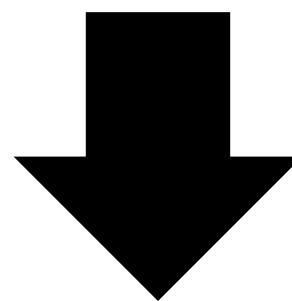




# **NATIONAL YOUTH CONGRESS OF ALBANIA**

**Where do we stand with the legacy of Tirana European Youth Capital  
2022 and the European Year of Skills 2023?**



**National Youth Congress of Albania - a youth umbrella organisation  
lobbying and advocating for solving youth issues and the provision of  
capacity building for all entities involved in the network.**



# OUR SCOPE OF WORK AND ACTIVITY

**Is oriented towards these goals:**

- Strengthening the role of NYC as a representative body of youth and youth organizations.
- Lobbying for and supporting policies that enable the social and personal development of youth.
- Advocating for the interests of youth and youth organizations.
- Strengthening youth associations that are part of the network to be a more efficient in pushing forward their interests and setting priorities that match those of youth.
- Pushing for the involvement of young people in all sectors of society, and especially in policymaking and decision-making.
- Developing joint initiatives, projects and campaigns for education, employment, and quality of life for young people.
- Building partnerships and working together with various actors and partners.



# **OUR PILLARS OF WORK**

**INSTITUTIONAL DIALOGUE AND COOPERATION**

**RESEARCH, MONITORING AND EVALUATION**

**POLITICAL EDUCATION AND CAPACITY BUILDING**

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More than a title and an award to Tirana  
as the European Youth Capital for 2022,  
this opportunity presented a new way  
forward for the city, Albania and its youth.

It became a new way of collaborating,  
re-thinking, designing, stimulating and  
empowering the city, with and for youth.



# What was in focus of this journey?

## YOUTH

- Youth Empowerment
- Youth Participation
- Youth Activism
- European Identity and values





# An opportunity to:

- Encourage active youth participation;
- Foster European identity;
- Champion diversity and inclusion;
- Strengthen youth organisations;
- Boost investment in youth;
- Amplify youth voices in Albania and Europe;
- Connect young people.



# 8 diverse programmatic areas for youth



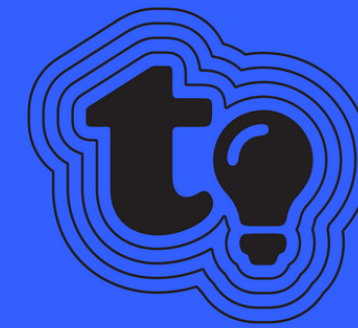
Youth Makes Creative  
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Youth  
Participates



