

EFB ALUMNI NETWORK

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14 October 2021

Dear Community Members,

Our newsletters seems to have become a monthly thing, now that the Alumni Network is up and running 😊

In the October edition, we want to focus on two things: **national meetups** and **alumni initiatives!**

National meetups kicked off with a Belgrade event!

Sunday, 3 October brought together for a few hours 22 Belgrade – based alumni, with the purpose to catch up with old friends while meeting new ones and networking. The event also included the latest updates from the Alumni Network (a.k.a beeEFB 🐝):

- Upcoming launch of the **beeEFB platform** which will be used as a place of virtual coming together, places of collaboration, news and storing and sharing all things Network
- Successfully closed the **Call for initiatives** – more info below ↓
- Upcoming **Annual event** 2021 (tbc) and new call for additional Assembly and some Board members



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Belgrade was just first of the several events – the next event is in **Montenegro**, so all Montenegrins and those who want to join – book your calendars for **Friday, 22 October, 6pm CET** in Podgorica, and let **Bojana Laković**, who is organizing it for you, know that you are coming – deadline to apply is 15 October and would be helpful for logistics reasons (although doors won't be closed if you drop by unannounced).

[If you want to do a meetup in your city – let us know by filling out this form –](#) we are hoping to gather in small groups in case the planned 2021 annual event of the Network falls victim of covid-19 circumstances.

Four joint alumni initiatives awarded funding for their collaborative efforts!

As you are aware, during September we have published the first ever Call for proposals 2021 in the framework of beeEFB joint initiatives. We have been positively surprised by the level of interest from our community where we received **7** great proposals from **23** community members. The selection process was highly challenging therefore we selected **4 project proposals for this round**. However, there will be more even opportunities for collaboration through Mini Hives and new calls in 2022.

PROJECTS

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FUTURE NOW TALKS

Branka Panic, Eli Mohamad and Adel Abusara

Creating an online platform to facilitate Future Now Talk Series 2021



STRENGTHENING DEMOCRATIC STANDARDS WITHIN THE POLITICAL PARTIES IN B&H - FOCUS ON WOMEN AND YOUTH IN POLITICS AND PUBLIC LIFE

Aida Buljubasic and Tatjana Slijepcevic

Increase the culture of constructive political dialogue, knowledge and capacity of decision-makers and civil society actors on issues of democratic participation of women and youth in political and public life



ELECTORAL SYSTEMS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS - MORE DEMOCRACY, MORE ACCOUNTABILITY?

Dejan Bursać, Tamara Branković, Megi Llubani, Zoran Nečev, Dušan Vučićević

Creation of methodology for evaluation of WB electoral systems and production of comparative analysis and policy recommendations and establishment of Democracy Mini Hive



ENHANCING WESTERN BALKANS' ROLE IN THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

Miruna Butnaru Troncoță, Donika Emini, Hatidza Jahic, Simonida Kacarska, Konstantina Karydi

Advocating for the inclusion of youth's views from the WB countries in the Future of Europe debate.

In case you got ideas, questions, comments – email us at efbalumni@gmail.com.

Stay tuned for more updates in November.

Your Board bees and EFB

May the hive,  with you!

