



Open Call for Participation

Executive Training Programme

Digital Transformation & Cybersecurity in the Western Balkans

15-17 June 2026

Background, Objectives and Scope

Europe Plus (E+), in cooperation with the University of Tetovo, is organizing a regional executive training programme in Tetovo in June 2026 within the framework of REPACT – Regional Executive Programme for Cooperation and Transformation.

The programme targets mid- and senior-level professionals involved in EU integration, reform coordination and regional cooperation processes related to digital transformation and cybersecurity. It is designed primarily for professionals engaged in policy coordination and institutional processes, rather than technical IT or cybersecurity practitioners.

The training addresses growing regional challenges related to digital integration, institutional coordination and cybersecurity resilience in the context of the Common Regional Market (CRM) and gradual integration into the EU Digital Single Market.

Through peer exchange, practical exercises and cross-sector dialogue, participants will explore how digital transformation, governance and cybersecurity frameworks support sustainable regional integration and reform implementation processes.

Learning Focus

Participants will gain:

- A practical understanding of digital transformation as an institutional and governance process, beyond technological reform alone;
- A practical overview of the Digital Agenda for the Western Balkans, including digital identity, e-services, interoperability and SEPA-related developments;
- Exposure to institutional case studies and practical experiences related to AI-enhanced systems, Open Science and integrated digital services;

- Practical perspectives on institutional coordination gaps, implementation challenges and digital transformation priorities in the Western Balkans;
- An understanding of cybersecurity as a governance, public trust and regional resilience challenge, rather than solely a technical issue;
- Insights into hybrid threats, institutional vulnerabilities, rule of law, accountability and regional cooperation in cyber response processes;
- Experience with interactive discussions, group exercises and scenario-based approaches related to cybersecurity governance and regional resilience.

Eligibility Criteria

Eligible applicants include:

- Public officials from ministries, regulatory authorities and public agencies involved in EU integration, digital governance, public administration reform or regional cooperation;
- Representatives of CRM coordination structures and regional cooperation initiatives;
- Representatives of civil society organisations working on governance, public policy, reform monitoring or regional cooperation;
- Representatives of business associations and private sector organisations engaged in digital economy, regulatory reforms or regional market integration processes.

Applicants should demonstrate clear professional relevance to the focus of the programme and involvement in institutional coordination, reform implementation or policy-related processes.

Expectations from Participants

Selected participants are expected to:

- Be fluent in spoken and written English
- Actively participate in discussions, exercises and group work
- Contribute practical perspectives and institutional experiences from their respective sectors
- Engage in peer learning and regional exchange
- Attend all sessions of the programme

Participation and Funding



Up to 15 participants from across the Western Balkans will be selected, ensuring balanced regional and sectoral representation.

Travel, accommodation and training costs will be fully covered by the organizers.

Participants who successfully complete the programme will receive a certificate of completion issued by Europe Plus (E+) and University of Tetovo.

How to Apply

Interested candidates are invited to submit:

- A Curriculum Vitae (maximum 3 pages)
- A short Motivation Letter (maximum 1 page) explaining how participation in the programme will support their professional work and institutional engagement

Applications should be submitted by 2 June 2026 to: info@europe-plus.com