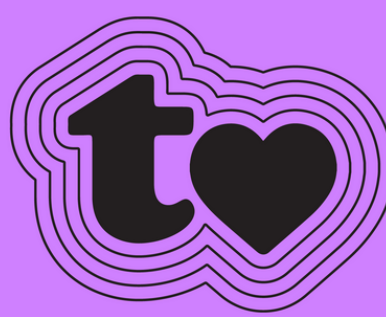
Youth Creates  
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Youth Develops  
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Youth are  
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Youth  
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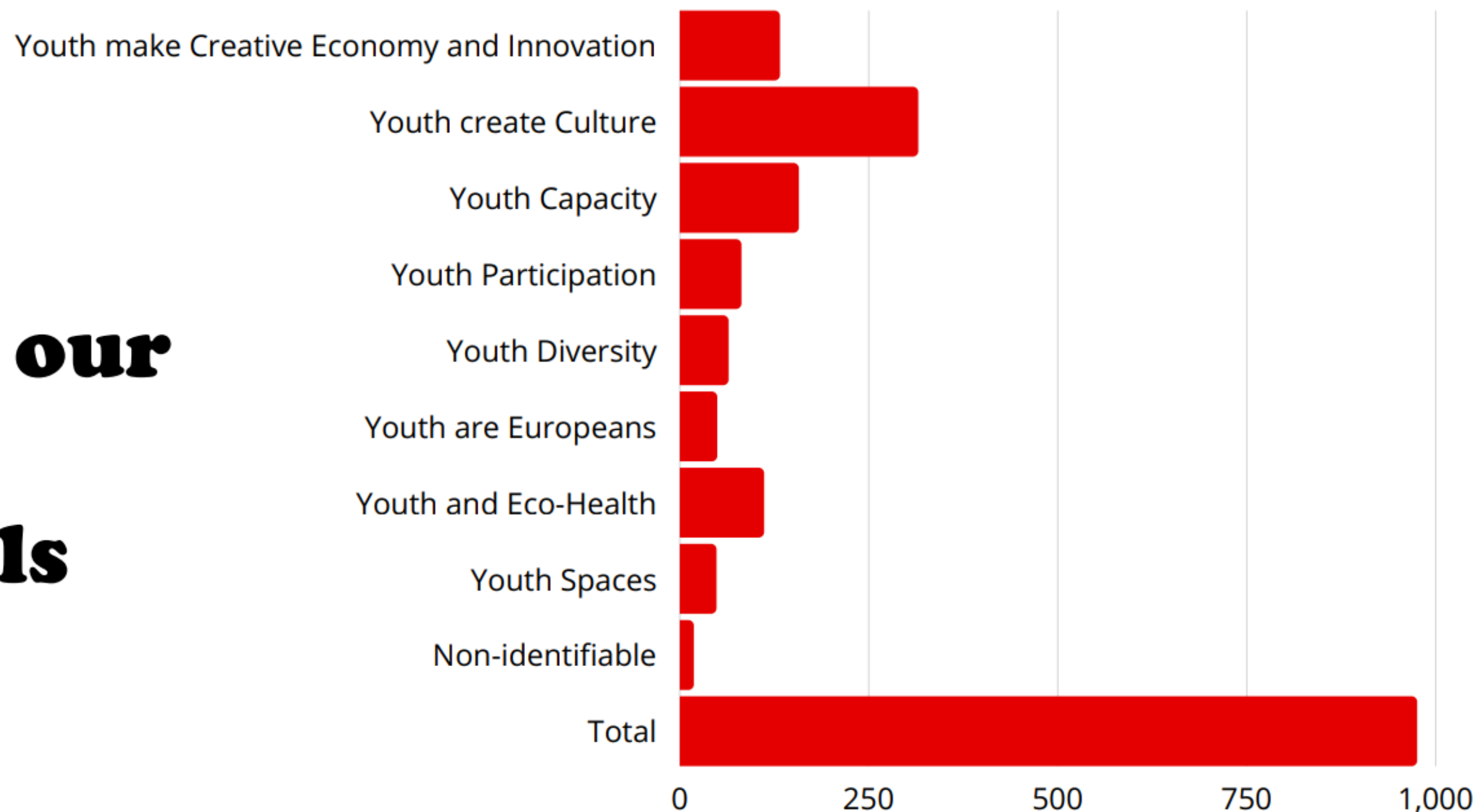
Youth  
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# Applications received within our Open Call for Project Proposals



