

Recognizing young people as key partners for positive change and promoters of mutual understanding and with a view to ensuring that the concerns, needs, priorities, aspirations, and vulnerabilities of young people in Bosnia and Herzegovina are adequately identified and considered, the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina hereby publishes a

## **Call for Applications**

for volunteers - members of the  
OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina Youth Advisory Group (YAG)

### **What is the Youth Advisory Group?**

In 1975, the Helsinki Final Act – the OSCE’s founding document – recognized the positive contributions young women and men make toward comprehensive security. From 1975 onward, the OSCE decision-making bodies have adopted a significant number of documents referring to youth or the role of education in building peaceful societies, across all three dimensions.

In 2018, the adoption of the OSCE Declaration on the Role of Youth in Contributing to Peace and Security Efforts (MC.DOC/3/18) came at a timely moment to guide the Organization’s joint efforts in the future. At the global level, the Progress Study on Youth, Peace and Security, commissioned by UN Security Council Resolution 2250 (2015), paved the way for the adoption of UN Security Council Resolution 2419 (2018). This document recognizes the role youth can play in conflict prevention and resolution, and calls for taking their views into account in security-related discussions and facilitating their equal and full participation in decision-making. As the world’s largest regional security organization, the OSCE aims to reinforce these promising developments.

Recognizing youth as a key partner in implementing activities and positive change in peacebuilding and reconciliation, in 2014, the Mission established the Youth Advisory Group (YAG). The YAG serves as an advisory board and gives a fresh and critical look at the Mission’s engagement on youth issues. Since 2019, the formal internal mechanism for youth mainstreaming has been entrusted with the Mission’s Gender and Youth Unit, which reviews all projects, supports youth-related activities, ensures that youth perspectives are integrated into the Mission’s work and finally co-ordinates the YAG. Furthermore, to increase the Mission’s engagement and activities on youth, the Mission has established a network of youth focal points, as another addition to its youth mainstreaming endeavors.

## **What are the selection criteria and engagement expectations?**

To apply, potential candidates must:

- be between 18-28 years old,
- be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina,
- have working knowledge of English.

The tasks and responsibilities of the Mission's Youth Advisory Group members include, but are not limited to:

1. Contributing to the effective mainstreaming of youth policies in the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina programme of activities by formulating opinions and proposals on questions concerning young people;
2. Formulating opinions and proposals concerning the Mission's/OSCE's priorities and expected results for the youth sector in Bosnia and Herzegovina;
3. Regularly participating in meetings and projects of the Mission and organizing campaigns;
4. Co-operating with civil society organizations, academic communities and representatives of international organizations, including in obtaining and/or disseminating information;
5. Undertaking (in co-operation with the Mission) duties associated with the recruitment, organization, and representation of current and potential members.

## **Express your interest and be a part of the inspiring group!**

If you are interested, submit your curriculum vitae (CV) and motivation letter in English (form provided here ([Motivation letter - Call for Applications for volunteers - members of the OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina Youth Advisory Group \(YAG\) | OSCE](#))) by email to [oscebihyag@osce.org](mailto:oscebihyag@osce.org) by **19 October 2022**.

Late applications will not be considered.

The Mission will only contact candidates who are selected for interview.

The OSCE is committed to a merit-based selection process and welcomes a diverse group of applicants.

NOTE: This is a volunteer position for one year with the possibility for renewal of up to an additional year (two years total). No financial remuneration will be provided. Membership in the Group does not constitute a commitment on the part of the Mission to future employment with the OSCE.

