KEY FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY
CONCERNING THE ALBANIAN YOUTH KNOWLEDGE ABOUT THE EUROPEAN UNION

How is the Albanian youth informed about the European Union? What do they think about the future of Albania’s EU membership and what are the aspects that make this membership difficult? These are some questions of the survey conducted in 11 areas of Albania, within the framework of the project “Building the European Future at home – Youth engagement in the process”.

The purpose of this questionnaire was to obtain information on the knowledge the Albanian youth has about the European Union, in order to assess the needs for building their knowledge and skills related to this topic. The analysis of the answers provided also served as the basis for the preparation of a Training Manual for the youth in Albania.

In the survey conducted during April-May 2019, a total of 1335 youth, aged 12 to 19 participated, 60% of whom were female and 40% male. The survey was conducted in 11 different areas of Albania (Bulqiza, Dibra, Durres, Elbasan, Kurbin, Lezha, Librazhd, Korça, Shkodra, Tirana and Vlora). Elbasan (18%), Durres (13%) and Tirana (11%) had the highest number of participants.

- **65%** of children and youth have heard the name “European Union” mostly on television
- **42%** of children and youth do not know the year when the European Union was established
- **31%** of children and youth surveyed have accurate information about the EU founding countries
- **47%** of children and youth think that Croatia is the newest member country of the European Union
- **77%** of children and youth interviewed confirm they know the candidate status for Albania
- **79%** of children and youth state that the most important foundation on which the EU is built, is cooperation between states
- **83%** of participants in the survey state that Albania should join the European Union
- **54%** of children and youth declare that democracy and human rights are the key conditions to become a member of the European Union
- **46%** of children and youth report that the European Council is the institution they have heard about most often and only 14% of them have heard of the European Commission
- **66%** of children and youth estimate that free movement and studies abroad are the main benefits youth will have from EU membership
- **48%** state that people leaving the country is one of the negative aspects of Albania’s EU membership

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