

OSCE DIALOGUE ACADEMY 2015
for Young Women
27 Nov to 06 Dec 2015

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

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE invites you to apply for a Dialogue Academy, which will take place at the Peace Castle, Austria (<http://www.aspr.peacecastle.eu/about-us/>) from 27 November to 06 December.

About the OSCE Dialogue Academy

Since 2012, the OSCE has supported the “Budva Process”, which brings together prominent women in the fields of politics, media, academia, and civil society from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade. The goal is to advance contact and discussion, enhance relationships and to identify potential actions that both groups can jointly undertake to empower women in their respective communities. One such action was agreed in October 2014 – to establish a Dialogue Academy for 20 young women from both societies. Notably, during the 5th meeting in Belgrade, the “Budva Process” was renamed as the “Follow Us” initiative, which is also the title of a documentary, featuring the prominent women from both societies.

The purpose of the Dialogue Academy is to empower women by educating them on issues relating to women’s role in promoting dialogue, reconciliation and co-operation.

Your qualifications

We invite applications from female undergraduate and graduate students in the field of social sciences, as well as young professionals in the fields of media, politics, and the civil society sector aged between 18 and 25, from Kosovo. Excellent English language skills are required, since lectures, discussions and role plays will be held in English. Ten successful applicants that meet the qualification criteria will be selected to participate at this Dialogue Academy.

Arrangements

All expenses related to participation in the Dialogue Academy will be covered by the OSCE, including:

- Flights to and from Austria;
- Visa cost and health insurance
- Accommodation (single occupancy);
- Course module costs;
- Meals and refreshments;
- Bus travel for cultural visits.

Structure and Topics

You will have the opportunity – through interactive learning modules, teambuilding, mentoring, learning-by-doing, and role playing – to expand your knowledge on issues on women empowerment. The themes are:

1. Dialogue and reconciliation – Tanja Tamminen, Adjunct Professor/Docent at the University of Turku, Finland
2. Women in politics – Sonja Lokar, Executive Director, CEE Network for Gender Issues, Ljubljana Office, and Gordana Čomić, Deputy Speaker of Serbian Parliament, Democratic Party (DS)
3. Professional team-building exercises

Additional guests will come from academia, politics, and media. Throughout the course, you will have the opportunity to engage in joint teambuilding activities.

Application

If you would like to apply for the 2015 Dialogue Academy, please send the following documents in English to: dialogueacademy@osce.org

1. A motivation letter (max. one page), addressing the following issues: Your interest in the identified topics: How can women promote dialogue, reconciliation and cooperation in the region?
2. CV, including your date of birth and names of at least two referees (names of university professors or supervisors), as well as your mobile phone number and email address.

Please send your application by 25 September 2015.

If you have questions, please send an email to dialogueacademy@osce.org

