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Statement of Social democratic youth organizations on the situation in the Western Balkans

The Social Democratic youth organizations from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Croatia, North Macedonia, Slovenia and Serbia wish to send a joint statement on the inadmissibility of nationalist tendencies to change the borders in the region.

The idea of changing borders can only be attributed to the narrow-minded right-wing leaders who do not represent the position of most young people in the Balkans, that want a better and more prosperous future for the EU. The group of social democratic youth organizations believes that the best future for the countries of the Western Balkans is the integration of the Western Balkans into the EU, in order to have the opportunity of a safer, more prosperous and economically more stable life without restrictions imposed by living on the other side of EU borders.

We consider that raising the topic of drawing new borders as a smokescreen to hide their own bad governance is utterly irresponsible, especially in these hard times caused by COVID-19 pandemic.

The only change in borders that is desirable to demand in this region is the expansion of the EU to all Western Balkan countries. We reject the right-wing rhetoric of division, which cannot bring and has never brought any visible progress for young people. We are also pleased that left-wing political parties across the EU express a firm commitment to the inviolability of borders within the Western Balkans.

The group calls for a focus on improving the situation of young people in the Western Balkans and a stronger and more determined focus towards a new future of the Western Balkans region within the European Union.

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- Social Democratic Youth of Montenegro
- Croatian Social Democratic Youth
- Social Democratic Youth of Macedonia
- Youth Forum of Social Democrats Slovenia
- Democratic youth Serbia

