ABOUT THE PROGRAMME

The overall goal of the joint regional programme, Dialogue for the Future (DFF), is to help create more spaces for constructive dialogue between various communities, between citizens and their highest elected leaders, thus promoting peaceful coexistence, increased trust and genuine respect for diversity. This peacebuilding initiative was launched in 2014 in Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), following discussions between the United Nations Secretary-General and the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina. In 2015, during the Brdo-Brijuni Summit in Budva, Montenegro, the leaders of the region recognized the DFF project implemented and encouraged its expansion into South East Europe. During the second phase of the BiH-focused project (2017-2019), the United Nations Country Teams in BiH, Montenegro and the Republic of Serbia, worked with institutional and civil society stakeholders to design a joint regional project that aims to deliver the following.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- **1,600 adolescents and youth** across the region acquire and practice skills to help break stereotypes and constructively interact
- **200 teachers and trainers** enhance their skills in teaching media literacy, civic education and inter-cultural dialogue
- **200 young girls and women** empowered to advocate and lead constructively
- **120 journalists and editors** trained to promote objective and unbiased reporting
- **17 dialogue events** identify common social cohesion priorities
- **10,000 people benefit** from cross-country projects supported by Small Grants Facility
- **180 adolescents and youth** implement innovative ideas together in their communities
- **5 cross-country advocacy channels** promote collaborative policy actions for socially cohesive region
Enhanced stability and trust in the region, and especially in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Identification of social cohesion priorities

Joint action on common priorities

Promotion of objective and unbiased reporting

Institutionalization of policy recommendations on social cohesion

Empowerment for constructive dialogue

Youth dialogues
Country dialogues
Regional thematic meetings
Regional dialogue platforms
people → people
people → leaders

Skill building for adolescents, youth, media, teachers and women

Political diplomacy and advocacy campaigns

Small Grants Facility
Youth Innovation Labs

Engagement with media professionals and influencers

Start Date: January 2019

Duration: 18 months

Geographic Coverage: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Republic of Serbia

SDGs:  

Implementing UN agencies: UNDP, UNICEF and UNESCO

Donor: UN Peacebuilding Fund

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