

Dear Sir/Madam,

We have the pleasure to inform you that the European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) of the University for Peace established by the United Nations, the Association of European Border Regions (AEBR) and Youth Association of Serbia (OSS), with cooperation with Euroregion Nisava and Euroregion Drina are organizing the

YOUTH FORUM

“NEW GENERATION FOR EU ENLARGEMENT”

25-30 October 2014.

Analyzing the situation in the Balkans and results of projects dealing with cross-border cooperation reconciliation, tolerance and human security as preconditions for maintaining peace in the Balkans, we have concluded that, although the Balkans' capacity for changes and innovations in the area of cross-border cooperation at the local and regional level is constantly growing, the analysis shows that there is a lack of young leaders in the border areas who can initiate and implement the cross-border projects and prepare the new generation for the EU Enlargement. Cross-border cooperation is one of the crucial factors influencing the achievements of the economics, social and territorial cohesion within Europe, especially relating to the borders between the new and the old member states, between the new member states, as well as between the new EU member states and their neighboring countries. For almost half century cross-border cooperation has been recognized as a very powerful tool for maintaining peace and building good neighbourly relations between the European borders.

The meeting aims to provide young people with a deeper understanding of the circumstances in which they live and to enable them to develop common initiatives and projects for assuring a positive prospect for young people in the border regions of Europe.

Profile of the participants:

- Preferable age between 20 and 30
- The applicants should have ability to speak and understand English
- postgraduate students from the Balkan region who are majoring in one of the following fields: cross-border cooperation, politics and diplomacy, economics, culture, media, tourism, sports, peace and conflict resolution.
- young professionals in one of the following fields: cross-border cooperation, politics and diplomacy, economics, culture, media, tourism, sports, peace and conflict resolution.
- young activists from NGOs dealing with issues in one of the following fields: cross-border cooperation, politics and diplomacy, economics, culture, media, tourism, sports, peace and conflict resolution.

The first day of the Youth Forum “New Generation for EU Enlargement” (Discussion Forum) will be open for the wider audience that meets the above criteria, but the rest of the project (round table, seminars and workshops) will be open for 30 selected participants from Euroregions.

We would like to invite you to attend this very important Youth Forum and with your active participation contribute to its successful work.

For applying to participate in the work of the Youth Forum, please send the filled registration form by **September 15, 2014** to the following e-mail address: info@ecpdorg.net or office@ecpd.org.rs.

We warmly welcome the youth from the border areas from the EU-side as well as neighbouring non-EU regions to participate this event.

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Martin Guillermo-Ramirez
AEBR General Secretary

Johannes Moisio
Chairman of TFEB

Strahinja Stojković
OSS President

YOUTH FORUM

“NEW GENERATION FOR EU ENLARGEMENT”

25-30 October, 2014

DRAFT AGENDA

Saturday, 25 October, 2014

Discussion Forum

“New Generation for Better Europe”

Task Force of External Border

Sunday, 26 October, 2014

International Round Table

“The Role of Cross-Border Cooperation in Maintaining Peace”

Workshop

“New Generation for Better Europe”

Monday, 27 October, 2014

Seminar

“Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at Pure IPA Borders”

Study trip

Tuesday, 28 October, 2014

Workshop

“Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at Pure IPA Borders”

Wednesday, 29 October, 2014

Seminar

“Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at EU External/IPA Borders”

Study trip

Thursday, 30 October, 2014

Workshop

“Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at EU External/IPA Borders”

Closing of the Project Conclusions

“New Generation for EU Enlargement”

Saturday, 25 October, 2014

Discussion Forum “NEW GENERATION FOR BETTER EUROPE”

10.00 Registration of participants

10.30 Opening of the Discussion Forum

Introductory speeches

Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley, President of the ECPD Executive Board

Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of the AEBR

Introduction into the Discussion Forum

Mr. Johannes Moisis, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Prof. Dr. Darko Tanasković, Chairman of the Discussion Forum

Ms. Hannah Kekäle, M.A., Coordinator of the ECPD Youth Forum

Mr. Stahinja Stojković, Chairman of the Youth Association of Serbia

11.45 Coffee break

12.00 First plenary session

The Role of New Generation in Politics and Diplomacy

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Ezio Benedetti / Mr. Martín Guillermo Ramírez

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Topics and speakers:

