



NEWSLETTER

DigitalVsCorrupt Youth Exchange in Berane, Montenegro

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EPEKA Montenegro, as the coordinator and host of the project within the Erasmus+ Programme, is organising the international youth exchange **DigitalVsCorrupt – With Digitalisation Versus Corruption**, which will take place from **19 to 26 May 2026 in Berane, Montenegro**. The youth exchange will bring together **60 young people and youth workers from 14 countries**, who will explore through non-formal learning methods how digital tools, active citizenship and international cooperation can contribute to the fight against corruption in the European Union and the Western Balkans.

Why DigitalVsCorrupt?

Corruption is a complex social, political and economic phenomenon that undermines democratic institutions, slows down economic development and reduces people's trust in public systems. It is particularly important to involve young people in understanding this issue, as they can become important drivers of change through their knowledge, digital skills and social engagement.

The DigitalVsCorrupt project therefore connects organisations from the European Union and the Western Balkans with the aim of strengthening knowledge, competences and tools for recognising, preventing and addressing corruption.

Main Objectives of the Youth Exchange

The youth exchange will enable participants to:

- better understand different forms of corruption and their consequences for young people, communities and democratic institutions;
- learn about the importance of the rule of law, transparency, shared European values and active citizenship;
 - test digital tools for detecting, documenting and reporting corruption;
 - develop ideas for responsible campaigns and public actions against corruption;
 - strengthen intercultural dialogue, cooperation and solidarity among young people from different countries.

What Will Take Place in Berane?

The programme will include workshops, simulations, group work, debates, outdoor activities, city-based research tasks,

public presentations and a conference. Participants will address topics such as:

What is corruption?

Young people will explore how corruption appears in everyday life, institutions and social relations.

Rule of law and democracy

Special attention will be given to why transparency and institutional accountability are important for a safe and just society.

Digital tools against corruption

Participants will learn about concrete digital mechanisms for reporting, documenting and raising awareness about corruption.

Young people as drivers of change

Through group work, participants will create micro-campaigns, messages, visual solutions and calls to action.

Public conference and presentations

At the end of the exchange, the results of the work will also be presented to the wider public through a public conference and an awareness-raising campaign.

International Partnership

The project includes partners from a number of countries, including Montenegro, Slovenia, Germany, Belgium, North Macedonia, Iceland, Albania, Czech Republic, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Türkiye, Italy, Kosovo, Poland and Serbia.

The cooperation of organisations from different countries enables the exchange of experiences, good practices and approaches to addressing corruption in different social contexts.

Location and Practical Information

The youth exchange will take place in **Berane, Montenegro**. Participants will be accommodated at the **University Centre – JU Dom učenika i studenata Berane**, located in the city centre. Accommodation will be organised in single or double rooms, and meals will be provided as part of the programme.

Berane is a town surrounded by nature, rivers and mountains, which will add an experiential and field-based dimension to the programme. Part of the activities will focus on learning in public space, observing the local environment and connecting personal values with civic responsibility.

Youthpass and Learning Outcomes

All participants will be entitled to receive a Youthpass certificate after the exchange, which recognises competences acquired through non-formal learning. The programme will encourage participants to reflect on their own learning process, teamwork, communication, digital competences and active citizenship.

Together Against Corruption

The **DigitalVsCorrupt** youth exchange is not only an educational event, but also a space for cooperation, reflection and the creation of concrete solutions. By involving young people, youth workers and organisations from different countries, the project contributes to a stronger, more transparent and more democratic society.

Digitalisation can become a tool for greater accountability, while young people can become key actors of change.

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- EPEKA Scientific Research Association for Arts, Culture and Educational Programmes and Technology, Social Enterprise, Slovenia
- EPEKA BERLIN EV, Germany
- UDRUZENJE AKUSTIKUM, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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