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Final conference in Montenegro: Digitalisation against corruption

Digital vs Corrupt – an international initiative addressing corruption through digital tools and youth engagement

25 May 2026 | Berane, Montenegro 2026 - As part of the Digital Vs Corruption project, the final conference of the project was held on Monday, May 25, 2026, in Berane, Montenegro. The event started at **10:00 a.m.** and was intended to present the results of the project, exchange experiences and discuss the role of digital tools in preventing and recognizing corruption. The event was attended by 60 participants, youth representatives from the Western Balkans and other project partners (Slovenia, Poland, Czech Republic, Germany, Italy...), representatives of Montenegro's political structures, journalists and other external stakeholders.

The project was implemented within the **framework of the Erasmus Youth 2023 program – Strengthening the competences of young people – Western Balkans** and connects organizations from different European countries and the Western Balkan countries. Its main purpose is to strengthen the knowledge, competences and active role of young people in addressing corruption, with a special emphasis on the use of digitalization, transparency and civic participation.

Purpose of the final conference

The final conference was an important final event of the project, where the key results, activities and learning outcomes developed within the Digital Vs Corrupt project were presented. Participants had the opportunity to learn about project experiences, examples of good practices and reflections on how digital tools can contribute to greater accountability, transparency and involvement of young people in democratic processes.

Particular emphasis was placed on the question of how young people, youth organisations and civil society can contribute to the prevention of corruption and building trust in public institutions through digital approaches.

O projektu Digital Vs Corrupt

The project **Digitalisation Versus Corruption** addresses corruption as one of the key challenges of modern societies. Corruption has a negative impact on democratic processes, the rule of law, economic development and citizens' trust in institutions.

Through the project, the partners promote the use of digital tools, non-formal education and international cooperation to raise awareness among young people about the consequences of corruption and to develop concrete mechanisms that can contribute to a more transparent and accountable functioning of society.

International partnership

The project brings together partners from several countries, including Montenegro, Slovenia, Germany, Italy and other European and Western Balkan countries. Cooperation enables the exchange of knowledge, experience and approaches to

the fight against corruption in different social contexts. The final conference in Berane was also an opportunity to strengthen international dialogue, networking and further cooperation between organizations working in the field of youth work, transparency, civic education and democratic participation.

Digitalisation as a tool for change

At a time when digital tools are increasingly shaping public life, communication and access to information, it is important that young people also see them as a tool for social responsibility. **The Digital Vs Corrupt** project highlights that digitalisation can contribute to greater transparency, more effective reporting of irregularities, public awareness and a more active role of young people in society.

The final conference was therefore a meeting point for all interested parties to present the project's achievements and to reflect on further steps in connecting digital solutions, youth work and the fight against corruption.

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