



# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

**Study trip to Serbia, Kosovo\*, Albania and Montenegro**

***Duration: September 3 - September 20***

**Project: YOUth CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE**

**DEADLINE: August 26, 2018**

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence



CENTRE FOR DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

**ABOUT THE**



Regional Youth Cooperation Office



Institut za evropske poslove

**PROJECT**



Intercultural dialogue has become one of the most pressing challenges of today's Western Balkans area and the role of youth bridging diverse communities is more necessary than ever. Providing information and knowledge about intercultural dialogue and foment mutual understanding, open mindedness and tolerance seem to be a need which is crucial for achieving tolerance.

**Center for democracy and Human Rights - CEDEM**, with partners **Institute for European Affairs** (Serbia) and **Aarhus Information Center** (Albania), has developed the project **YOUTH CAN CHANGE THE FUTURE** in order to respond to the above mentioned problems and challenges and to break the prejudices and stereotypes among youth, by gathering efforts of 20 young and enthusiastic representatives of High School Student's Parliament and Student's Parliament from Montenegro, Serbia, Albania and Kosovo.

**Purpose of the project** is to create a positive atmosphere where exchange and dialogue can happen and be facilitated, as well to contribute to mutual understanding and cooperation of young people by building strong and long-lasting friendships and relationships with individuals from different ethnic groups in the Western Balkan region.

**General aim** is enhancing and promotion of intercultural dialogue through raising awareness on cultural and linguistic diversity, making young people more knowledgeable, aware and mindful, thus preventing negative attitudes towards people from other societies.

**The main activity** of the project is study trip which will be implemented in Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro, 5 days each society. The study trip includes peer-to-peer education of Montenegrin-Serbian and Albanian language, workshops on the topics related to intercultural dialogue, visits to public institutions and museums in Vranje, Prishtina, Shokdra and City of Bar. Every sub-activity will be implemented in accordance to agenda of the study trip in each region covered by the action. Working language is English.

The project is supported by **Regional Youth Cooperation Office - RYCO**, within the first Call for proposals.

## THE PROGRAMME

### Study trip programme includes:

**Implementing language courses:** 30 classes of 45 minutes of Albanian/Serb-Montenegrin in order to improve knowledge of language from non-existent to basic and to raise awareness on cultural and linguistic diversity;

**Visiting to state institutions, museums, sightseeing:** Meeting and getting familiar with different cultures through visiting different cultural places and exchanging experiences among the students;

**Implementing workshops on intercultural dialogue:** Workshops on intercultural dialogue, with particular focus on daily life, as well as social and political context and customs of the specific society on the following keys issues: Cultural Connections - from confusion to creativity; Human rights education for enhancing intercultural dialogue with young people; Educational spaces and learning practices of intercultural dialogue in the Balkan context and Education and citizenship: a good practice from the region;

**Renovation of public spaces:** Painting benches, planting flowers, cleaning areas, drawing murals, or similar activity which will be agreed with local government to promote the project and increase visibility, as well as volunteering.

**Follow up activities:** peer to peer workshops on intercultural dialogue and writing reportage to promote the project and increase visibility;

**Broadcasting of documentary movie:** Broadcasting of the movie that includes implementation of the project with interviews with participants

**Information package with detailed programme and all details related to the study trip will be given only to the selected participants.**

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Description</i>
I	<b>Study trip</b>	3 September - 20 September	Study trip to Vranje, Prishtina, Shkodra and City of Bar
II	<b>Workshops/ Discussion groups</b>	October - November	Every participant will have to organise peer to peer education (see <b>Application Form</b> )
III	<b>Report on Workshops/Discussion groups to be Sent</b>	November 15	Report should contain one page report on the event, list of participants attended the lecture, agenda, group photo of all participants and two extra photos of the event.
IV	<b>Final Essay to be Sent</b>	December 1	All participants have to develop essay on topic "My contribution to the Regional Reconciliation". Selection committee will select essay which will be published in online regional portal. (see <b>Application Form</b> )
V	<b>Essays and Documentary</b>	December 15	Essays and Documentary movie will be published online.

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## COSTS

Selected participants will be granted a **scholarship**, based on the essay proposal and activity plan, to cover the expenses of the programme, accommodation, food and transportation.

Travel costs to and from hometown will be reimbursed according to the project policy.

## PARTICIPANTS

The profile of the participants is as following:

- Age between 16 and 30;
- A member of the High School Students' Parliament and Students' Parliament in work of the parliaments; (Former, current or future members)
- Is willing to challenge his or her own prejudices and stereotypes towards others
- Be motivated and committed to the theme and its outcomes;
- Be able to work in the official working language - English;
- Is willing to learn Albanian or Serbian-Montenegrin language;
- Be able to participate for the whole duration of the activity;
- Be ready to participate in the follow-up activities;
- Be a resident of Serbia, Kosovo, Albania or Montenegro.

## APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The applicants are required to fill in and submit the online application form, available on the following link - <https://goo.gl/forms/sEv5HJRxfANSNLcD2> by August 26, 2018 by midnight.

