















## OPEN CALL FOR REGIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Are you passionate about your work and about making your community a better place? Do you have an interest in looking at the world from different perspectives – from the view of politics, of business, of journalism, of art – in order to better understand why the world is as it is and how different perspectives can be helpful in finding solutions for things that need to be changed? Do you enjoy meeting new people and collaborating with others who share your commitment to make the world a better place? If so, we invite you to apply to join the REGIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIP program!

The program seeks to develop the next generation of leaders and offers opportunities to participate in a wide range of activities, such as:

- Regional Peacebuilding Academies (the first one is scheduled for December 4<sup>th</sup> 10<sup>th</sup> in Podgorica, Montenegro)
- Research exchanges between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia
- Community based collaborative projects
- Regional high-level conferences

We are seeking applications from young, civic-minded professionals working in areas such as entrepreneurship, media, arts and culture, sports, politics, and academic and policy research. We will select sixty young leaders between the ages of 19 and 32 who are residents of Bosnia and Herzegovina (20 people), Kosovo (20 people) and Serbia (20 people).

## Requirements:

- o Proven track-record of engagement in one own's community to make it a better place
- Willingness for hands-on collaboration with individuals and institutions in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo and Serbia
- Commitment to participate in periodic program activities throughout a 15-month period
- Availability and readiness to travel domestically and regionally
- o Fluency in English
- o Open mindedness, curiosity, and flexibility

Deadline for applications is November  $6^{th}$ , 2022. The program's first event is scheduled for December  $4^{th}$  – $10^{th}$  in Podgorica, Montenegro.

















## **APPLY HERE**

The selection will be done on a rolling basis, using the information you provided through the application form and the CV.

The shortlisted candidates will be interviewed.

The REGIONAL YOUTH PARTNERSHIP program seeks to develop the next generation of leaders in the Western Balkans. Those young leaders - well versed in politics, business, and culture - are already active in their communities and want to make them better places to live. This program seeks to bring those dynamic individuals together from around the region to help improve not only their communities, but also their countries and the wider region for all individuals. Specifically, this initiative will build a network of leaders across Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, and Serbia through a series of activities including formal training, hands-on local activism, and cultural immersion. The problems we face across the region are wide ranging and touch many sectors: rule of law and socio-economic conditions; the future of work, brain drain, and migration; energy and environment; stability and peace; health and wellness. Therefore, solutions can only be found through a similarly broad approach. The Regional Youth Partnership seeks to bring together leaders in entrepreneurship, media, arts and culture, sports, politics, academics and policy research to grapple with challenges and build relationships with peers building trust as we learn, laugh and work together over the next 15 months. In the end, participants will have discovered a new perspective on the future of the region, built a wide network of friends to lean on during their careers, and developed the practical skills needed to make positive change in their communities and countries.

All basic expenses related to your participation in the planned events, including travel, hotel, and meals during your participation, will be covered by the organizers.

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