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BeeEFB DIGEST

About us

Dear Community Members,
Since this is the first beeEFB Digest in 2022, we would like to wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR 2022! We truly believe that this year we will have 365 opportunities, possibilities to make a change and of course 365 more chances to meet each other!

In 2021 we have laid the main groundwork for our Alumni Network and we are confident that the work done so far will contribute to a more robust beeEFB!

A short recap of 2021!

In the year we left behind we achieved quite a lot and here is the full list:



We have held the Strategy Development Event in June 2021, where we set our common vision, mission, values, discussed our strategic direction and goals, determined objectives and activities for 2021.



We have been working intensively with the people behind Bosch Alumni Network, to create an online space just for us - a.k.a the beeEFB Platform!



During September we have published the first ever Call for proposals 2021 in the framework of beeEFB joint initiatives. The selection process was highly challenging therefore we selected 4 project proposals for this round out of 7!



6 National Meetups with 76 Alumni across the Western Balkans. We received positive and encouraging feedback from the participants of all six meet-ups held so far and cannot wait to see alumni coming together again in the near future.



beeEFB has now its own identity and branding! The new promotional materials will kick in for the first time at the Annual Event in Tirana!

New members

We are happy to announce the new members of the beeEFB Board for 2022!

Edvard Mitevski



Edvard Mitevski attended EFB's 2011/2012 Fellowship Programme for Young Government Officials.

As a scholar-practitioner, he blends years of active learning with diplomatic practice, serving as career diplomat in different capacities both at home and abroad. His most recent positions include Senior Counselor at the Sector for Strategic Research and Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of North Macedonia, and an MFA Coordinator for the 2020 Berlin Process Summit.

His past involves academic and professional development endeavors with different universities, international organizations and research think-tanks along various latitudes and longitudes, from the United States to South Africa, Europe's south to north...He sees a great potential in the EFB community and believes that the solid bonds established in the past, along with the newly generated energy should be the catalyst of a novel, reinvigorated engagement, providing a structured approach to alumni ideas and future project activity.

Tatjana Bulajić Vučinić attended the EFB Fellowship Programme, generation 2012/2013.

She currently works as First Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Montenegro. From 2009 to 2021 she dealt with the European Integration of Montenegro, with the emphasis on the accession negotiations with the EU.

From her professional start up to the position of the Advisor to Deputy Chief Negotiator, she worked within different institutional forms of the Government of Montenegro dealing with this issue, including the Mission of Montenegro to the EU in Brussels, where she was posted from 2014 to 2018. She was lucky enough to become a member of an amazing EFB generation that still proves that this initiative was meaningful and beneficial. She strongly believes that the EFB Community has a real chance to become an outstanding platform that will establish and strengthen cross-regional cooperation on all relevant topics of mutual interest.

Tatjana Bulajic Vucinic



The beeEFB Platform is up and running!

For the first time, we have developed a dedicated space for our beloved bees where they can get in touch, share ideas and develop projects! The beeEFB Platform has finally launched and can be accessed via this link!

For those who are having trouble to join the platform, we have created a short tutorial video where you can learn how to become a member and use it!

With the Platform we will be able to launch the most-awaited clusters or Mini Hives which will make it easier for members to connect and collaborate together on specific topics or theme areas.

We are calling all community members to join us at the beeEFB platform, following through

[CLICKING HERE!](#)

Annual EVENT - Tirana, 27-29 January!

We have great activities prepped up for the Annual Event and are looking forward to seeing you in Tirana in late January!

We are happy to see that we have received more than 90+ applications to attend the beeEFB Annual Event, which is way more than we expected and an impetus of the willingness of our lovely bees to engage and participate in the most important meeting for us as a community.

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SEE YOU ON THE beeEFB PLATFORM!

May the hive **Bee** with you!