# Awarded Applications

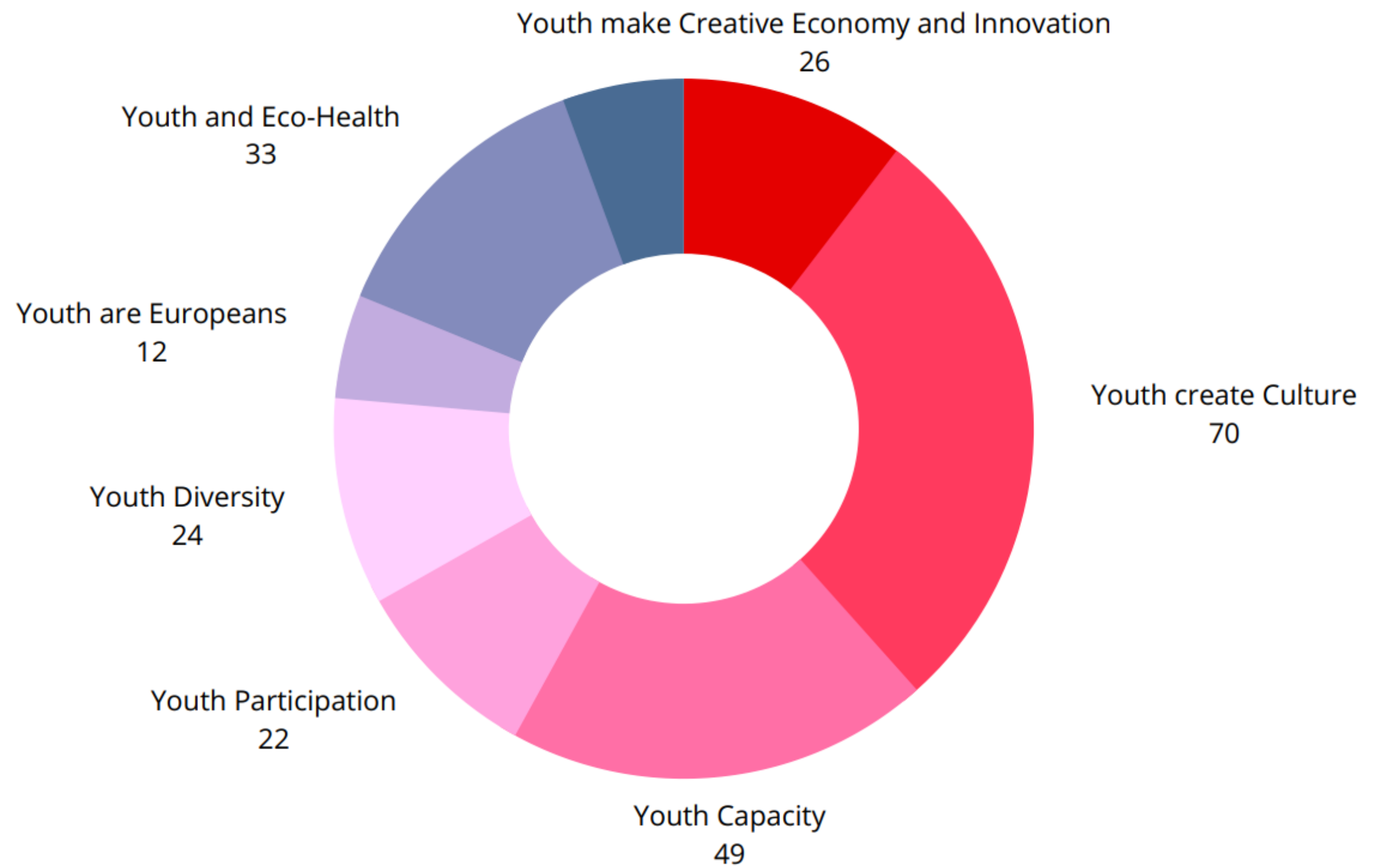
250 NGOs

60 Non-formal  
Groups

50 Individuals



**...in numbers:**



# **Youth took the lead and implemented over a 1000 activities in the 8 programmatic areas of work.**

**Tirana EYC 2022 empowered young people as agents of change in society through enabling them partake and lead events in Tirana and all over Albania.**



