

Capacity Building Project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs”

Call for participants

Seminar “Youth Work and the Sustainable Development Goals”

Dear partners and friends,

The Seminar “Youth Work and the Sustainable Development Goals” aims at building the competences of youth leaders to understand, support and engage in the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) implementation process. In addition, it is a space for sharing inputs, ideas and good practice, making links between different initiatives, networks and preparing the Balkans for bringing the Sustainable Development Goals into life. The Seminar will gather 37 youth leaders and organizations’ management teams.

[The Sustainable Development Goals \(SDGs\)](#) also known as Global Goals, are a universal set of goals aimed at contributing to the efforts for achieving more sustainable development in all corners of the world. The SDGs are the result of the [Rio+20 Conference](#) and the need to adopt a universal framework that will expand on [Millennium Development Goals \(MDGs\)](#) that are due to expire in 2015, and to shape the development agenda at the national, regional and international level until 2030. The SDGs were adopted in September 2015 by the UN member states at the UN Summit in New York, and they will be applicable from January 2016. The SDGs or Global Goals could be perceived as a trigger for stimulating the dialogue, partnerships and joint actions of citizens, groups, movements, organizations and institutions working in various causes to allow the creation of the spaces, initiatives and changes that will positively affect development of citizens, communities, cities and states and contribute to the future we want.

The capacity building will take place in **Serbia, Belgrade** from **14th February 2016** (arrival in the morning) till **21st February 2016** (departure).

We kindly ask you to share this call for participants and recruit participants as soon as possible.

About the Project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs”

The project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs” is implemented by [Center for Human Rights and Development Studies \(CHRDS\)](#) in cooperation with 15 partners from the Balkans and EU. The overall aim of the project is to strengthen the capacities of CSOs in the Western Balkans and European Union to support the SDGs’ related reforms and advocate for active youth involvement in the SDGs’ implementation process.

Specific objectives of the project are:

- (1) to build capacities of the CSOs to engage in advocacy for SDGs’ related reforms and/or to use the Agenda 2030 as a base for their advocacy work;
- (2) to provide innovative approaches and partnerships among CSOs towards young people and institutions with the focus on accelerating sustainable development reforms and youth engagement within those reforms;
- (3) to strengthen the cooperation of Balkan civil society with the other European Union organizations as a step towards motivating more intensive international cooperation and partnerships related to the SDGs.

The project steers and stimulates innovations. In addition, the project uses innovative approaches to methodology. Within the project, one seminar for youth organizations’ management and youth leaders and one training for trainers and youth workers will be organized. This way we will make interventions into 2 directions: first one is to support youth leaders and youth organizations’ management to actively

engage in SDGs and related reforms advocacy, and the second one is to introduce and integrate the SDGs in the youth work and youth field. The Seminar for youth leaders and youth organizations' management aims at building competences of youth leaders to understand and support the Sustainable Development Goals process, that includes but it is not limited to contextualization of SDGs, development of the national and local SDGs implementation and action plans, SDGs partnerships building, monitoring and evaluation of SDGs. The training for trainers and youth workers on youth work methodologies for SDGs aims at developing capacities of trainers and youth workers to run non-formal learning activities with youth on SDGs.

About the Seminar “Youth Work and the Sustainable Development Goals”

The seminar for youth leaders and organizations management teams aims at building and developing competences and capacities of youth leaders to understand and support the Sustainable Development Goals implementation process especially at the national and local level. One of the Seminar's focuses will be to provide contextualization, inputs and good practices so that the youth leaders are able to understand the SDGs and their relevance, as well as how to advocate and engage in SDGs implementation, monitoring and evaluation.

Specific objectives of the Seminar are:

- To introduce the SDGs and their impact on European societies;
- To link existing youth and youth related policies and strategies with the SDGs;
- To develop advocacy approaches for the youth organizations to be able to engage in SDGs and SDGs' related advocacy;
- To support cooperation and partnerships for the SDGs implementation at the international, regional, national and local level.

The language of the seminar will be **English**.

Provisional Timetable:

Theme of the day	Preparations		Implementation		Evaluation	Impact	Closing
Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8
Breakfast							
Arrivals	Team building exercises Introduction to the learning objectives	The path for the SDGs	The role of young people in the SDGs	How to engage youth in the SDGs process	Working in teams-developing recommendations	Follow up project ideas	Departure
Lunch							
Getting to know each other	Opening of the seminar	National level benchmarks for the SDGs Reflection group	Working groups to exchange national level approaches Reflection group	Good practice bazaar	Conclusions from working in teams Reflection group	Team work & partnership Youthpass Evaluation and closing	Departure
Dinner							
Welcome party	Organizations market	Free evening	Cultural evening	Night in the city	Yoga evening	Bonfire and Farewell Party	

Participants

The participants should fulfil the following criteria:

- To be age 18 or above;
- To be active youth leaders and/or representatives of the organization's management team;
- To be willing to apply and multiply the knowledge gained on this seminar;
- To be able to contribute with examples of good practices, case studies, essays or any other contribution to the seminar;
- To be able and interested to take engage in sustainable development and Sustainable Development Goals;
- Ability to work in English;
- To be able to share the new knowledge with the members of his/her organization once he/she gets back;
- To be able to attend for the entire duration of the seminar.

According to the project application there are 16 countries involved in the project: Albania, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Greece, Macedonia, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Spain, Turkey, and United Kingdom. Each country can have 2 participants. We strongly encourage applicants from the above mentioned countries to apply.

Travel, costs and reimbursement

Travel costs will be reimbursed only for the cheapest means of transportation and preferably for the return tickets. You **will be reimbursed** for your travel costs only once we receive the original tickets and boarding passes for your trip. Acceptable means of transportation for the project are: plane, bus, train or ferry, **NOT taxi and NOT car**.

Participants must keep all travel documents (tickets, travel agency invoices and boarding passes) as the organizers are only able to make reimbursement upon presentation of the above described documents! The travel reimbursement will be done by bank transfers to your private bank account **after you return home** and send us the **ORIGINAL** boarding passes and tickets and after you fill and send us evaluation form. When you are buying your ticket, if possible, ask for additional bill as well!

Maximum reimbursement:

Group 1: Macedonia, Croatia, Montenegro, Bulgaria, Albania, Slovakia, Romania - Maximum reimbursement 180 EUR per person

Group 2: Poland, Estonia, Belgium, Denmark, Turkey, Greece, UK - Maximum reimbursement of 275 EUR

Group 3: For participants from Spain maximum reimbursement of 360 EUR

Important: Please do not buy your tickets before we approve your application and send you more details! Thanks a lot in advance!

For additional information, please feel free to contact us as this way we will avoid some uncomfortable situations in advance.

Participation fee: NONE!

Participants will be accommodated in Belgrade. We will provide 3 meals and 2 coffee breaks per day. All additional meals, drinks and other costs, participants will cover by themselves.

Applications

To apply as participant for the Seminar, please fill in the following application form:
<https://goo.gl/og2gUI>.



Deadline for applications is **10th December 2015 23:59 CET**. The accepted candidates will receive the notification of acceptance by 14th of December 2015.

Contact us

For more information about the project “Balkans getting ready for SDGs,” seminar, application for participants, travel or any other questions related to the project and the seminar, please send us an e-mail at info@chrds.org.