

Call for young professionals, students and recent graduates from the Western Balkans!

Applications for 2018 OSCE scholarship programme at the European Innovation Academy

Want to start a new, innovative project/business and learn about the most recent developments in entrepreneurship? Are you a young professional, student or recent graduates from the Western Balkans and currently residing there? Are you between 18 and 25 years old? Do you have a good command of English?

We are looking for you!

Start your career journey with one of the world's leading entrepreneurship summer programmes for students, provided by the European Innovation Academy (EIA) in Turin, Italy, from 8 to 27 July 2018.

The Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) offers 18 fully-paid scholarships to young developers and start-uppers, young professionals, students and recent graduates from the Western Balkans. Selected finalists will be immersed in a multicultural ecosystem with professionals and mentors from the world's top institutions including business leaders from America, Europe and Asia.

The scholarships - sponsored by the Italian 2018 OSCE Chairmanship in the framework of the YDEAS project (Young Developers and Entrepreneurs to Advance Start-ups in the Western Balkans) will be promoted through the network of the OSCE Field Operations and the local branch offices of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO).

To apply, please click <u>HERE</u> and send your candidacy to the European Innovation Academy **from 3 May to 4 June 2018** (24:00 CET). <u>Please indicate "OSCE Scholarship</u>" in order to be considered.

We encourage female candidates to apply!

For further information, please contact the closest Field Operation of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) or the local branch office of the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) (click for the full list) or send an email to YDEAS@osce.org.

The OSCE is the world's largest regional security organization. The OSCE works for stability, peace and democracy for more than a billion people, through political dialogue about shared values and through practical work that makes a lasting difference. You can read more about OSCE <u>HERE</u>.

The Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO), established on 4 July 2016, is an independently functioning institutional mechanism, aiming to promote the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between the youth in the Western Balkans' region through youth exchange programs. You can read more about RYCO <u>HERE</u>.

The European Innovation Academy (EIA) is a non-profit educational institution. EIA educational programs are developed together with professionals of world class partner universities and companies. Future entrepreneurs are immersed in a multicultural ecosystem of 4000 students, speakers, mentors and venture capitalists from 65 different nationalities. EIA is organizing the World's Largest Extreme Accelerator for digital innovations.