

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT ON THE LOCAL LEVEL – STUDY VISIT Budapest and Hajdúnánás with field trip to Szatmár region

The *Robert Schuman Institute*, in cooperation with the *Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Hungarian Office* and the *Robert Schuman Foundation, Luxemburg* organises the following event for local politicians of *Bulgaria, Hungary, Lebanon, Moldova, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia and Ukraine*.

The event provides practical input to municipal policy making in terms of approaches, tools and real-life examples concerning sustainability. Content will be offered for addressing the concrete challenges of the rural regions related to sustainable and efficient use of resources, economic development and employment, while it shall also reflect the EU principles and values related to sustainability.

The event further supports international and regional cooperation by experience exchange and cross-border network building. This has additional realism as the visited region is close by the Ukrainian and Romanian border too.

The overall goal is that participants are able to identify and formulate sustainability ideas to be realized on the local level so that those are also in line with the platform of values of our political family. To this end they are presented with inspiring examples, professional contacts and working methods.

We will select **15 participants** from the above mentioned countries, on the basis of individual applications recommended by relevant parties.

Dates: **5 working days** as follows:

04-08 June, 2019 (Budapest, Hajdúnánás, Hungary)

arrival: Monday, 03 June

departure: Saturday, 08 June

Program components:

1. introducing sustainable development to political decision makers
2. sustainability and the core values of EU: what it means practically in policy making
3. social aspects of sustainability, meeting with decision makers
4. on-site visit of functioning projects
5. models of local initiative and project development from problem analysis to implementation
6. integration of people in disadvantaged regions - exploring Igazgyöngy Foundation, Berettyóújfalu

7. introducing the complex local economy development in Hajdúnánás (local money, organic farming, public employment program, local products for locals, indigenous animal breeds' farm)
8. perspectives of self-sustaining villages - visit to Rozsály,
9. social development based on heritage and local community, building local brands – Panyola
10. complex village development approach in Nagykörű

The program will be finalised also on the basis of selected participants expectations.

Working language: English (no translation will be provided)

- Pre-requisites:**
- Applicants age limit between 22-35 years
 - **Good level of English** (interpretation will not be provided)
 - Existing function on the municipal level
 - Recommendation by the delegating party

Application process [A completed online application form](#)

APPLICATION DEADLINE: 30 APRIL

Conditions of Participation: Each participant must attend the event from the very beginning to the very end.

The Robert Schuman Institute is responsible for all organisational matters and any inquiries during the application process.

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Financial Arrangements

The costs of the course, including *lectures, trainings* as well as costs of *full board and lodging* will be covered by the organisers. Participants will be accommodated in double rooms.

Participants should have their international and local *travel costs* be paid by their delegating party or by themselves.

Should you require any further information about the series, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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