# Mapping the reality of research on youth in South-East Europe

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### Aims of the study

- To map and understand the landscape of youth research in South-East Europe (SEE)
- To help orient the research community, youth policy makers, and youth practitioners towards closing the knowledge gap
- To provide recommendations for knowledge translation of youth research in SEE

### Search process

Records identified through **3 academic databases** and **2 web-based libraries** 

$$(n = 38.421)$$



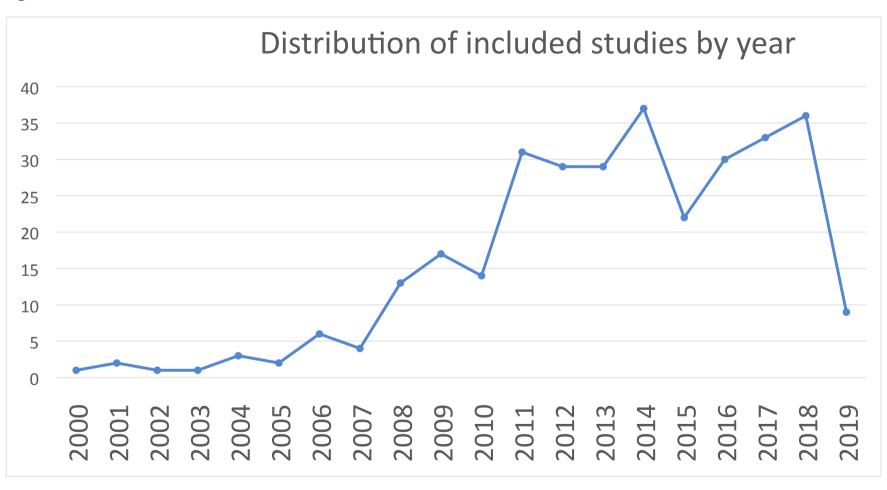
$$(n = 864)$$



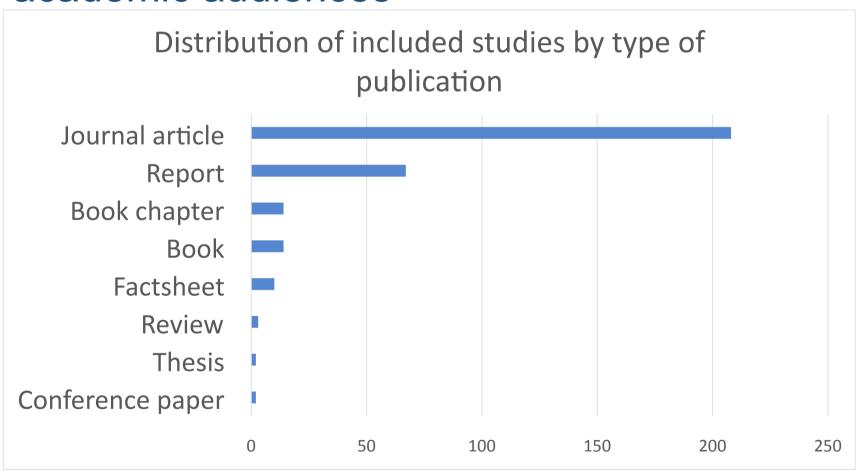
Studies included in analysis

$$(n = 320)$$

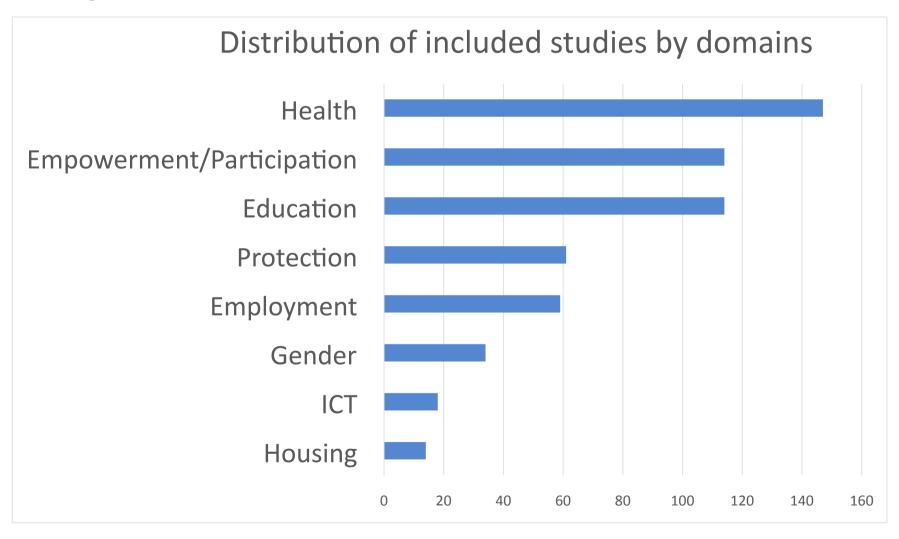
# Key findings: Large volume of research on youth in SEE



