

## Education

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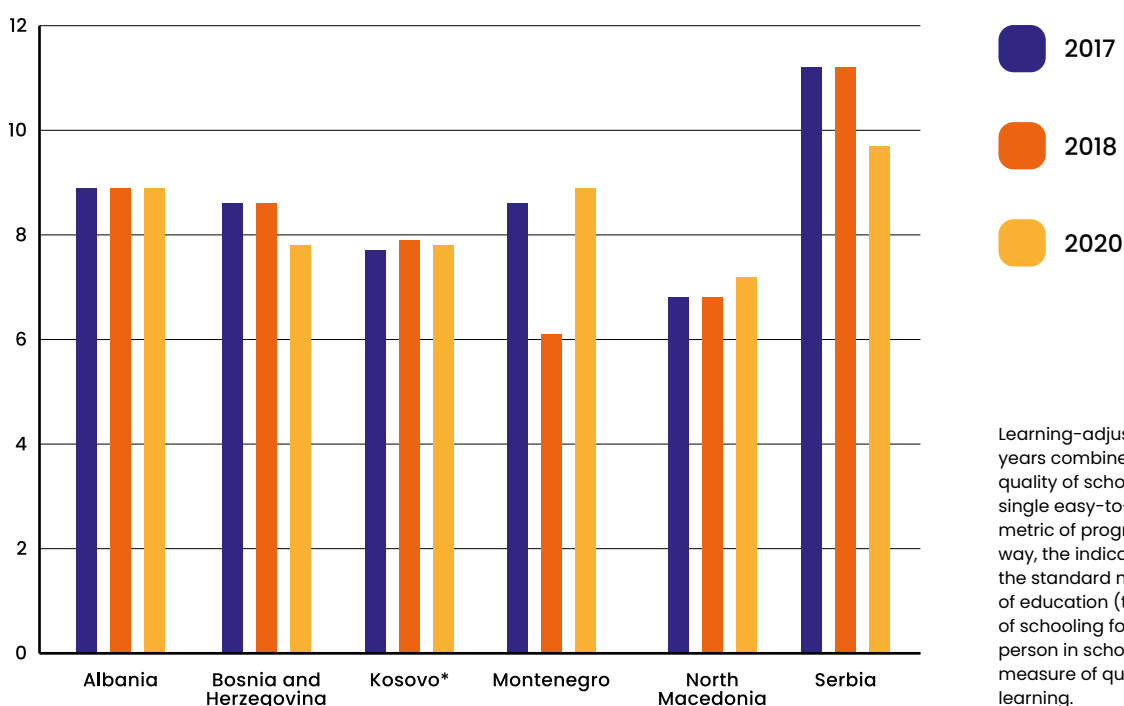
The **Western Balkans Agenda on Innovation, Research, Education, Culture, Youth and Sport** is a long-term strategy from the EU and the Western Balkans (WB) for cooperation with the region. It will contribute to the region’s economic and societal development and builds on three main pillars: Political, Thematic, and Regional.

The implementation of the Western Balkans Agenda is monitored by the project POLICY ANSWERS, and the wider context and progress and achievements are summarised in regular reports. In this brief report card, you find a first outline of the baseline data collected during 2022 and the first months of 2023.

In terms of Education, the monitoring focuses, on the one hand, on the context indicator “Learning-adjusted schooling years” and, on the other hand, on a variety of achievements outlined in the WB Agenda (see on the backside of this document).

### Achievements in a wider context of the Western Balkans Agenda

Learning-adjusted schooling years (in absolute numbers)



Learning-adjusted schooling years combines quantity and quality of schooling into a single easy-to-understand metric of progress. In this way, the indicator combines the standard macro metric of education (the quantity of schooling for the average person in school years) with a measure of quality, defined as learning.

#### Source

World Bank <https://tinyurl.com/sourceindicator> (accessed 22 January 2023).

More information on the indicator: <https://tinyurl.com/moreaboutind>

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## Priority

### Supporting innovative practices in education and training

## Regional Indicators

Western Balkans Steering Platform meetings on Education and Training	Regional Policy Dialogue on Education and Training
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**Legend:** On track or maintaining achievement | Moderately improving, Challenges remain | Stagnating, Significant challenges | Decreasing, Major challenges | Information not available

## WB Economy Indicators

Performance of the WB economy: good medium to be improved information not provided

	Integration & stronger participation in EU programmes and initiatives			Fostered capacity building for R&I, education and VET	
	Supporting the implementation of Acquis	Stronger participation in VET processes	Promoted WB participation under MSCA	Feasibility analysis for Social Impact Bonds	Encouraging non-research-based innovation
<b>Albania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Supporting document issued</li> <li>- No projects &amp; missions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Meetings not organised, commitments not undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Promotion &amp; info meetings held, research mobilities undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No awareness / capacity building events, no publications</li> </ul>
<b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Supporting document issued, TAIEX mission organised</li> <li>- Information on projects not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A number of commitments undertaken/achieved</li> <li>- Information on meetings and participants not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Promotion &amp; info meetings held, research mobility undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information not provided</li> </ul>
<b>Kosovo*</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A number of commitments undertaken/achieved</li> <li>- Information on meetings and participants not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Promotion &amp; info meeting held, information on WB-EU research mobilities not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Considerable number of participants, number of events not specified</li> <li>- No publications</li> </ul>
<b>Montenegro</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- No projects, missions or guidelines</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Several events organised, number of participants not specified</li> <li>- No publications</li> </ul>
<b>North Macedonia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Twinning project in place</li> <li>- No TA projects or missions</li> <li>- Information on supporting documents not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A number of meetings organised</li> <li>- Information on participants and commitments not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Promotion &amp; info meetings held, research mobilities undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Information not provided</li> </ul>
<b>Serbia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Supporting documents issued</li> <li>- No projects &amp; missions</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A number of commitments undertaken/achieved</li> <li>- Information on meetings and participants not provided</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Promotion &amp; info meetings held, research mobilities undertaken</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ Conducted</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>+ A number of events with considerable number of participants organised</li> <li>- Information on number of publications not provided</li> </ul>

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