ReLOaD builds upon the good practices of the "Reinforcement of Local Democracy" (LOD) project, implemented in Bosnia and Herzegovina by UNDP with the financial support of the EU, which serves as an example of good practice that is now used as a model throughout the Western Balkans.

Given its regional presence, ReLOaD also serves as a platform for networking between the Western Balkans IPA beneficiaries, as well as sharing experiences and lessons learned in providing better services to citizens.

As a regional initiative, the ReLOaD programme is implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Republic of North Macedonia and Serbia.

ReLOaD programme works with

1. Banja Luka
2. Bratunac
3. Bijeljina
4. Brod
5. Centar Sarajevo
6. Gradačac
7. Jablanica
8. Kakanj
9. Maglaj
10. Modriča
11. Pale
12. Rudo
13. Sokolac
14. Stari Grad Sarajevo
15. Teslić
16. Tešanj
17. Travnik
18. Trebinje
19. Tuzla
20. Vitez
21. Vogošća

*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

*All references to Kosovo are made in the context of UN Security Council Resolution 1244 (1999).
ReLOaD will enhance the financial mechanisms whereby municipalities will finance CSOs in accordance with local development priorities. In this way, the ReLOaD programme, in partnership with local governments across the Western Balkans, will contribute to increasing the engagement of civil society in decision-making processes and improving the level of service delivery to citizens.