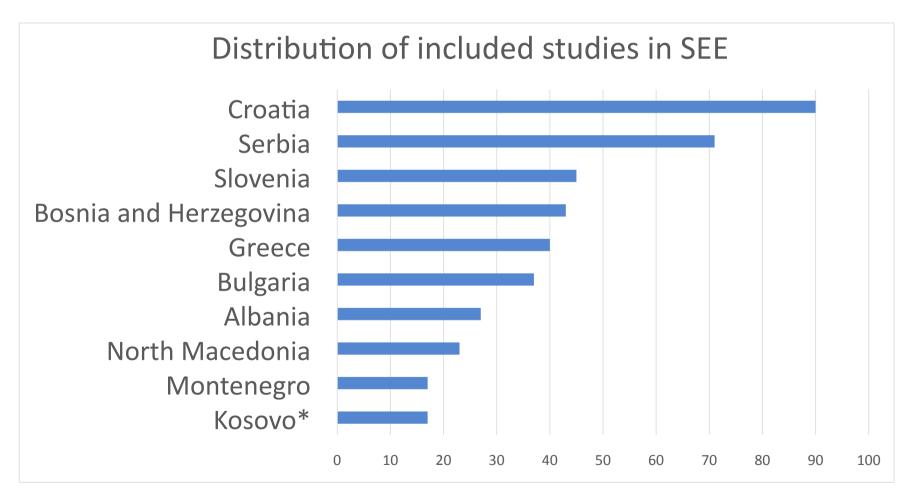
# Youth research producers are based at universities, publishing in journals for academic audiences



# Most studies coded for health, empowerment, and education

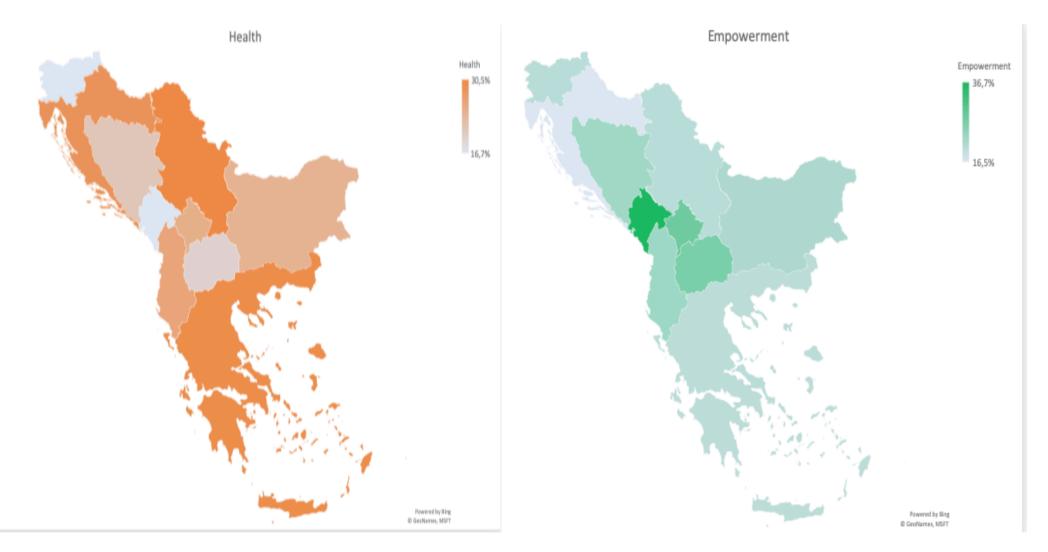


## Croatia and Serbia produced the most research



<sup>\*</sup>All reference to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

- Serbia, Greece, and Croatia have 30% of studies coded for health
- Montenegro has 37% of studies coded for empowerment



#### **Implications**

Limited relevance for youth policy-makers and youth practitioners

 Gap between academic researchers – policy-makers and practitioners

Case for more evidence synthesis and evaluation →
Evidence Gap Map

### Thank you!