

# Are you ready to take on the social challenges of your surroundings?

## Call for Applications 2015

The *Balkans let's get up!* programme connects theory and practice of active citizenship. To strengthen civic involvement in our Balkan Region, we provide capacities for your very own civic idea. In one of the two international Spring Schools you can first discuss relevant societal topics, learn aspects of project development, meet with experts, and develop your own project ideas. This year we set the focus on the topics: **Rethinking, Reusing, Recycling - Community-Based Activism** (taking place in Kosovo) and **Gender and Democracy** (taking place in Montenegro). However, your later project ideas do not have to be connected to the topic, they can evolve from other fields of your interest as well. After the Spring Schools, there is a possibility for project grants and the participation in further trainings on project management and impact evaluation.

For applying, your educational and occupational background and experience in international exchange or project management are welcome but no precondition. We ask for them in order to be able to compose a diverse group of participants for the seminars and therefore we also encourage persons with e.g. no experience abroad or no previous scholarships to apply.

Furthermore, *Balkans, let's get up!* supports and encourages people regardless of their ethnicity, religion or belief, disability, sexual orientation or gender identity. If you are motivated to play your active part in your society, you are the right person to apply for the Balkans, let's get up! Programme.

**Each of the seminars is conducted in a country in the Balkan Region. The working language is English.**

### The requirements are:

- Age between 18 and 27
- Willingness to contribute to your society with a civic initiative
- Ability to discuss in English
- Citizenship of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Greece, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia or Slovenia.
- Motivation and time to take part in each step of the programme:

[Spring School Rethinking, Reusing, Recycling - Community-Based Activism, May 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> 2015, Kosovo](#)

[Or Spring School Gender and Democracy, May 9<sup>th</sup> - 17<sup>th</sup> 2015, Montenegro](#)

In two different international Spring Schools we will discuss innovative approaches to sustainable forms of living, gender diversity and democratization, to what democracy means on different levels of society, and which forms of active citizenship are possible to individuals and groups. You will meet like-minded people from all over the Balkans. The Spring Schools can be the starting point for realizing your project, alone or in a team.

[Project Management Training, June 28<sup>th</sup> - 3<sup>rd</sup> 2015, place to be determined](#)

The best project drafts will be selected and you will be invited to a Project Management Training. During this week we will support you in further developing your project plans. Various aspects will be planned according to the particular needs of your individual projects. Topics such as time management, team work, communication, public relations, and fundraising will be a part of it.

Between the Project Management Seminar and the Evaluation and Perspectives Seminar you will have time to implement your project. You will be accompanied by experienced Mentors.

[Evaluation and Perspectives Seminar, October 25<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> 2015, place to be determined](#)

This seminar is one more forum for reflecting upon the results, the impact and the process of your projects. It addresses future chances that open up due to the new experiences and networking opportunities acquired within the programme year, which allow for sustainable engagement and support, but also employability. You will get acquainted with local and regional NGOs and other young people taking action in the region.

### How to apply:

Online at [www.balkansletsgetup.org](http://www.balkansletsgetup.org) until **01.03.2015**. Send us:

- Filled out application form for one of the Spring Schools
- Answer to the topical question in the online form in [a short essay, poem or short story](#).
- A letter of **motivation**: Why do you want to take part in the "Balkans, let's get up!" programme?

By applying you agree to our Programme Agreement 2015 attached to the online application form.

We are looking forward to your application!

Your *Balkans, let's get up!* Team