

# Join the Shared Horizons Youth Bootcamps - Shape the Future of the Western Balkans!

Are you ready to meet inspiring young people from across the Western Balkans, strengthen your leadership skills, and become part of a generation building peace, inclusion, and cooperation?

PLAY International invites you to apply for one of the Shared Horizons Youth Bootcamps, a fully funded, five-day experience where sport, dialogue, and creativity come together to empower young people and strengthen connections across the region. This is more than a bootcamp, it's a space to learn, grow, and make your voice heard.

## About PLAY International

PLAY International is a leading non-governmental organization in the Western Balkans that uses sport and play as tools for education, social inclusion, and youth empowerment. Since 1999, PLAY has engaged over 120,000 children and young people, including those from marginalized communities, and has become a regional leader in sport for development, promoting:

- Inclusive education
- Gender equality
- Youth employability
- Intercultural dialogue

## About the Shared Horizons Project

Shared Horizons is a regional initiative bringing together young people aged 18–24 from: Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.



After successfully delivering the first round of Bootcamps in 2025, the project is now launching a second round of Bootcamps in 2026, offering new opportunities to the region's youth. Through a total of nine intensive youth bootcamps, the project strengthens EU values and fosters:

- Youth resilience
- Intercultural understanding
- Gender equality
- Social cohesion across the Western Balkans

Each bootcamp gathers around 35 participants for five days of learning, exchange, and action. You may apply to only one bootcamp. In the application form, please select your preferred bootcamp location and indicate whether you are open to alternative locations and dates. Depending on the number of applications and selection results, selected participants may be offered participation in a bootcamp different from their first choice.

### **Bootcamp Locations & Dates**

You can apply to participate in one of the following bootcamps:

- 📌 **Albania (Tirana): 23–27 March 2026**
- 📌 **Montenegro (TBD): 20–24 April 2026**
- 📌 **Serbia (Belgrade): 4–8 May 2026**
- 📌 **Bosnia & Herzegovina (Sarajevo): 18 May – 22 May 2026**
- 📌 **North Macedonia (Ohrid): 8–12 June 2026**

 Each bootcamp lasts 5 days / 4 nights




## What You'll Experience

During the bootcamp, you will:

- Take part in interactive workshops, sport-based activities, and team challenges
- Build leadership, communication, and problem-solving skills
- Exchange ideas and experiences with youth from across the region
- Explore European, Olympic, and Paralympic values in fun and practical ways
- Join cultural evenings and intercultural exchanges
- Learn how to turn ideas into action in your own community


## Participant Experience

“Creating memories with people from different backgrounds was the highlight of my Shared Horizons experience.” - Marinela, Tirana 2025 Bootcamp participant ([click here to see her experience](#))

 Watch a recap from last year's Skopje Bootcamp ([click here](#))

## Who Can Apply?

You can apply if you are:

- ✓ 18–24 years old
- ✓ Citizens of Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, or Serbia
- ✓ Able to understand and communicate in English
- ✓ Available to participate fully for all 5 days
- ✓ Motivated to learn, share, and collaborate
-  Passionate about peacebuilding, inclusion, and teamwork



## Travel, Accommodation & Costs

- ✓ Participation is fully funded
- ✓ Accommodation, meals, and program costs are covered
- ✓ Travel reimbursement will be provided

## How to Apply

Fill out the online application form:  **[Click here to apply.](#)**

 **Application Deadline: March 20, 2026**


Don't wait — places are limited, and applications may be reviewed on a rolling basis.

## Contact Information

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