

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

“WOMEN AND POLITICAL INFLUENCE” 2018

The Robert Schuman Institute (RSI) – in cooperation with the Christian Democratic International Center (KIC) and financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) – again launches a series of courses to assist EPP member and cooperating parties in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine by capacity building.

Our overall goal with the project is to help increase women’s political participation and influence, providing assistance that takes into account the different approach and conditions of partner parties. Based on feedback from partners and past participants, with this project we would like to enable women to lead value and program based parties, and to help them recognize, identify and represent the concerns of their electorate in their communities.

The project also provides a platform for international network building among like-minded politicians of the EPP family.

Regarding content of the series, participants will attend 2 **seminars** of 4 full working days each, with English as the exclusive working language. Participants are further expected to work on **home tasks** together with a supporting team or working group to make sure that the project impact is not limited to personal development only. This is also to make sure that there is a concrete practical transfer of new knowledge from trainings to party work.

According to the concrete needs of individual participants and their organisations **follow-up** activities (such as a study visit, additional training and reflection meetings with party leadership) are scheduled to take place to strengthen impact.

Practical information

Length and structure of the series: Two 4-day-courses as follows:

- 1. Leadership and advocacy**
20 – 23 March (Tuesday – Friday), 2018 in Budapest
- 2. Making political proposals**
23 – 26 April (Monday – Thursday), 2018 in Budapest

Note: One day before is arrival and one day after is departure date.

For finalising the agenda of the seminars the special interests of the selected participants will be taken into consideration.

Target group: Applicants should be young **women** who are **members of local councils** or/and **members of local party boards** of EPP member / cooperating parties in Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova or Ukraine. Participants (approximately 15 people) are selected on the basis of individual applications recommended by the relevant parties or organizations, without national or party quotas.

Pre-requisites:

- At least 21 years of age (born before 1997)
- **High level written and oral proficiency in English**
- University degree, or at least four successfully completed semesters

Application Process: Please fill out the [registration form](#).

Note: successful applicants must bring their original recommendation letters to the first course

Deadline for Applications: **21 February (Wednesday), 2018** (arriving at RSI)

Conditions of Participation:

- Preparation of home tasks before, in between and after the courses in compliance with the set deadlines
- **Active and full participation in both courses**
- Designing, implementing and reporting on a mini-project at home between the two courses

Financial arrangements: The costs of the course, including full-board and lodging will be covered by the Robert Schuman Institute.
Participants should have their travel costs be paid by their delegating party / organization, or by themselves. The RSI may be able to make a contribution **on an official request from the delegating organisation if necessary**.
Health insurance and local transportation should be covered by participants in any case. If RSI gives any travel cost contribution or reimbursement – including visa costs –, it has to be previously requested and agreed.

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