- **The Role of Young People as Peacebuilders in the European Union**
Ms. Hannah Kekäle, M.A., ECPD, Finland
- **The Role of New Generation in Politics and Diplomacy in the Balkans**
Ms. Ivana Gegenbauer, M.A., FAO of the UN
- **Young People and Human Security in the Balkans**
Mr. Aleksandar Plavšin, M.A., ECPD, Serbia

Discussion

- *Mr. Emrah Rexhepi, Association Peace Action, Macedonia (FYROM)*
- *Mr. Dejan Vuleta, Youth Office Novi Bečej, Serbia*

13.00 Second plenary session

Strengthening Human Security through Creating New Jobs for Youth

Moderators: Mr. Johannes Moisis / Prof. Dr Vjekoslav Domjan

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Topics and speakers:

- **Strengthening Human Security through Creating New Jobs for Balkan Youth**
Mr. Marko Đorđević, CSO Youth Educational Centre, Niš, Serbia
- **Human Security and New Jobs for Balkan Youth**
Mr. Jurica Stankovic, CSO Speed Ski Club, Niš, Serbia

Discussion

- *Ms. Danijela Radić, Centre for Youth Work, Novi Sad, Serbia*
- *Mr. Slobodan Radičev M.Sc., Association Doktoranti Srbije, Novi Sad, Serbia*
- *Ms. Marija Minić, Serbian Association for Youth, Belgrade, Serbia*
- *Mr. Milan Mihelić, Transport Institute CIP, Serbia*

14.00 Lunch break

15.30 Third plenary session

Tourism and Sport as Way to Reconnect Young People

Moderators: Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren / Ms. Ana Nikolov, M.Sc.

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Topics and speakers:

- **Tourism and Sport as Way to Reconnect Balkan Region**
Ms. Vjollca Aliu, Office for Youth Bujanovac, Serbia
- **Reconnecting Balkan Youth through Tourism and Sports**
Mr. Aleksandar Popović, „Ebusiness Club“
- **Tourism as Mechanisms of Establishing and Improving Cooperation between Young People in the Balkans**
Ms. Ana Nikolov, M.Sc., ECPD Research Associate

Discussion

- *Ms. Itana Miljanić, Centre for Youth “Your Serbia”, Belgrade, Serbia*
- *Mr. Dejan Avdić, Association Omladinizacija, Belgrade, Serbia*
- *Ms. Aleksandra Plazinić, EU Twinning project at the National Assembly, Serbia*

16.30 Forth plenary session

Responsibility of Culture and Mass Media in Rebuilding Good Neighbour Relationships

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Darko Tanasković / Ms. Hannah Kekäle, M.A.

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Topics and speakers:

- **Culture as Base for Reconnection in the Balkans**
Mr. Strahinja Stojković, Youth Cultural Organisation, Serbia
- **The Role of a Teacher in Developing Intercultural Values
among Young People**
*Mr. Dragiša Vučinić & Mr. Nikola Dančetović,
Faculty of Philosophy, Kosovska Mitrovica*
- **Art as Pulling Force for Rebuilding Good Neighbor
Relationships in the Balkans**
Ms. Marija Radaković & Ms. Dunja Jovanović, SAMPLE magazine, Serbia
- **The Role of Salsa Festivals in Rebuilding Good Neighbour
Relationships in the Balkans**
*Mr. Juan de Dios Gala Abreu & Ms. Bojana Vasovic, Salsa Studio, Havana &
Belgrade, Cuba & Serbia*

Discussion

- *Ms. Marina Bauk, Nongovernmental Foundation 35mm, Podgorica, Montenegro*
- *Mr. Darko Ivanović, Nongovernmental Foundation Civic Alliance, Montenegro*
- *Ms. Nina Vojinović, Faculty of Media and Communications, University
Singidunum, Serbia*

17.30 Coffee break

17.45 Fifth plenary session

Young Generations and the Future

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley / Mr. Arthur Lyon Dahl

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Topics and speakers:

- **Hope for Balkan Youth in the Contemporary World Reality**
Mr. Arthur Lyon Dahl, International Environment Forum, Geneva, Switzerland
- **Young Generation and the Future of the Balkans**
Ms. Nataša Gligorijević, M.A., Center for Sustainable Development of Serbia

