

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:	[14] – WP14		
Event name:	CREATING PRECONDITIONS FOR PARTICIPATORY DEMOCRACY – WORKSHOP - MNE		
Type:	Workshop		
In situ/online:	[in-situ]		
Location:	Montenegro - Berane		
Date(s):	23.09.2026		
Website(s) (if any):	https://berane.me/u-okviru-projekta-take-action-odrzana-radionica-participativna-demokratija/		
Participants			
Female:	53		
Male:	27		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [Montenegro]:	80		
Total number of participants:	80	From total number of countries:	1
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
ENGLISH: On Wednesday, 23 September 2026, the workshop “Participatory Democracy – Youth Dialogue with Decision-Makers” was held in the Municipal Assembly chamber in Berane. The workshop was organised by the Municipality of Berane and the NGO Crnogorska Iskra. It was attended by 80 participants, including young people aged 15 to 30, representatives of local government, educational institutions, civil society organisations and institutions working with young people. The workshop built on the “Public Advocacy” forum held on 17 September. At the forum, young people discussed issues affecting their lives in Berane and prepared for a			

conversation with decision-makers. The workshop gave them an opportunity to put their questions directly to municipal representatives, express their expectations and learn more about how they can take part in local decision-making.

The young participants' questions were answered by **Milosava Paunović**, Deputy Mayor of Berane, and **Petar Pantović** from the Secretariat for Economy, Development and Investments. They asked about the responsibilities of the Mayor and the Municipal Assembly, the types of acts each adopts and the procedures for adopting them. They also wanted to know how citizens, particularly young people, can contribute to the preparation of those acts and help shape local public policies.

Part of the discussion focused on issues affecting the everyday lives of young people in Berane. Participants requested information about the Local Youth Action Plan for 2025–2026, the opening of the Youth Centre, and the activities and projects the Municipality had implemented for young people in 2026. They also raised the question of revitalising parks and other public spaces, asking about measures already taken and those being planned.

The young participants also asked about investments in the municipality and their importance for Berane's development. The discussion explored opportunities for young people within municipal programmes, projects and future development plans. This direct dialogue helped participants better understand how local government works and put their questions to the people involved in its work.

The second part of the workshop focused on establishing a formal youth group as a mechanism for ongoing communication with the Municipality. Young people and local government representatives discussed the group's role, how it would operate and how it could gather the views and proposals of other young people in the community. They also considered how the group could submit those proposals to the Municipality and take part in discussions on decisions affecting young people.

A concrete outcome of the workshop was an initiative prepared by the young participants and submitted to the Mayor of Berane. In it, they requested that the Municipality take steps to formally establish the youth group. Submitting the initiative was the first formal step towards creating a mechanism through which young people could express their views more regularly and participate in the work of local government.

Following the formal submission of the Youth Initiative to the Municipality of Berane, the Mayor issued a Decision establishing the Youth Working Group on 25 September 2026. The Decision sets out the group's responsibilities, mandate and operating procedures.

MONTENEGRIN:

U srijedu, 23. septembra 2026. godine, u prostorijama skupštine Opštine Berane održana je radionica „Participativna demokratija – dijalog mladih sa donosiocima odluka“. Radionicu su organizovale Opština Berane i NVO Crnogorska Iskra. Radionici je prisustvovalo 80 učesnika, među kojima su bili mladi uzrasta od 15 do 30 godina, predstavnici lokalne samouprave, obrazovnih institucija, organizacija civilnog društva i institucija koje rade sa mladima.

Radionica se nadovezala na javni forum „Javno zagovaranje“, održan 17. septembra. Na forumu su mladi razmatrali pitanja važna za svoj položaj u Beranama i pripremali se za razgovor sa donosiocima odluka. Radionica im je omogućila da ta pitanja postave neposredno predstavnicima Opštine, iznesu svoja očekivanja i saznaju više o tome kako mogu učestvovati u lokalnim procesima donošenja odluka.

