

## 2021 OSCE DIALOGUE ACADEMY FOR YOUNG WOMEN

6 October – 16 October 2021, Mavrovo, North Macedonia

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

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The OSCE invites you to apply for the seventh OSCE Dialogue Academy for Young Women, which will take place from 6 October to 16 October 2021 in Mavrovo, North Macedonia.

### About the OSCE Dialogue Academy

Since 2012, the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Mission to Serbia have been organizing a series of meetings bringing together prominent women from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade. The process known as the "Follow Us" Initiative aims at fostering contact and dialogue between the two societies focusing on issues related to women in politics, dialogue and mediation, gender equality and women empowerment. With this aim, six editions of the OSCE Dialogue Academy were held from 2015 to 2020, bringing together young women from Prishtinë/Priština and Belgrade, to learn about women in politics and dialogue. The Dialogue Academy also aims to encourage joint actions of young women activists from both societies to advocate for advancement of women's rights and trust building.

Upon completion of the Academy, participants join the Dialogue Academy Alumnae Network (Network), which currently has 141 members. The Network has been active in organizing a range of activities across both societies with the objective to promote peace, confidence building, solidarity, women empowerment and dialogue. To date, the alumnae have implemented 15 small-scale alumnae projects, participated in ten alumnae exchange meetings, and engaged actively or as participants in other activities in close cooperation with the OSCE.

### Qualifications

We invite women between 20 and 27 years of age from the geographical regions covered by the OSCE Mission in Kosovo and the OSCE Mission to Serbia to apply. Applicants should be students or young professionals in the fields of politics, law, international relations, social sciences, governance and media. Candidates should demonstrate genuine interest and/or engagement in civic actions (politics, voluntarism, community work, advocacy, and/or policy making). Excellent English language skills are required, since lectures, discussions and working material will be in English language.

### Selection Process

Following the evaluation of all applications, the selection committee will short-list candidates that will undergo an online interview. **In total twenty-four (24) successful applicants** who meet the qualification criteria will be selected to participate in 2021 edition of the Dialogue Academy.

### Structure and Topics

The OSCE Dialogue Academy for Young Women 2021 will take place over the course of 10 days of intensive programme in Mavrovo, North Macedonia.

Through interactive learning modules, group work, learning-by-doing, role-play, team-building exercises, reading assignments and discussions with prominent speakers, the Dialogue Academy participants will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge on issues related to women empowerment. The topics that will be covered are:

- Women in politics;
- Dialogue, mediation and confidence building;
- The role of women in peace and security;
- Prevention of violence against women and girls.

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*Please note that full participation is required at the Academy in order to obtain a Certificate of Completion and to become a member of the Dialogue Academy Alumnae Network.*

## Arrangements

The Dialogue Academy 2021 will be organized in accordance with any applicable OSCE and local COVID-19 regulations and protective measures. All expenses related to participation in the Dialogue Academy will be covered by the OSCE, including:

- Travel to and from North Macedonia;
- Health insurance;
- Accommodation;
- Course module costs;
- Meals and refreshments;
- Cultural/study visits.

## Application

If you would like to apply for the 2021 Dialogue Academy, please send the following documents in English to: [dialogueacademy@osce.org](mailto:dialogueacademy@osce.org)

1. A motivation letter (max. one page), which should outline your motivation and expectations to take part in the Academy and address the following issue: "How can women promote dialogue, confidence building and co-operation in the region?"
2. CV<sup>1</sup>, including, date of birth and names and contacts of at least two references (names of university professors or supervisors), your mobile phone number and e-mail address.
3. A statement whether you or any of your relatives are/are not employed within the OSCE.

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*1. Please note that by providing this information you agree to processing of your personal data. Processing of your personal data will be done for the purpose of this activity only, and not for any other purpose.*

**Please send your application by midnight, 29 August 2021.**

