



YOUTH RECONCILIATION AMBASSADORS
Interactive and Interdisciplinary Programme on European Integration
as a tool for the Regional Reconciliation

December 8 – 13, 2013: Belgrade, Serbia
Come to Belgrade meet the Region

IV Generation - Call for Applicants

YOUTH RECONCILIATION AMBASSADORS is **very intensive** programme which includes five-day study visit, peer to peer education, media appearances and essay publishing.

The study visit will be held in Belgrade, December 8 – 13, the first and the last date named being the arrival and departure date.

The idea of this programme is to encourage multi-perspective discussions on topics relevant to the future of the entire area of former Yugoslavia. We strongly believe in the exchange of experiences between young people from neighbouring countries, which are all at different stages of transition, could help form new ideas and overcome conflicts from the past. Our belief is that only in this way peaceful development of the region will be possible.

The curriculum consists of three core topics, which will be elaborated in very intensive eight-hour working day: EU Integration, History Education and the process of Reconciliation in the Region. Selection process will be conducted based on applicants' essay, activity plan and desire to become person who will promote cooperation between Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia and Serbia. Selected participants will attend lectures and visit different types of institutions (government, embassies, universities, political parties and NGOs). Programme lecturers and moderators are well educated experts drawn from diplomacy, governmental institutions, universities and non-governmental organisations.

In the afternoon debates will be organised with the idea to exchange thoughts and work-out the solutions for the cooperation among youth.

All successful participants will be issued a certificate and honour to become second group of the Youth Reconciliation Ambassadors
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ELIGIBILITY

The profile of the participants is as following:

- Age between 18-30;
- University student, enrolled in the undergraduate, master or PhD studies **or**,
- Young professional working within public sector **or**,
- Youth from political party or NGO dealing with Human Rights, EU Integration or Reconciliation;
- Be motivated and committed to contribute to the theme of the activity and its outcomes;
- Be able to work in the official working language - English;
- Be available for the whole duration of the activity;
- Be a resident of Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Macedonia or Serbia.

COSTS

Selected participants will be granted a scholarship, based on the essay proposal and activity plan, to cover the expenses of the programme, accommodation, food and public transportation. Travel costs to and from Belgrade will be reimbursed according to the YEC's internal policy. Participation fee is € 20 and should be paid only by selected participants on the arrival day in local currency.

* The designation of Kosovo is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applicants have to send: **1.** the completed Application Form, **2.** their CV, **3.** recent passport-size photo **in the Application Form by November 17, 2013.**

All documents are to be sent to ambassadors@ooo.org.rs no later than November 17, 2013 by 00:00hrs. Application forms sent after the specified deadline will not be considered. Results will be published on the webpage: www.ooo.org.rs by November 22, 2013 by 00:00hrs. The selected candidates have to confirm their presence by November 25, no later than 17:00hrs.

If there is a need interviews with some/all of the candidates will be organised on November 21 via SKYPE or phone call. Information package with the precise program details and materials will be given only to the selected participants.

PHASES OF THE PROGRAMME

<i>Phase</i>	<i>Subject</i>	<i>Time Framework</i>	<i>Description</i>
I	Study visit	December 8-13 2013	Study visit to Belgrade
II	Peer to peer education	December 2013 –February 2014	Every participant will have to organise peer to per education see Application Form
III	Final Report on Peer Education to be Sent to YEC	February 1, 2013	Report should contain one page report on the event, list of participants attended the lecture, agenda, group photo of all participants and two extra photos of the lecture.
IV	Media Appearances	December 2013 – January 2014	The report will have to contain internet links, hard copy of the newspaper, print screen of web page, video, audio etc showing the subject discussed publisher and date.
V	Final Report on Media Appearances to be Sent to YEC	January 30, 2014	See Phase IV
VI	Final Essay to be Sent to YEC	December 30, 2013	All participants have to develop essay on topic “My contribution to the Regional Reconciliation”. Selection committee will select 10 essays out of 20 which will be published in online regional portal. See Application Form.
VII	Essay Publishing	March 1, 2014	Selected essays will be published online.

YOUTH EDUCATION COMMITTEE is a non-governmental organisation seated in Belgrade. It aims at compensating for the critical gaps made within the system of formal education: this system contributes to the authoritarian society and obstructs development of critical thinking.

Therefore the organisation strives to provide the youth in Serbia proper informal education, as well as to address long-term analysis of the formal, evaluate changes and give recommendations to the institutions responsible. The goal of the Youth Education Committee is to equip young people with enough knowledge and skills to ensure their active role in society.

Members of the Youth Education Committee are young and skilful enthusiasts’ graduates and university students who are determined to invest their time, knowledge and energy into making a greater future. Regardless of their political and social background, they are united in struggle for freedom, democracy and human rights.

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