | 6987.10          |
| ■ Other donations                          | 6479.05          |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                               | <b>258764.00</b> |



# 5.FORUM MNE TEAM



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