Na pitanja mladih odgovarali su potpredsjednica Opštine Berane **Milosava Paunović** i **Petar Pantović** iz Sekretarijata za privredu, razvoj i investicije. Mladi su se interesovali za nadležnosti predsjednika Opštine i Skupštine opštine, vrste akata koje donose i postupak njihovog usvajanja. Pitali su i na koji način građani, a posebno mladi, mogu da se uključe u pripremu tih akata i učestvuju u oblikovanju lokalnih javnih politika.

Dio razgovora bio je posvećen konkretnim pitanjima koja utiču na svakodnevni život mladih u Beranama. Učesnici su tražili informacije o Lokalnom akcionom planu za mlade za period 2025–2026. godine, otvaranju Omladinskog centra, kao i o aktivnostima i projektima koje je Opština tokom 2026. godine sproveda za mlade. Pokrenuli su i pitanje revitalizacije parkova i drugih javnih prostora, interesujući se za planirane i već preduzete mjere.

Mladi su, takođe, postavljali pitanja o investicijama na području opštine i njihovom značaju za razvoj Berana. Razgovaralo se o tome kakve mogućnosti postoje za mlade u okviru opštinskih programa, projekata i budućih razvojnih planova. Ovakav neposredan dijalog pružio je učesnicima priliku da bolje razumiju rad lokalne samouprave i da pitanja koja ih

zanimaju upute osobama koje učestvuju u njenom radu.

Drugi dio radionice bio je posvećen uspostavljanju formalne grupe mladih kao mehanizma za kontinuiranu komunikaciju sa Opštinom. Mladi i predstavnici lokalne samouprave razgovarali su o ulozi grupe, načinu njenog funkcionisanja i mogućnostima da prikuplja mišljenja i prijedloge drugih mladih iz zajednice. Razmatrano je i kako bi grupa mogla da dostavlja te prijedloge Opštini i učestvuje u razgovorima o odlukama koje utiču na položaj mladih.

Konkretni rezultat radionice je inicijativa koju su mladi učesnici pripremili i predali predsjedniku Opštine Berane. Njome su zatražili da Opština preduzme korake za formalno osnivanje grupe mladih. Predaja inicijative predstavlja prvi formalni korak ka uspostavljanju mehanizma kroz koji bi mladi mogli redovnije da iznose svoje stavove i učestvuju u radu lokalne samouprave.

Nakon zvaničnog podnošenja Inicijative mladih Opštini Berane, predsjednik Opštine donio je Rješenje o formiranju Radne grupe mladih dana 25. septembra 2026. godine, kojim su utvrđene njene nadležnosti, mandat i način funkcionisanja.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
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1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).



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TAKE ACTION!

BECAUSE, WHO IF NOT YOU?

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

RADIONICI ZA MLADE:

“PARTICIPATIVNA DEMOKRATIJA”- DIJALOG MLADIH SA DONOSIOCI MA ODLUKA



MJESTO:
Opština Berane



DATUM:
23.09.2026.



VRIJEME:
11:00 – 15:00



Prijave do
22.09.2026.



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Projekat „Take action! Because, who if not you?“ finansira se iz programa Evropske unije CERV (2021–2027), u okviru poziva CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CIV. Izneseni stavovi i mišljenja isključive su stavovi autora ta ne odražavaju nužno stajališta Evropske unije ili Evropske komisije. Evropska unija, niti tijelo koje dodjeljuje sredstva ne mogu se smatrati odgovornima za njih.



Centar za mlade Dalj



INVITATION TO A YOUTH WORKSHOP

Workshop

“Participatory Democracy” – Youth Dialogue with Decision-Makers

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 workshop organised as part of the international project **“Take action! Because, who if not you?”**. The workshop aims to create conditions for participatory democracy at the local level and strengthen young people’s direct involvement in decision-making in Berane.

The workshop follows the **Public Forum – Public Advocacy**, where young people identified priorities, developed concrete proposals and prepared to speak with decision-makers. This activity is the next step: **direct dialogue with representatives of the Municipality of Berane** on issues young people have identified as important to them and their local community.

