Call for Expert: Buddy Support System for Western Balkans

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The SALTO South East Europe Resource Centre is seeking an expert to design and facilitate the implementation of the Europe Goes Local "Buddy Support System" between municipalities in the Western Balkan region* and other countries.

The expert is expected to **develop and implement the Europe Goes Local** 'Buddy Support System' in close cooperation with SALTO SEE and the local coordinator of Europe Goes Local in the Western Balkan region.

Context

Since 2021, SALTO SEE has been actively involved in the Europe Goes Local platform by providing expert consultation and guidance to selected municipalities in the Western Balkan region on the development of local youth work and youth (work) policy. In addition, SALTO SEE organises and facilitates the participation of these municipalities in international support and learning activities.

Municipalities participating in Europe Goes Local in the Western Balkan region have frequently expressed the need for more opportunities to connect, network, exchange practices, and establish partnerships with municipalities from other countries. The Europe Goes Local "Buddy Support

System” has been designed to respond to this need. The system matches municipalities from the Western Balkans with interested municipalities from other, primarily Europe Goes Local partner, countries and guides them through a facilitated cooperation process. Each paired group will carry out activities that address their shared priorities in the field of local youth work development and its European dimension. These needs will be identified and analysed before the matching. The concept for the Buddy Support System builds on a similar support measure previously developed by SALTO SEE to assist organisations within the European Solidarity Corps.

Download the call for an expert with the terms of reference here

Deadline to apply: 11 December 2025

Application procedure, enquiries, and contact details:

Interested applicants are invited to fill in the online application form by 11 December 2025 at 12:00. The selection results will be communicated to all applicants by 12 December 2025. For more information:

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