

YOUNG LEADERS

FOR THE FUTURE POLITICAL ELITE



THE **ROBERT SCHUMAN INSTITUTE** AND THE **EDUARDO FREI FOUNDATION** HAVE A LONGSTANDING REPUTATION OF **EDUCATING** THE NEW WAVE OF **POLITICAL ELITE** IN THE SOUTH EASTERN AND EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES.

Our cooperation project “Young Leaders” has a tradition dating back to the 1990s. We invest in young politicians committed to democracy and value based politics with a centre-right approach - as represented by the European Peoples' Party family.

A leader and a statesman must have broad horizons. Our aim is to provide theoretical and practical knowledge on political, social, economic and security challenges and current developments in Europe. We particularly reflect on the practical implementation of shared EPP values in concrete policies and decision making. During 7 months of the project our graduates are also equipped with personal skills of leadership and public speaking as well as a solid international network.



Total number of speakers: 120

EFF speakers from the Netherlands: 22

Other speakers: 98 (Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, FYROMacedonia, Norway, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine)



Young democracies need young leaders that make them work. Individuals that have the mind-set, knowledge and skills to see solutions where others see problems.



People that can overcome difficulties because they are familiar with the fundamentals of democracies, its problems and pitfalls but also with its working, inner strengths and the benefices it brings to society. The young leaders course succeeds in improving just those attitudes of its students.

Jos Denissen, former City Councillor in Amsterdam,
Trainer of the Eduardo Frei Foundation

home paper: key security and foreign policy challenges for my country and my views on resolving them

essay: what I can do as a young leader?

course 1
Basics of a democracy
(5 working days)

evaluation and brainstorming: participants' expectations and priorities for course 2

course 2
International and security issues
(5 working days)

evaluation and brainstorming: participants' expectations and priorities for course 3

course 3
Challenges in the economic and social life
(5 working days)

evaluation of the course and the entire series

home paper: key economic and social challenges for my country and my views on resolving them

call for applications in May available on www.schuman-institute.eu. Candidates are recommended by top leadership of 24 EPP parties. Selection of the best applications.



alumni conferences

further specialised training opportunity at RSI

internship support by RSI reference

PARTIES (number of participants)

Albania

Democratic Party of Albania (4)

Armenia

Republican Party of Armenia (3)

Heritage Party of Armenia (2)

Belarus

Belarusian Christian Democratic Party (1)

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Party of Democratic Progress (4)

Party of Democratic Action (5)

Croatian Democratic Union BiH (2)

Croatian Democratic Union 1990 (1)

Croatia

Croatian Peasant Party (1)

Croatian Democratic Union (2)

FYROMacedonia

VMRO-DPMNE (6)

Georgia

Christian Democratic Movement (2)

United National Movement (4)

Kosovo

Democratic League of Kosovo (4)

Moldova

Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (9)

Christian Democratic People's Party (1)

Montenegro

Movement for Changes (1)

Serbia

G17 PLUS/ United Regions of Serbia (9)

Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (2)

Serbian Progressive Party (1)

Ukraine

Balkhivshchyna (9)

Democratic Alliance (6)

Front of Changes (2)

Ukrainian Democr. Alliance for Reform (4)

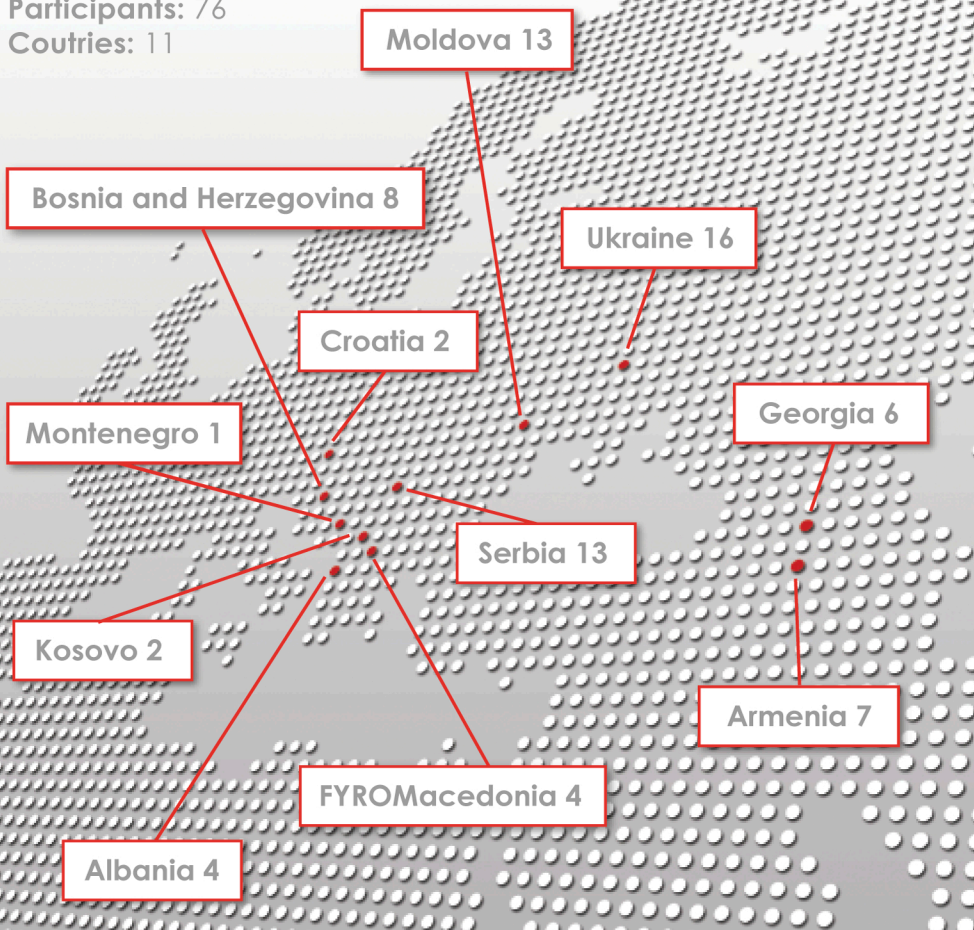
Results

We contribute to regional and international cooperation within the EPP family: Professional network building among our participants and speakers creates added value through exchange of visions but also concrete practices. It is our experience that alumni pass on their experience as trainers and speakers in front of party peers, and later the next generation of youngsters. The most visible outcome is alumni's growth in public roles and careers, however. Success stories come in every week: former participants become members of governments, parliaments, the diplomatic corps, or municipal councils as well as party functionaries, advisors, founders of political training institutes, and civil servants, including at EU institutions.

YOUNG LEADER seminars 2011-2015

Participants: 76

Countries: 11



I recommend the Young Leaders series of courses to all young people interested in politics. Not only does it provide the information that no university or academy can present, but also offers success stories by bringing political leaders and officials as speakers and lecturers.

Michaela Spataru, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, YL XVIII series



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