

Who benefits from the EuroVillage?

The EuroVillage is an initiative of the secondary school students in BiH. However, the EuroVillage will not only serve them. On the contrary, it will include beneficiaries and users which are not BiH secondary school students in a much greater number than students itself. The EuroVillage will serve:

1. The youth of BiH as focal/meeting/research/study point, including students, youth councils, youth sports groups, youth culture clubs (book clubs, painters, artists, and similar). All of them are not necessarily secondary school students.
2. The youth in the region: including secondary school networks from Croatia, Serbia and Slovenia (contacts and cooperation already established in previous years);
3. The Youth of Europe: many schools in Europe foresee for their students (mostly in the 7th, 8th or 9th grade) to travel for an excursion for at least 5 working days outside their country. The EuroVillage will have specific programmes prepared for this target group of visitors, introducing cultural and natural landmarks in the EuroVillage surrounding, as well as historic, cultural and educational workshops at the EuroVillage.
4. Youth in general: the US government through USAID has already established annual programmes for US student visits and camping in

BiH. Those annual camps are thematic based, and include activities aiming for reconciliation, youth exchange, or similar. The EuroVillage will seek further bilateral programmes to increase such student gatherings, including countries in other continents than Europe and Northern America.

5. The residents of surrounding municipalities will have a thematic park at their hosedoor providing them with cultural exhibits, landmarks and customs from all European countries at one spot. Such a domestic (rural) tourism site is especially interesting for families with young children, but also for those seeking additional knowledge, culture-insight, and/or general diversity.
6. BiH is a transit country for many tourists from Northern Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, Czech Republic, but also Serbia on their way to the Croatian or Montenegrin coast. An adequate marketing campaign could increase their interest to pay a visit to the EuroVillage, not just for a coffee break, but also to see the cultural heritage of other European countries gathered at one spot.
7. All above is in line with current priorities of EU related to the development of BiH, and includes Compact of Growth and Prosperity as its guiding principles.



EuroVillage in BiH

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What will the EuroVillage represent?

As a joint place of individual cultural centres of European countries, it will represent Europe in small – exhibiting all European assets, history, diversity, culture, tradition. With all major exhibits provided by European nations, it will be a “Europe to Touch”. Its goals are wide-arching:

- ⇒ Foster Youth Leaders
- ⇒ Ensure involvement in decision-making processes (Young representatives of political parties)
- ⇒ Alleviate problems of segregation and marginalization of BiH youth and the youth of the region;
- ⇒ Foster Reconciliation through research, through joint actions, through outreach activities
- ⇒ Round-up the mreSVUBiH activities provided to secondary school students – encompassing involvement at all levels of secondary school (election of class- and school-

representatives), study (becoming trainer of trainers) and post-study (engagement and/or employment at EuroVillage).

By its design and content, with central training/research/study/gathering facilities and outskirt lodging possibilities, it will have multiple functions:

- * To serve as infrastructure where secondary school students (SSS) of BiH at all levels meet for regular and extraordinary occasions (currently at least 24 such meetings take place annually, unfortunately through using and paying for the services of various hotels in BiH).
- * To serve as space for meeting, planning, conducting campaigns of all structures of mreSVUBiH - Youth Leadership Training Centre
- * To serve as resource centre for youth organisations of BiH, the region (RYCA) and Europe-wide.

- * To serve as place of gathering, conducting mutual events, and accommodating guest and exchange students (or youth) that will come for various occasions (such visits take place twice a year currently).
- * To serve as resource for culture and knowledge
- * To serve as centre for reconciliation, research, study, and innovation.
- * To serve as employment opportunity: The research/reconciliation centre – as well as the facility itself – need a management structure and executive personnel.
- * To serve as Training-of-trainer facility