- **Balkan Future and Role of Young Generation**
Mr. Sreten Koceski, Community Development Institute, Macedonia (FYROM)
- **Activism of Young People in Shaping the Future**
Mr. Mladen Todorović, Association EKO-Mladenovac, Serbia
- **Digital Research Opportunities and the Development of Interdisciplinary Scientific Thought: a Chance for the New Generation in the Balkans**
Mr. Vasilije Milnović, Ph.D., Univezitetka Biblioteka Svetozar Marković, Serbia
- **The Importance of Quality in Higher Education for the Future of Young People in Serbia**
Ms. Ana Krmar, M.Sc, ECPD PhD Candidate

Discussion

- *Mr. Avro Osmajlić, Youth Serbian Renewal Movement, Serbia*
- *Ms. Ana Stanimirović, Youth Representative of Democratic Party of Serbia*

18.30 Final Discussion and Closing of Discussion Youth Forum

- *Proposals for Further Discussion and Action.*

20.00 Dinner

Sunday, 26 October, 2014

INTERNATIONAL ROUND TABLE “THE ROLE OF CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION IN MAINTAINING PEACE”

10.00 Registration of participants

10.30 Opening of the International Round Table

Introductory speeches

Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley, President of the ECPD Executive Board

Mr Martín Guillermo Ramírez, Secretary General of the AEBR

Introduction into the International Round Table

Mr Johannes Moisis, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Prof. Dr. Ezio Benedetti, Professor at ECPD Postgraduate Studies

11.00 First plenary session

Strengthening Politics and Diplomacy through CBC

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Jonathan Bradley / Mr Martín Guillermo Ramírez

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Discussion

12.00 Coffee break

11.00 Second plenary session

CBC as Driving Force for Improving Cohesion

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Darko Tanasković / Mr Johannes Moisis

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Discussion

12.00 Coffee break

11.00 First plenary session

Influence of EU Enlargement on Stability and Peace

Moderators: Prof. Dr. Pasquale Baldocci / Prof. Dr. Ezio Benedetti

Moderators' Introduction to the main topic

Discussion

12.00 Coffee break

14.30 Final Discussion and Closing of International Round Table

Proposals for Further Discussion and Action

WORKSHOP

“NEW GENERATION FOR NEW EUROPE”

15.30 Opening of the Workshop

Introduction into the Workshop

Mr. Johannes Moisio, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Prof. Dr Ezio Benedetti, Professor at ECPD Postgraduate Studies

16.00 Working session

18.00 Presentation of the Workshop Results

18.30 Final Discussion and Closing of Workshop

20.00 Dinner and Social events

Monday, 27 October, 2014

SEMINAR

“DEALING WITH CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT PURE IPA BORDERS”

10.00 Opening of the Seminar

Mr. Zdravko Krsmanović, President of Euroregion Drina

Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, Vice President of the AEBR

Seminar “Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at Pure IPA Borders”

Mr. Johannes Moisio, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Ms. Ana Nikolov, M.Sc., ECPD Research Associate

Study trip

Tuesday, 28 October, 2014

WORKSHOP

“DEALING WITH CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT PURE IPA BORDERS”

10.00 Opening of the Workshop

Introduction into the Workshop

Mr. Johannes Moisis, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Ms. Ana Nikolov, M.Sc., ECPD Research Associate

11.00 Working session

14.00 Presentation of the Workshop Results

14.30 Final Discussion and Closing of Workshop

20.00 Dinner and Social events

Wednesday, 29 October, 2014

SEMINAR

“DEALING WITH CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT EU EXTERNAL/IPA BORDERS”

10.00 Opening of the Seminar

Mr. Vladica Tošić, President of Euroregion Nisava

Ms. Ann-Sofi Backgren, Vice President of the AEBR

Seminar “Dealing with Cross-Border Issues at EU External/IPA Borders”

Mr. Johannes Moisis, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Ms. Hannah Kekäle, M.A., Coordinator of the ECPD Youth Forum

Study trip

Tuesday, 30 October, 2014

WORKSHOP

“DEALING WITH CROSS-BORDER ISSUES AT EU EXTERNAL/IPA BORDERS”

10.00 Opening of the Workshop

Introduction into the Workshop

Mr. Johannes Moisio, Chairman of the AEBR Task Force of External Borders

Ms. Hannah Kekäle, M.A., Coordinator of the ECPD Youth Forum

11.00 Working session

14.00 Presentation of the Workshop Results

14.30 Final Discussion and Closing of Workshop

CLOSING OF THE PROJECT AND CONCLUSIONS

“NEW GENERATION FOR EU ENLARGEMENT”