



## **OSCE SUMMER DIALOGUE ACADEMY 2015**

**for Young Women**

25 July to 08 August 2015

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

### **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS**

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The OSCE invites you to apply for the first Summer Dialogue Academy, which will take place in Podgorica (25<sup>th</sup> July to 1<sup>st</sup> August), Prishtinë/Priština (1<sup>st</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> August), and Belgrade (5<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> August).

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

Since 2012, the OSCE has supported the “Budva Process”, which brings together prominent women in the fields of politics, media, academia, and civil society from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade. The goal is to advance contact and discussion, enhance relationships and to identify potential actions that both groups can jointly undertake to empower women in their respective communities. One such action was agreed in October 2014 – to establish a Summer Dialogue Academy for 30 young women from both societies. Notably, during the 5<sup>th</sup> meeting in Prishtinë/Priština, the “Budva Process” was renamed as the “Follow Us” initiative, which is also the title of a documentary, featuring the prominent women from both societies.

The purpose of the Summer Dialogue Academy is to empower women by educating them on issues relating to women’s role in promoting dialogue, reconciliation and co-operation. Through this project the OSCE will take participants from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade to lectures and field visits in Podgorica followed by lectures and field visits in Prishtinë/Priština, and finally in Belgrade.

#### **Your qualifications**

We invite applications from female 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 aged between 18 and 25, from the areas covered by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Mission to Serbia. Excellent English language skills are required, since lectures, discussions and role plays will be held in English. You should also be in good physical condition, especially for the team building exercises which will include outdoor activities.

#### **Arrangements**

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

- Joint bus or minivan travel from Belgrade and Prishtinë/Priština to Podgorica, from Podgorica to Prishtinë/Priština, and then to Belgrade. For participants from Prishtinë/Priština return travel from Belgrade will be included.
- Accommodation (double occupancy) in all three locations.
- Course module costs.
- Meals and refreshments.
- Cultural visits.

### **Structure and Topics**

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

1. Dialogue and reconciliation – Expert to be confirmed.
2. Women in politics – Sonja Lokar, Executive Director, CEE Network for Gender Issues, Ljubljana Office, and Gordana Čomić, Deputy Speaker of Serbian Parliament, Democratic Party (DS).
3. Gender Equality – Expert to be confirmed.
4. Production of a documentary clip on the Summer Dialogue Academy – Director, OSCE Regional Centre Gjilan/Gnjilane, and the production company *Puls TV*.
5. Professional team building exercises – *Adventure Montenegro*.

Additional guests will come from academia, politics, and media in the region. In all three locations, you will have the opportunity to engage in joint cultural and professional visits (institutions, meetings with relevant political figures, etc.).

### **Application**

If you would like to apply for the 2015 Summer Dialogue Academy, please send the following documents in English to: [dialogueacademy@osce.org](mailto:dialogueacademy@osce.org)

1. An essay of 1,500-2,000 words on the topic “The role of women in advancing dialogue, reconciliation and co-operation in South Eastern Europe”. The essay should address the following questions: What has been the role of women in promoting dialogue, reconciliation and co-operation in South Eastern Europe? What are some of the success stories relating to women and in advancing dialogue reconciliation and co-operation? What further role can women play in promoting dialogue reconciliation and co-operation?
2. Comprehensive CV, including at least two referees (university professors and/or professional references), as well as your mobile phone number and email address.

**Please note that only the first 100 applications will be considered, starting on 08 June.**

**Your chances of selection increases with an early application!**

If you have questions, please send an email to [dialogueacademy@osce.org](mailto:dialogueacademy@osce.org)