A dedicated part of the workshop will focus on establishing a **formal youth group** to collect the opinions, proposals and views of young people in the local community and submit them to the Municipality. Young people and decision-makers will discuss the group’s mandate, responsibilities, membership, working methods and channels of communication with the Municipality. The workshop’s conclusions will provide a basis for preparing and submitting a **Youth Initiative** to the Municipality of Berane, requesting a **decision to establish the youth group**. This would enable young people to participate actively in decision-making and in the work of local government. The workshop will feature short introductory presentations, young people’s proposals, an open discussion with decision-makers and joint work to define the next steps towards formalising the group.

Venue: Municipality of Berane

Date: 23 September 2026

Time: 11:00–15:00

Registration: by email at radab.87@gmail.com

Registration deadline: 22 September 2026

Workshop materials and refreshments 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: “Participatory Democracy” Workshop
Date: 23 September 2026
Location: Main Hall of the Municipality of Berane

AGENDA

11:00 – 11:15	Participant registration Arrival and registration of participants. Distribution of workshop materials and introduction to the workshop objectives and programme. Completion of the initial knowledge test.
11:15 – 11:30	From the previous public forum to dialogue with decision-makers A brief review of the previous activity, “Public Forum – Public Advocacy”, as preparation for this workshop: youth priorities identified, proposals developed and participants prepared for a discussion with the Municipality of Berane.
11:30 – 12:00	Youth voices: priorities and proposals for Berane Young people present the key views and proposals that emerged from previous activities. The focus is on issues for which they expect a response, support or concrete action from local government.
12:00 – 12:40	Open dialogue between young people and decision-makers Young people discuss their proposals with representatives of the Municipality of Berane, including how the proposals could be implemented and how young people could be regularly involved in decision-making. Decision-makers respond and comment, while young people ask questions and explain their proposals.
12:40 – 12:50	Short break
12:50 – 13:20	Formal youth group – purpose, mandate and working methods Presentation of a formal youth group that will gather the opinions, proposals and views of young people in the local community and submit them to the Municipality. Discussion of the group’s mandate, responsibilities, membership, member selection, work schedule and communication with the Municipality.
13:20 – 13:50	Joint work: key elements of the decision establishing the youth group Young people and municipal representatives define the key elements of the decision: the group’s purpose and mandate, responsibilities, membership and working methods; gathering other young people’s views; submitting proposals to the Municipality; and participation in local government work.
13:50 – 14:15	Agreement on next steps



	Definition of responsibilities and a timeframe for preparing and adopting the Municipality of Berane's decision. Agreement on further communication between young people and the Municipality and on the future youth group's first activities.
14:15 – 14:30	Conclusions, evaluation and closing Summary of the main messages and agreements. Completion of the evaluation questionnaire and closing remarks by the organisers and youth representatives.
14:30 – 15:00	Snacks and refreshments in the municipal cafeteria 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.

The project "Take action! Because, who if not you?" (No. 101252447) is funded by the European Union under the CERV Programme (2021–2027), call CERV-2025-CITIZENS-CIV. It is 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.

На основу члана 18 Закона о младима (Службени лист Црне Горе, бр. 025/19 и 027/19), члана 58 Закона о локалној самоуправи (Службени лист Црне Горе, бр. 2/2018, 34/2019, 38/2020, 50/2022, 84/2022, 85/2022, 81/2025, 98/2025 и 133/2026), и члана 85 Статута општине Беране (Службени лист Црне Горе - Општински прописи, бр. 42/18), предсједник Општине Беране донио је

РЈЕШЕЊЕ

I Формира се Радна групе младих грађана (у даљем тексту: Радна група), као консултативно тијело за учешће младих у процесима доношења одлука и креирању јавних политика које се односе на младе у Општини Беране.

