

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Municipality of Berane, Montenegro
PIC number:	937535459
Project name and acronym:	Take action! Because, who if not you?

EVENT DESCRIPTION			
Event number:	[11] – WP11		
Event name:	ELEMENTS OF PUBLIC ADVOCACY – PUBLIC FORUM_MNE		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	Montenegro - Berane		
Date(s):	17.09.2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://berane.me/servisne-informacije/odrzan-javni-forum-za-mlade-u-okviru-projekta-take-action/		
Participants			
Female:	57		
Male:	19		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Montenegro]:	76		
Total number of participants:	76	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
Provide a short description of the event and its activities.			
ENGLISH: On Thursday, 17 September 2026, a public forum dedicated to youth participation in decision-making and public advocacy was held at Hotel Berane. The forum was attended by 76 participants, including young people, representatives of local government, educational institutions, civil society organisations, and other stakeholders working with young people. The forum built on the previous political and motivational workshops. Young people shared their experiences and discussed active citizenship, opportunities for participation in			

public life, and the obstacles they face when seeking to influence decisions that are important for their community.

Participants discussed the initiative “Vision of the Future of Young People in Berane” and proposals concerning the position of young people, including employment, access to information about elections, participation in public consultations, and the establishment of a Youth Council. This discussion served as preparation for the workshop scheduled for 23 September 2026 at the Municipality of Berane. The workshop was designed to give young people the opportunity to experience asking questions and initiating discussions at the level where decisions are made by the Municipal Assembly. The practical part of the workshop enabled young people, through a simulation of an assembly debate, voting, and decision-making, to experience how positions and proposals are presented in discussions with decision-makers. During the advocacy session, participants discussed how to translate identified problems into concrete proposals, whom to address them to, and how to further advocate for them.

As a result of the activity, the steps towards formally establishing a youth working group were identified. Work began on preparing an initiative to be submitted to the Municipality of Berane. Participants discussed its content and key elements, while its finalisation and submission were planned for the next workshop. The central element of the initiative will be a proposal for the Municipality of Berane to adopt a decision establishing the youth working group. That decision would define the group’s role and how it would be involved in the Municipality’s work, so that its members are invited to participate in public debates, consultations and working bodies preparing draft regulations, public policies and other decisions of importance to young people in Berane.

The forum concluded with a discussion on continuing work on the “Vision of the Future of Young People in Berane”, the Youth Declaration, and the activities of the Youth Advocacy Group. Participants completed evaluation questionnaires, and after the working session, they continued with an informal discussion on opportunities for cooperation.

MONTENEGRIN:

U četvrtak, 17. septembra 2026. godine u Hotelu Berane održan je javni forum posvećen učešću mladih u donošenju odluka i javnom zagovaranju. Forumu je prisustvovalo 76 učesnika: mladi, predstavnici lokalne samouprave, obrazovnih institucija, civilnog društva i drugih aktera koji rade sa mladima.

Forum se nadovezao na prethodne političke i motivacione radionice. Mladi su podijelili svoja iskustva i razgovarali o aktivnom građanstvu, mogućnostima učešća u javnom životu i preprekama sa kojima se suočavaju kada žele da utiču na odluke važne za njihovu zajednicu.

Učesnici su razmatrali inicijativu „Vizija budućnosti mladih u Beranama“ i prijedloge koji se odnose na položaj mladih, uključujući zapošljavanje, informisanje o izborima, učešće u javnim konsultacijama i osnivanje savjeta mladih. Ovaj razgovor poslužio je kao priprema za radionicu zakazanu za 23. septembar 2026. godine u Opštini Berane. Radionica je zamišljena tako da mladi, u prostoru u kojem Skupština opštine donosi odluke, dobiju priliku da iskuse postavljanje pitanja i pokretanje diskusije na tom nivou. Praktični dio radionice omogućio je mladima da kroz simulaciju skupštinske rasprave, glasanja i donošenja odluka isprobaju kako se stavovi i prijedlozi predstavljaju u razgovoru sa donosiocima odluka. Tokom zagovaračke sesije učesnici su razgovarali o tome kako prepoznate probleme pretvoriti u konkretne prijedloge, kome ih uputiti i kako ih dalje zastupati.

Kao rezultat aktivnosti utvrđeni su koraci za formalno osnivanje radne grupe mladih. Započet je rad na pripremi inicijative koja će biti upućena Opštini Berane, pri čemu je razgovarano o njenom sadržaju i ključnim elementima, dok je njena finalizacija i

podnošenje predviđeno za narednu radionicu. Najvažniji dio sadržaja inicijative činiće predlog za donošenje rješenja Opštine Berane o osnivanju radne grupe mladih. Tim rješenjem definisala bi se uloga grupe i način njenog uključivanja u rad Opštine, tako da njeni članovi budu pozivani na javne rasprave, konsultacije i radna tijela koja pripremaju nacрте propisa, javnih politika i drugih odluka od značaja za mlade u Beranama. Forum je zaključen razgovorom o nastavku rada na „Viziji budućnosti mladih u Beranama“, Deklaraciji mladih i djelovanju omladinske zagovaračke grupe. Učesnici su popunili evaluacione upitnike, a nakon završetka radnog dijela nastavili su neformalni razgovor o mogućnostima saradnje.