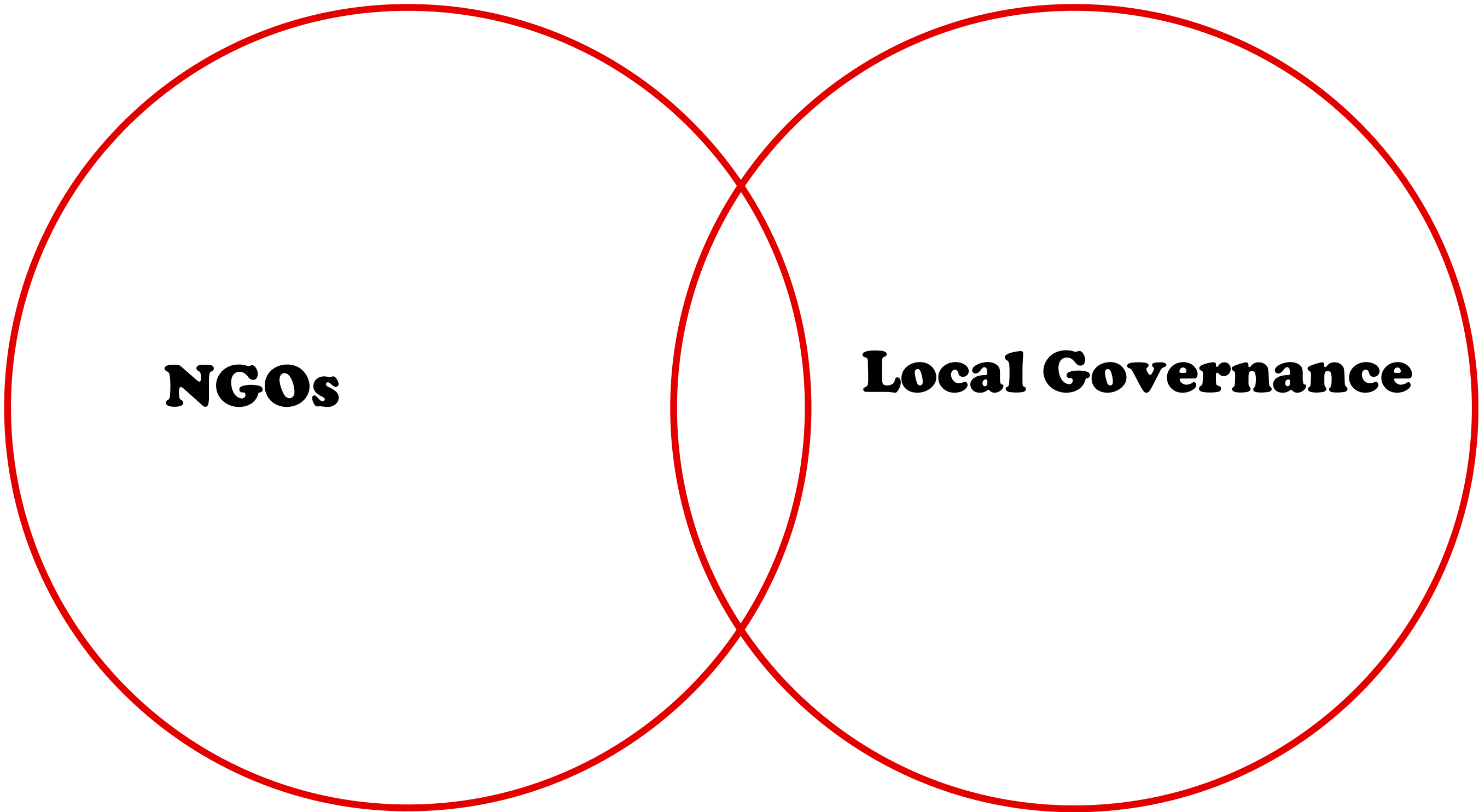


**Young people from all over Albania, Western Balkans and Europe became part of the EYC 2022 journey.**

**The goal was to enable young people to connect, share experiences and knowledge.**



**Leading by example: Building New Ways of Cooperation in the field of Youth**





# **2023 European Year of Skills – Education, Skills and the Youth Guarantee in the Western Balkans**

Where does Albania stand in this process:

- The National Action Plan of YG by Decision of Council of Ministers is approved.
- NYC Albania is part of the Interinstitutional Technical Working Group
- The piloting phase will start in October and will be implemented in 3 regions: Tirana, Shkoder, Vlore 2023–2024.
- Already decided that Local Youth Councils established at Municipalities will be part of the process for outreaching of young NEET's youth especially in the remote areas.
- So far not it is not clear how concretely will be engaged these councils and other social partners.

## **Recommendations:**

- It is important to make sure that the youth guarantee will be implemented equally, in all Albania, including every city and village of the country.
- There is a need for a structured organization and distribution of the actors working on the implementation of the Youth Guarantee, meaning clear identification and assignment of CSOs, in every corner of the Albania, so every young people can have the information about the guarantee and have their chance to benefit from it.
- Specifying the methodologies of outreaching (like door to door) the young NEET including social partners.
- Social partners should be taken in consideration to be included also in other phases of YG implementation such as the 'Offer'. Furthermore, it is crucial substations collaboration between public institutions and social partners in this 'pact of YG'.





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