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Youth for Innovation Kosovo

Fifty digital talents joined the Youth for Innovation Kosovo program today at Hackerspace Prishtina.

"I followed the invitation to come to Prishtina because I want to pass on my learnings from many years in UX design and especially to help Kosovan youth to design successful applications of digital technology that improve living", **Wolf Becvar**, award winning user experience designer, explains his motivation to join the Youth for Innovation Kosovo programme.

A total of twelve coaches support the participants in analysing the case studies and transferring the learnings into tangible applications for Kosovo.

Birgit Kolb is the project manager, she explains why the international award for digital solutions with an impact on society organizes this event in Kosovo: *"EYA comes to Prishtina for the third consecutive time, to work with local youth. It's fantastic to see their enthusiasm, working spirit and drive. It is important to create connections between the experienced managers from the tech industry and young talented and creative minds. Kosovo is a highly creative place, with seventy percent of the population being younger than thirty-five years!"*

Saturday afternoon, the participants will present their work in front of a renowned jury consisting of **Vjosa Mullatahiri**, GIZ, **Majlinda Ruhani**, VentureUP, **Valmir Xhemajli**, NGO Lens, **Afërdita Pustina**, OSCE Mission in Kosovo, **Florije Manaj Zogaj**, Manaj & Associates, **Remzie Shahini-Hoxhaj**, University of Prishtina, **Dian Fishekqi**, FLOSSK and **George Malekkos**, CEO of Powersoft.

Please find the video interview with **Birgit Kolb**, Project Manager at EYA, and **Valmir Mustafa**, Project Manager FLOSSK, at KohaTV here:

<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=445322629420998>

More infos: <https://eu-youthaward.org/yfi-kosovo-2019/>

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About the European Youth Award (#EYA)

Called to life by Prof. Dr. Peter A. Bruck, Honorary Chairman of the International Center for New Media in 2012, the European Youth Award (EYA) is a leading European-wide competition honouring excellence in the use of digital technologies for social empowerment. It is financed in part by the European Union *Europe for Citizens* programme. EYA is an annual contest motivating young people under the age of 33 to produce socially-valuable digital projects addressing the goals defined by the Council of Europe, Europe 2020 and the UN SDGs. Website: eu-youthaward.org

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