

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo (OSCE) has long recognized the role of young people as the catalyst for peace and security, as well as their role in promoting and protecting human rights. The OSCE continually supports young lawyers with specialized knowledge in property rights issues, including international standards on the protection of human rights with a focus on vulnerable communities' property rights.

The emerging generation of legal professionals, including civil servants, judges, prosecutors, attorneys, and notaries, will play a vital role in upholding property rights in accordance with international standards and best practices. Therefore, to further the knowledge and practical skills of young lawyers, the OSCE calls for five master-level law students, including from non-majority communities and three civil law professors to apply for a three-day visit to European Court of Human Rights (ECtHR) in Strasbourg.

Background

Since 2018, the OSCE has trained over 450 law students in property rights issues, covering international standards and best practices. Furthermore, the OSCE offers a comprehensive traineeship program for selected young lawyers to further equip them with specialized knowledge in property rights issues, with a focus on the property rights of displaced person, vulnerable communities, returnees, and women's access to property rights.

In addition, the OSCE aims to enhance its support to young lawyers by organizing a three-day visit to the ECtHR. Considering that almost 10 % of all cases reviewed by ECtHR are related to property rights, this institution is a valuable source of information for students, and professors to learn about the recent rulings of the court in property rights-related cases, with a focus on expropriation, housing rights, illegal occupation, etc.

During this visit, the students will gain valuable insights and knowledge on property rights-related topics, which would help them during the process of writing thesis or articles. Meanwhile, the professors will gain first-hand information in the court's reasoning on property cases which they can use during their lectures.

When is the study visit planned?

The study visit is planned to take place in September/October 2024.

The OSCE Mission in Kosovo will cover all the expenses for the participants (transport, insurance and full board accommodation).

Who can apply?

- Master level law students enrolled in the civil law department / property rights field.
- Civil law professors from the civil law department, ideally specialized in property rights, with published articles.

What to submit?

- Master- level law students should submit a CV, a letter of interest (max 500 words in English, Times New Roman 12), a proof of student status from their law faculty confirming that they are master- level civil law student enrolled in the property rights field.
- Civil law professors should submit CV, a letter of interest (max 500 words in English, Times New Roman 12), a proof confirming that they are teaching at the civil law department, certificates of specialisation in property rights, and the list of published articles.

When to submit the application?

We invite you to submit the application by 22 August 2024, CoB.

Where to submit?

Please submit you application to arta.shala-visoka@osce.org, with reference in the subject: Study visit to Strasbourg.

If you require assistance with your application, please contact the following numbers:

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