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Referred Project: “We are Europeans”

Search for: participants for two informational bus tours through Central Europe, final conference and parade in Warsaw

Eligible: natural persons from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia (preferably between 18 and 35 years of age)

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Project description

The main strategic aim of the project initiated by Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana is to familiarize citizens of the European Union with the contemporary reality of candidate and potential candidate countries in South-Eastern Europe (SEE), thereby illustrating their potential as possible future member states.

With „We are Europeans“ we establish opportunities for European citizens to engage in peer contact and intercultural dialogue. We intend to stimulate a constructive European debate about the benefits and challenges of future enlargement. Offering balanced and first-hand information about the contemporary situation and long-term changes in SEE countries is a prerequisite for promoting mutual understanding and tolerance.

During a 17-day long, two-route bus tour (*EuropeTour*) starting and ending in Warsaw one representative each of the six participating SEE countries (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia) together with a tour guide and photographer will meet face to face with citizens of Austria, Czech Republic, Denmark, France, Germany, Italy, the Netherlands and Poland. They take part in common activities of representational, intercultural and informal kind (e.g. debates, conferences, local community meetings, sports activities and performances).

Alongside with approx. 100 NGO representatives, politicians, experts and journalists our participants will subsequently be part of a one-day international conference on EU enlargement in Warsaw summing up the results of the project. This series of international street events will be concluded by the participants presenting the project during the Schuman Parade and its European Village on 7 May 2011. The project is to be documented in a freely accessible web-publication.

What we offer:

- A unique group experience and personal challenge;
- Specific preparatory training;
- Full provision of travel and subsistence costs during tour, conference and parade;
- Documentation and certification of successful participation

Profile of participants:

“We are Europeans” follows a strongly interactive approach. The two parallel *EuropeTours* will bring participants from South-Eastern Europe in direct contact with local citizens of European Union member states. During representative and cultural events, school meetings and street actions they will be asked to interact with people of all generations - with pupils and students, pedestrians and tourists, pensioners and officials alike. Another central task will be the instant distribution of information about the events through various communication channels.

Promoting appreciation for one’s cultural uniqueness and underlining shared values and common history during an intensive three-week period will be an exciting, but also challenging task for everyone included in the project! Therefore we are searching for outstanding candidates from South-Eastern Europe who will be able to cope with the profile description outlined below. Naturally, we and our partners will offer concrete support in order to prepare them for the up-coming events (not least in a special training seminar in Warsaw preceding the trips). We are determined to include the selected participants in the conceptual adaptation of local events before the start of the *EuropeTours*.

Participants shall be able to:

- be active and motivated to participate in the project already in the preparatory phase,
- be able to communicate in English freely;

- present great knowledge about their country, the culture, history of Europe and human rights awareness as well as be familiar with current events and the stages of preparation for EU membership their countries are going through;
- be able to express themselves on the topic of why they want to cooperate with EU citizens and argument their point of view;
- be familiar with web 2.0 technologies and/or express willingness to use them since all participants will have to constantly report on their status and inform the public about their daily adventures using modern technologies, especially internet (blogging) and social networking (Twitter, Facebook);
- take part in the organizational meeting in Warsaw in mid-April 2011;
- participate in a 17-day-tour with five representatives from other SEE countries, a caravan guide and a photographer in April/early May 2011;
- actively participate in different local events on their tour in different EU Member States and in the international conference and the Schuman Parade in Warsaw on 6 and 7 May 2011.

Please send your **applications with CV, current picture and motivational letter** showing relevant experience in the fields listed above no later than

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to Gert Roehrborn at g.roehrborn@schuman.org.pl. **Queries welcome!**



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