Final results of the selection will be published on the following webpages: [www.cedem.me](http://www.cedem.me), [www.iea.rs](http://www.iea.rs), as well on the social network pages - <https://www.facebook.com/NGOCEDEM1/>, <https://www.facebook.com/IEASrbija/>, <https://www.facebook.com/qendraaarhus.shkoder>, by August 27, 2018 by 17:00hrs. The selected candidates have to confirm their presence by August 28, no later than 12:00hrs.



If there is a need interviews with some/all of the candidates will be organised on September 6 via SKYPE or phone call.

## **RULES AND PROCEDURES:**

*Setting up a study trip is very time consuming and expensive. These rules are necessary to make everything go as smoothly as possible and are all for good reasons. Please read them thoroughly. Also keep in mind that we are always looking for ways to say yes, not reasons to say no. If you have any questions, feel free to contact us.*

1. By applying to the programme, you are agreeing to these rules.
2. The study visit is an education event dedicated to intercultural dialogue of the region of Western Balkans.
3. Purpose of the trip is to promote friendship, respect and cooperation between young people.
4. Twenty participants from Serbia, Kosovo, Albania and Montenegro will be accepted for this programme.
5. Once you have been accepted to the programme you will be asked to confirm your presence by September 7, 17:00hrs, if you do not confirm you will be replaced with the first one on the „reserve list“.
6. Five males and five females will be on “reserve list” if someone from the accepted 20’s should be replaced.
7. We must be notified at least five days before the programme starts if someone that confirmed presence is not able to participate. No exceptions.
8. The organisers will evaluate your application and make final list of the participants.
9. The programme schedule provided by organisers is obligatory for every participant.
10. In order for the programme to start on time, please be 10 minutes before the start time of any event.
11. Organisation reserves right to change the programme agenda due unpredictable circumstances.
12. The programme is an exclusive event for invited participants only.
13. All invited participants are awarded with scholarship that will cover programme costs (tuition, accommodation, food, refreshments, programme materials and travel costs by bus or train).
14. During the programme participants shall show openness, good will and respect for the organisation, speakers and fellow participants. Also, they shall strive to unite engagement with mindfulness, and care for the development and health of themselves and others.
15. While in the programme participants shall obey organisations’ instructions and guidelines.
16. Participants must immediately inform programme’s staff (lecturers and organisers) and partners in the study visit about injuries or any issues concerning safety of participants.
17. Participants shall report any conflicts or misunderstandings to the organisers and accept the given solutions with good will and patience.
18. Everyone upholds common harmony, comfort, tidiness and order.
19. Everyone shall observe programme and hotel internal regulations as well as the organisers’ guidelines.
20. If any object is damaged by participant he or she shall be liable to pay the damage.
21. Organisation is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
22. Everything concerning personal insurance matters connected with participation in the programme must be arranged by the participants themselves and on their own.



23. Participants agree to further eventual use - for educational purposes and promotion benefits - photos and recordings, taken during programme.
24. If any of participants resign from the programme or he/she has not conducted all follow up activities (two media appearances, written essay and organised discussion group according to the guidelines) before December 1, 2018 will be considered as resignation of the participation in the programme and therefore he or she will have to return full scholarship of 1000 EUR.
25. You will be required to sign this document at the arrival. If you have any questions e-mail us before the event.
26. Have fun, learn, make friends and be safe!
27. Disrespect to the Rules and Regulations or disobedience to decisions of organizers is understood as a resignation of the participation in the programme as in article 24.

## ABOUT ORGANISERS OF THE STUDY TRIP

**Center for Democracy and Human Rights - CEDEM** is established 20 years ago, as a non-profit association of citizens, in order to advance and spread conscience on importance of proper and successful democratic transition; to research, analyze and follow process of transition as well as to influence on transitional process in Montenegro and contribute to the strengthening of civil society and democratization in general. CEDEM mainly operates in: conducting research and analytical projects in the field of democratic transition and human rights in Montenegro; organizing conferences, round tables, meetings, seminars, workshops and training sessions with the aim of encouraging the process of democratic transition; influencing on the legislative processes in Montenegro; informing the public about its activities and results through publications and media; cooperating with other NGO's, with similar areas of interest, from Montenegro, the region and abroad

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**Institute for European Affairs (SERBIA)** is focusing on negotiations between Serbia and the EU as well as on strengthening the capacity of all sides involved in the process. Given the complexity and long duration of the process, the Institute brings together a large number of professionals and external experts with whom organises trainings, debates and other forms of capacity development. We want to contribute to enhanced understanding of Serbia-EU relations. The Institute provides multi-perspective trainings in order to enable active participation of professionals and citizens in the decision-making processes. The Institute actively advocates for fundamental reforms within the EU integration process and in cooperation with partners working on strengthening Serbia's capacity to face the challenges of the global world through collective action. The overall objective is active membership of Serbia in Euro-Atlantic framework for the benefit of all citizens.



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**Aarhus Information Center (Albania) focus on the environmental issues, but** for all project implemented have in focus and involve youth, students of High Schools and Universities in trainings and capacity building activities, in roundtables and debates related to human rights topic, public information and equal public participation in decision making. Only in last 2 years, AIC Shkoder has included more than 1050 young people in its activities.

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