

2018 OSCE DIALOGUE ACADEMY FOR YOUNG WOMEN
12 to 21 October 2018

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

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE invites you to apply for the 2018 OSCE Dialogue Academy, which will take place at Schlaining Peace Castle, Austria (<http://www.aspr.peacecastle.eu/about-us/>) from 12 to 21 October 2018.

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 the "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 the empowerment of young women from both societies through education and dialogue initiatives. With this aim, three editions of the OSCE Dialogue Academy were held in 2015, 2016 and 2017, bringing together young women activists from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade, to learn 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 the advancement of women's rights and confidence building in the region.

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 students in social sciences, or professionals in the fields of media, politics, and the civil society sector. Candidates should demonstrate 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.

Selection Process

Following the evaluation of all applications, the selection committee will short-list candidates that will undergo a telephone interview. Twelve (12) successful applicants from each society that meet the qualification criteria will be selected to participate in 2018 edition of the Dialogue Academy.

Structure and Topics

Through interactive learning modules, team-building, mentoring, learning-by-doing, and role playing, the Dialogue Academy participants will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge on issues on women empowerment.

The themes are:

- Dialogue and confidence building;
- Women in politics;
- Discussions with Prominent Women of the "Follow Us" initiative;
- Professional team-building exercises.

Additional guest lecturers will come from academia, politics, and media. Throughout the course, participants will have the opportunity to engage in joint informal 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;
- Course module costs;
- Visa cost and health insurance;
- Meals and refreshments;
- Accommodation;
- Cultural visits.

Application

If you would like to apply for the 2018 Dialogue Academy, please send the following documents in English to: dialogueacademy@osce.org

1. A motivation letter (max. one page) should outline your motivation and expectations to take part in the Academy and address the following issue: "How can women promote dialogue, confidence building and cooperation in the region?"
2. CV, including: date of birth and names and contacts of at least two referees (names of university professors or supervisors), your mobile phone number and email address.
3. A statement whether you or any of your relatives 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 2018.

Please send your application by midnight, 29 June 2018.

