

#Perspectives2030

Youth Fostering Security across the OSCE area

Call for Applications and Terms of Reference for Core Group Experts

The OSCE is looking for 20-30 young women and men passionate about international relations and inspired by OSCE principles and commitments in order to develop a vision of security and cooperation in Europe, Eurasia and North America - the so called "Perspectives 20-30".

What is the OSCE?

With 57 participating States in North America, Europe and Asia, 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.

The OSCE is a forum for political dialogue on a wide range of security issues and a platform for joint action to improve the lives of individuals and communities. The organization uses a comprehensive approach to security that encompasses the politico-military, economic and environmental, and human dimensions. Through this approach, and with its inclusive membership, the OSCE helps bridge differences and build trust between states by co-operating on conflict prevention, crisis management and post-conflict rehabilitation.

With Institutions, expert units and network of field operations, the OSCE addresses issues that have an impact on our common security, including arms control, terrorism, good governance, energy security, human trafficking, democratization, media freedom and national minorities.

It is time to seriously engage young people into discussions about the future of co-operation in the OSCE area, namely Europe, Eurasia and North America. Voices of young people, junior experts and future leaders about our present and future need to be expressed and heard.

The 2019 Slovak Chairmanship sets engagement with youth as a priority for a safer future. In his opening remarks during the first Permanent Council meeting in 2019, the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Miroslav Lajčák stated that *"Slovakia believes that young people should have a seat at the table when addressing current and future security challenges. Slovakia will support further initiatives to engage talented young experts and multipliers from*

across the OSCE area in an inclusive process to develop ideas and recommendations of how to promote comprehensive security and co-operation."

It's time to seize this occasion! The OSCE's "Perspectives 20-30" initiative aims to build a platform to engage young people to create a common vision for security and co-operation in the OSCE area up to 2030 and beyond.

It's your future!

Members of the Core Group of Experts (CGE) play a crucial role in this initiative. Having full ownership of the process and outcome, they will jointly decide on how to work together, on key areas for the paper "Perspectives 20-30", and together discuss

and design the paper. In addition to two meetings of the group in Vienna, it will meet one more time – during the OSCE-wide Youth Forum in Bratislava in the fall of 2019. At the Forum the “20-30 Perspectives” paper will be discussed with other young and senior participants, experts and delegates from across the OSCE area and its partners for Co-operation. The Core Group of Experts will then integrate the outcome of these discussions into the paper. The final “Perspectives 20-30” document will be presented at the OSCE Ministerial Council in Bratislava in December 2019.

The guiding principles of the CGE composition are inclusivity, and geographic and gender diversity. Its members are expected to work together based on OSCE principles and values such as respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms. They should be guided by equal partnership, solidarity and transparency, and should embrace the concept of co-operative and comprehensive security, through which the security of each participating State is linked to that of the whole region.

Interested - do you want to join us?

Start date:	Mid- April 2019
End date:	End of December 2019
Location:	Home based with two visits to Vienna, Austria for CGE meetings and one visit to Bratislava, Slovakia for the Youth Forum
Anticipated time commitment:	Preparation for and participation in the three meetings

- *Costs of participation (accommodation, transport and lodging) are fully covered by the OSCE.*
- *Participants are not entitled to financial remuneration.*
- *Participation and membership to the Core Group of Experts does not lead to any kind of employment or any other formal affiliation to the OSCE, its Executive Structures or participating States.*

1. Description of tasks and responsibilities:

- Participate in person and actively engage in two meetings of the Core Group of Experts (CGE) in Vienna, Austria.
 - The first CGE meeting will take place in the week of 13-17 May 2019
 - The second CGE meeting will take place in the week of 15-19 July 2019. (exact dates to be confirmed)
- Participate and actively engage in the OSCE-wide Youth Forum which will take place in Bratislava, Slovakia in late October / early November and will last for 3 days.
- Actively engage in online communication with CGE peer members and the coordinator of the CGE.
- Submit a one-pager of your vision for a safer OSCE area prior to the first in-person meeting.
- Carry out desk research to improve the content of the “20-30 Perspectives” paper.

2. Requirements:

- Proven interests and/or relevant experience or expertise in the field of international security, international relations, political science, economy, environment and climate studies, human rights, law, or other related fields.
- Practical experience in the fields of academia, think-tanks and their networks, civil society organizations, youth and youth-led organizations, education and media. Previous experience in engaging with international organizations and national authorities would be an asset.
- Open mindset and willingness to engage in a multi-cultural environment is crucial.
- Fluency in written and spoken English.
- Very good drafting skills.
- Age between 20 to 30 years.
- Nationality of and residence in one of the 57 OSCE participating States. (See: <https://www.osce.org/participating-states>)

3. Submission of application

- If you are interested and eligible, you should submit the [application form](#) with a separate free form motivation and network statement (Word or PDF document) in the email, outlining your motivation to apply and which networks you are part of and which could help you to “multiply” the process. Shortlisted candidates will be asked to submit a short video (duration: max 90 seconds) at a later stage.

EXTENDED Deadline for applications: Friday, 29 March 2019, at midnight CET

Please submit the application to: perspectives2030@osce.org

The selection of CGE members will be based on a transparent and impartial process, without regard to gender, race, color, religion or beliefs, sexual orientation nor to ethnic or social origin or to nationality, guided by the principle of a wide geographical representation of OSCE participating States and gender equality on a fair basis.

By submitting your application, you declare your overall commitment to take up the tasks and responsibilities outlined above, in particular your availability to attend the participation in the in-person meetings.

More information:

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