II Радна група има 11 чланова. Чланови радне групе су:

1. Никола Милићевић – координатор групе
2. Милица Зечевић – члан
3. Сара Јоксимовић – члан
4. Исидора Рачић – члан
5. Јована Мијовић – члан
6. Емилија Бацановић – члан
7. Сташа Бојовић – члан
8. Теодора Вујовић - члан
9. Данијела Драгићевић – члан
10. Стефан Ћорац – члан из НВО „Црногорска искра“ Беране
11. Миљана Раичевић – члан из Секретаријата за културу, омладину и сарадњу са НВО Општине Беране

III Надлежности радне групе су:

- подстицање и унапређење развоја омладинске политике;
- јачање сарадње и унапређење положаја младих на локалном нивоу;
- учествовање у процесима доношења одлука и креирања јавних политика које су усмјерене на младе грађане, кроз давање предлога, иницијатива, коментара, мишљења и сугестија о питањима која се тичу положаја и права младих у општини, као и на друге начине.

IV Радна група ће бити благовремено обавијештена од стране органа локалне управе и других надлежних органа општине Беране о јавним расправама, поступцима консултација и радним тијелима за израду нацрта прописа, аката јавне политике и других одлука, када оне утичу на положај и права младих грађана у општини. Радна група може, у сарадњи са органом локалне самоуправе или другим надлежним органом, предложити представника младих за одређено радно тијело или поступак консултација.

V Формирање Радне групе представља резултат Иницијативе младих са територије општине Беране број: 01-018/26-3112 од 24.09.2026.године, која је покренута и развијена кроз активности реализоване у оквиру пројекта „Take action! Because, who if not you?“ који се финансира из програма Европске уније CERV 2021–2027.

VI Мандат радне групе траје до оснивања локалног Савјета за младе у Беранама, у складу са Законом о младима Црне Горе.

VII Рјешење ступа на снагу даном доношења.

Број: 01-018/26-3135

Беране, 25.09.2026. године.

Предсједник општине Беране

Ђоле Лутовац



TRANSLATION:

Pursuant to Article 18 of the Law on Youth (Official Gazette of Montenegro, Nos. 025/19 and 027/19), Article 58 of the Law on Local Self-Government (Official Gazette of Montenegro, Nos. 2/2018, 34/2019, 38/2020, 50/2022, 84/2022, 85/2022, 81/2025, 98/2025 and 133/2026), and Article 85 of the Statute of the Municipality of Berane (Official Gazette of Montenegro – Municipal Regulations, No. 42/18), the Mayor of Berane hereby issues the following

DECISION

I A Working Group of Young Citizens (hereinafter: the Working Group) is established as an advisory body for the participation of young people in decision-making and the development of public policies concerning young people in the Municipality of Berane.

II The Working Group has 11 members:

1. Nikola Milićević – Group Coordinator
2. Milica Zečević – Member
3. Sara Joksimović – Member
4. Isidora Račić – Member
5. Jovana Mijović – Member
6. Emilija Bačanović – Member
7. Staša Bojović – Member
8. Teodora Vujović – Member
9. Danijela Dragičević – Member
10. Stefan Ćorac – Member from NGO Crnogorska Iskra, Berane
11. Miljana Raičević – Member from the Secretariat for Culture, Youth and Cooperation with NGOs of the Municipality of Berane

III The responsibilities of the Working Group are:

- encouraging and supporting the development of youth policy;
- strengthening cooperation and improving the position of young people at the local level;
- participating in decision-making and the development of public policies aimed at young citizens by submitting proposals, initiatives, comments, opinions and suggestions on matters concerning the position and rights of young people in the municipality, as well as by other means.

IV The Working Group shall be informed in a timely manner by local government departments and other competent bodies of the Municipality of Berane about public debates, consultation procedures and working bodies preparing draft regulations, public policy documents and other decisions when these affect the position and rights of young citizens in the municipality. In cooperation with a local government department or another competent body, the Working Group may propose a youth representative for a particular working body or consultation procedure.

V The establishment of the Working Group is a result of the Initiative of Young People from the territory of the Municipality of Berane, No. 01-018/26-3112 of 24 September 2026. The initiative was launched and developed through activities carried out under the project “Take action! Because, who if not you?”, funded by the European Union’s CERV Programme 2021–2027.

VI The Working Group's mandate shall last until a local Youth Council is established in Berane, in accordance with the Law on Youth of Montenegro.

VII This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its adoption.

No. 01-018/26-3135

Berane, 25 September 2026

Mayor of Berane
Đole Lutovac