



# SOUTHEAST EUROPE REGIONAL PROJECT CITIZEN SHOWCASE AND SUMMER CAMP

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As part of a two-year civic education program in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Serbia and Kosovo, 120 students and their teachers, representing 15 schools from three countries travelled to Macedonia to participate in the first Southeast Europe Regional Project Citizen Showcase.

## Program highlights:

- **120 students and 15 teachers** from three international sites participated in a five-day program including workshops on leadership, self-awareness and personal identity, and democratic values.
- **The program design was aligned with best practices** identified in scholarship on intergroup contact in order to build tolerance among Bosnian, Serbian and Kosovar participants.
- Through the workshops, students learned about
  - **personal identity** and values and how they influence decisions;
  - the **characteristics of leadership** and what they should expect from persons in positions of authority;
  - the importance of **personal and social responsibility** in civic life; and
  - the concept of **justice** as a value in democratic practice.
- **Over 90% of students** found the workshops valuable and would recommend them to other students.
- **99% of students** reported that they appreciated the opportunity to hear the views of students from different backgrounds, and **96% reported that they enjoyed working with students from other sites.**

## In their own words:

“I appreciated the cooperation during the whole activity with Kosovo, Serb and Bosnian students” (Student from Gjilan, Kosovo).

“I gained knowledge about human rights, with laws, articles, public policy, knowing peoples who have economic problems, and live in difficult conditions like orphan students” (Student from Libjan, Kosovo).

“I’ve learned a lot from all the people I met. I had a great time with all those different people, and I realized that in fact, we are all the same” (Student from BiH).

“I gained new skills and knowledge in leadership, authority, values that are going to help us in the future, and I met a lot of new friends” (Student from Orasje, BiH).

“I gained new experience, more knowledge, skills, met new people and opportunity to get to know problems in other communities. I have learned a lot about human rights, leadership skills, values and all of these skills will be very useful in future” (Student from Kucevo, Serbia).

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