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Bridging Borders, Building Belonging

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About us



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Bridging Borders, Building Belonging

is a Citizen Engagement Activity (CEA) that puts young people at the heart of the conversation. It creates a platform for youth to share their experiences, perspectives, and ideas on how EU Cohesion Policy and Enlargement shape their sense of belonging across borders. Through interactive discussions, storytelling, and creative collaboration, participants will explore how policies impact their daily lives and envision a more inclusive, connected future.

Young people across Europe often view EU integration as a distant promise rather than a lived reality.

Growing Euroscepticism in some regions have led many young citizens to question whether the European Union is still a credible partner in their future.

Moreover, youth voices are often underrepresented in EU policy discussions, leaving them feeling unheard and disconnected from the processes that shape their futures.

In cooperation with young people residing across Europe, and EU accession countries, the event will explore Youth Integration and belonging.



Agenda



9:30

WELCOME NOTE

Prof. Andrea Perna – UNIADRION General Secretary

SESSION I – Europe's Economic, Social, and Territorial Cohesion in the Light of EU Enlargement

9:45

Prof. Francesco Chiapparino – Politechnic University of Marche
The need for Integration and EU Cooperation, Case Focus : Adriatic Ionian region

10:15

Mr. Michele Giovenali – Marche Region – EUSAIR STEP Project
Europe's Cohesion Policy

10:30

Prof. Giulia Bettin – Politechnic University of Marche
Europe in Motion: Facing Migration Challenges Inside and Beyond its Borders

11:00

Mr. Filippo Alabardi – Executive Officer Adriatic-Ionian Initiative Permanent Secretariat
The current geopolitical landscape in Western Balkans

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11.30 **BREAK**

SESSION II – Territorial Cooperation and Youth Engagement

11:45 Mrs. Ana Nikolov – AEBR Balkans office
Introduction to EU Youth Initiatives

12:15 Mr. Michele Giovenali – Marche Region – EUSAIR STEP Project
From Ideas to Impact: EUSAIR and Opportunities for Youth

12:35 **PANEL DISCUSSIONS**

13:00 **Lunch Break**

14:00 **SESSION III**

14:30 **Youth-to-Youth (Y2Y)**

STORYTELLING & CRAFT WORKSHOP

