



YourJob

Youth **O**vercoming
Unemployment **R**egionally
through Job **O**pportunities
on the **B**alkans



Project info

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Caritas Albania, Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina, Caritas Kosova, Caritas Serbia together with Caritas in Austria and the financial support of the Austrian Development Cooperation, Secours Catholique and Renovabis have launched a regional program called YourJob - Youth Overcoming Unemployment Regionally through Job Opportunities on the Balkans, in order to increase employability of young people in the Western Balkans. The idea behind the programme is to give young people, especially those who are engaged neither through education, employment nor training, the opportunity to shape their future prospect for internships and starting a business. The added value of this program is the cooperation of Caritas organizations from the region, through joint messages of advocacy and lobbying, as well as the development of strategies that offer long-term solutions.

PROJECT OBJECTIVE: To contribute to the employability of young people of ages 15 to 30 and create opportunities for their employment in Southeast Europe.

EXPECTED RESULTS: Increased employability of vulnerable young people with professional orientation, career counselling as well as firstwork experience and entrepreneurial practice. Employers in the Balkans show an increased level willingness to integrate the young workforce into their businesses. Planned activities: to open Caritas Youth Employment Counselling centres, training for active job search, organizing seminars to strengthen youth skills, organizing the training sessions, supporting programs for adult vocational training and education and internship programs, the incubation of business ideas, and grants for the start-up of social enterprises.



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Editor's note

Dear readers,

YourJob program has closed the first year of experiences, challenges and achievements in working with young people. This is one of the biggest opportunities offered to youth in four Balkan countries to face the challenges of unemployment, education, professional qualification and a series of other personal and interpersonal challenges. Hoping for your interest and good wishes to be part of us, find through the Newsletters of YourJob program all the addresses published on the official website of the implementing regions of the project: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia. We are pleased to present the third edition of the newsletter for the period January-March 2020 with the main topic "Internship" but you will also find other themes such as: signing MoUs with public and private institutions, Infosessions, visit of senior representatives of diplomatic corps of YourJob office in Banja Luka, developing professional courses, launch vacancies for different positions on social enterprise for young people, various trainings with young people as well as activities and collaborations of different nature with a focus on young people.

Unfortunately, during the period when the newsletter was prepared, the whole world was involved in an unusual situation of Pandemic due to COVID-19 which had an extraordinary impact on everyone's life. Under these conditions, the staff of YourJob program was forced to find ways to adapt the work from home but working even in office respecting the social distance with young people and our co-workers. This situation has not stopped our work, as it is already being shifted online, which you can find described in the following articles.

Joana Luka, YourJob PR

Caritas Albania

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YourJob – Message by Caritas Austria

Inter-generational relationships! Ties between generations - like the support between newcomers and experienced persons in the labour market - are now even more obvious, visible and important than a few weeks before. Due to the Covid-19 crisis many countries worldwide are affected from lockdowns, some countries even have really strong curfews. As especially elderly persons can be heavily affected by the virus, young people all around the globe now take responsibility to care for the vulnerable target groups.

Solidarity relationships between the generations on the labour market

As you know, our aim is to support teenagers and young adults to make the transition from school to working life. The biggest problem of unemployed young people in the region is usually their lack of work experience.



In order to give young adults the opportunity to put what they have learned into practice and thus increase their chances of finding a job, Caritas works with local companies.

The young people are given the chance to get a taste of everyday working life and to put what they have learned into practice. In the process they gain valuable know-how from experienced employees. These professionals can **set an example and shape the values, social skills and capabilities of young people**. Further it gives the possibility for networking, get to know the corporate culture and learning how to deal with colleagues and customers in the professional field. And with a little skill and motivation, the internship can also lead to a job within the company. An internship can broaden the horizon and is an investment into the future and professional life.

We can learn a lot from the current situation. The president of Caritas Internationalis Cardinal Luis Antonio Tagle states following in a speech in the end of March: *“From an emergency that affects all people (pandemia), we hope to see a pandemic emergence of caring, compassion and love.”*

And that is our clear vision! In the YourJob programme, we all have a common goal, namely to give youth people in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia a future perspective, to network and work really close as partners. With this vision, all teams are highly motivated, because we all know, that we can make a difference in someone else's life, as: **Many small people who in many small places do many small things, that can alter the face of the world!** (African wisdom)

Stay healthy and keep strong everyone

Denise Wilfinger

Caritas Austria



Links on articles

Caritas Albania



Signing of Memorandum of Understandings



Vocational Courses



Social Business



Online Counseling



Caritas Bosnia and Herzegovina



YourJob Interns in Mostar



YourJob Interns in Banja Luka



YourJob Info sessions



Austrian Ambassador visit's



Professional practice of high school pupils from Capljina



YourJob tender for grantees



Links on articles:

Caritas Kosova



COVID-19 Situation
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activities



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equally!



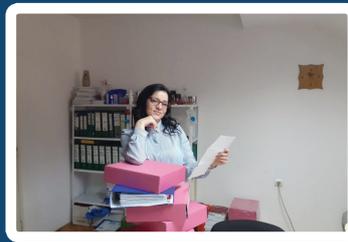
The process of
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Career ideas



Caritas Serbia



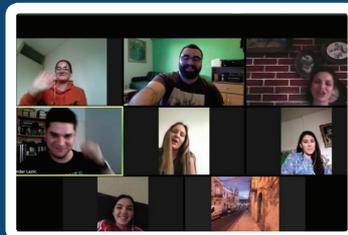
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in Zrenjanin – Milica's
Experiences



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Online activities on
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