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BECAUSE, WHO IF NOT YOU?

U OKVIRU PROJEKTA **TAKE ACTION** POZIV MLADIMA
(15–30 GODINA) NA UČEŠĆE NA:

RADIONICI ZA MLADE: JAVNI FORUM – JAVNO ZAGOVARANJE



MJESTO:
Hotel Berane



DATUM:
17.09.2026.



VRIJEME:
10:00 – 15:00



Prijave do
16.09.2026.



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Centar za mlade Dalj



INVITATION TO A YOUTH WORKSHOP

Public Forum – Public Advocacy

The Municipality of Berane invites young people aged 15 to 30, representatives of local government, educational institutions, civil society organisations, institutions working with young people, the media and other interested stakeholders to take part in a public forum organised as part of the international project “**Take action! Because, who if not you?**”. The forum builds on previous political and motivational workshops on democracy, youth participation in decision-making, active citizenship and public advocacy.

The forum will present project results, young people’s experiences, evaluation findings and conclusions from previous activities. Young people will have the opportunity to express their views publicly on issues affecting their position and their **participation in decision-making at local and European levels**.

During the advocacy session, participants will present proposals, ideas and views developed through the “**Vision for the Future of Young People in Berane**” initiative, as well as the initiative to prepare a **Youth Declaration**. Participants will be able to discuss the proposals, ask questions in dialogue with decision-makers and suggest next steps for advocating for them.

The workshop will include discussions, priority voting, group work, presentations, practical exercises and simulations of conversations with decision-makers.

Venue: Hotel Berane, Ivangradska 1, 84300 Berane

Date: 17 September 2026

Time: 10:00–15:00

Registration: by email at radab.87@gmail.com or through the online form available on the organiser’s website.

Registration deadline: 16 September 2026

Workshop materials, refreshments, lunch and a certificate of participation will be provided for all participants.

*The workshop is organised as part of the project “**Take action! Because, who if not you?**”, funded by the European Union under the **CERV Programme 2021–2027** and implemented in partnership by the Municipality of Berane, NGO Crnogorska Iskra, the Municipality of Erdut and NGO Youth Centre Dalj, from January 2026 to July 2027.*





Project: Take action! Because, who if not you?

Activity: Public Forum – Public Advocacy

Date: 17 September 2026

Location: Hotel Berane, Ivangradska 1, 84300 Berane

AGENDA

10:00 – 10:15	Participant registration Arrival and registration of participants. Distribution of workshop materials and introduction to the public forum programme.
10:15 – 10:35	From political dialogue to active youth citizenship – democracy, elections and electoral processes; – participatory democracy and forms of civic participation; – rights and responsibilities of young people as citizens of Montenegro and the European Union; – opportunities for young people to influence decisions made in Berane.
10:35 – 11:05	Young people's stories and experiences from previous activities Young participants will share their experiences from the political forum and motivational workshops. Discussion questions: – What did participants learn from previous activities? – Has their understanding of active citizenship changed? – Which issues have the greatest impact on youth participation? – What motivates young people, and what prevents them from becoming more involved?
11:05 – 11:15	Short refreshment break
11:15 – 11:35	“Vision for the Future of Young People in Berane” Work on the previously prepared document: discussion of the Vision's objectives, priorities and measures, with particular attention to youth employment, information about elections, participation in public consultations, the establishment of a youth council and other issues identified by participants as important.
11:35 – 12:00	Advocacy session: From priorities to concrete proposals Presentation of selected proposals from the “Vision for the Future of Young People in Berane” initiative. For each proposal, the following will be presented: – the issue addressed by the proposal; – the objective of the proposed change; – the target group; – the key advocacy message;



	– the institution or decision-maker to whom the proposal is addressed; – the proposed advocacy approach; – opportunities for further action by the youth advocacy group. The presentations will be followed by an open discussion.
12:00 – 12:45	Exercise for a meeting with decision-makers in the Municipality of Berane - simulation of an Assembly session, voting and decision-making
12:45 – 13:00	Youth Declaration initiative Presentation of the purpose and proposed structure of the Youth Declaration. Discussion of the key issues that the Declaration should address.
13:00 – 13:20	Conclusions and next steps – Summary of the main messages and conclusions of the public forum. – Identification of the proposals that received the strongest support from participants. – Agreement on further work on the “Vision for the Future of Young People in Berane” initiative and the Youth Declaration. – Definition of the youth advocacy group’s next activities. – Agreement on continued communication with decision-makers and relevant institutions.
13:20 – 13:40	Evaluation of the public forum and closing – Completion of the final evaluation questionnaire. – Completion of the EU Justice, Rights and Values survey. – Closing remarks by the organisers and youth representatives. Presentation of certificates to participants.
13:40 – 15:00	Lunch and networking for all participants Informal discussion among young people, decision-makers, representatives of institutions and civil society organisations, and other participants about opportunities for future cooperation.

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