

## **OSCE DIALOGUE ACADEMY 2017**

for Young Women 6 to 15 October 2017

Organized by the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE)

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

The OSCE invites you to apply for the 2017 OSCE Dialogue Academy, which will take place at the Peace Castle, Austria (<http://www.aspr.peacecastle.eu/about-us/>) from 6 to 15 October 2017.

### **About the OSCE Dialogue Academy**

Since 2012, the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Mission to Serbia have been organizing a series of meetings bringing together prominent women from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade. The process known as "Follow Us" initiative aims at fostering contacts and dialogue between the two societies focusing on common issues of concern related to gender equality and women empowerment. As part of identified priority areas for joint action, participants agreed to support empowerment of young women from both societies through education and dialogue initiatives. With this aim, two editions of the OSCE Dialogue Academy were held in 2015 and 2016 bringing together young women activists from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade, to teach about mediation, negotiation, and women in politics. The Academy also aims at encouraging joint actions of the young women activists from both societies to advocate for advancement of women's rights and reconciliation in the region.

### **Your qualifications**

We invite applications from women between 20 and 27 years of age from the geographical regions covered by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Mission to Serbia. Candidates should be undergraduate and graduate students in the field of social sciences, as well as young professionals in the fields of media, politics, and the civil society sector. Candidates should prove their genuine interest and/or engagement in civic actions (politics, voluntarism, community work, advocacy, policy making etc.). Excellent English language skills are required, since lectures, discussions and role plays will be held in English. Twelve (12) successful applicants from each society that meet the qualification criteria will be selected to participate in this Dialogue Academy.

### **Structure and Topics**

You will have the opportunity-through interactive learning modules, team-building, mentoring, learning-by-doing, and role playing-to expand your knowledge on issues on women empowerment. The themes are:

- "Dialogue and reconciliation"-Tanja Tamminen, Research Fellow, Leibniz Institute for East and Southeast European Studies in Regensburg, Germany (currently working for the EUAM Ukraine);
- "Women in politics"-Sonja Lokar, Executive Director, CEE Network for Gender Issues, Ljubljana Office;
- Prominent women of the "Follow Us" initiative;
- Professional team-building exercises.

Additional guest lecturers will come from academia, politics, and media. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to engage in joint team-building activities.

### **Arrangements**

All expenses related to participation in the Dialogue Academy will be covered by the OSCE, including:

- Flights to and from Austria;
- Visa cost and health insurance;
- Accommodation;
- Course module costs;
- Meals and refreshments;
- Bus travel for cultural visits.

## Application

If you would like to apply for the 2017 Dialogue Academy, please send the following documents in English to: [dialogueacademy@osce.org](mailto:dialogueacademy@osce.org)

1. A motivation letter (max. one page), which should address the following issue: "How can women promote dialogue, reconciliation and cooperation in the region?" The letter should also outline your motivations and expectations to take part to the programme and indicate whether you would like to be considered for Prishtinë/Priština or Belgrade group.
2. CV, including your date of birth and names and contacts of at least two referees (names of university professors or supervisors), as well as your mobile phone number and email address.
3. A statement whether you or any of your relative are/are not employed with the OSCE.

For applicants requiring a Schengen visa, please note that you need to make yourself available during the visa application process (and be physically present to apply for the visa) in August/September 2017.

**Please send your application by midnight, 20 June 2017.**

**If you have questions, please send an email to**

**[dialogueacademy@osce.org](mailto:dialogueacademy@osce.org)**

