

## **SUSTAINABLE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT BY THE VISEGRAD WAY** **Study visit in Eastern Hungary, Slovakia and Poland**

The *Robert Schuman Institute*, in partnership with the *Institute for Christian-Democratic Politics, Future Proof s.r.o., Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies* and *Institute for Social Research MK91* organises the following study visit supported by the *International Visegrad Fund (IVF)* for participants of *Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia and Serbia*.

The main objective of the project is to show successful examples on environmentally and socially sustainable local economic development. These examples are located in the most challenging environments, that is small rural settlements of the eastern regions of Hungary, Slovakia and Poland. A strong focus is put on sustainability and economic growth opportunities based on local heritage and identity.

The event further supports international and regional cooperation by experience exchange and cross-border network building.

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.

**18 participants will be selected** from the above mentioned countries, on the basis of individual applications recommended by relevant organisations.

**Dates:**            **7 working days** as follows:

**31 March – 06 April, 2020** (Hungary, Slovakia, Poland)

arrival: Tuesday, 31 March until 09:00 am to Budapest

departure: Monday, 06 April after 03:00 pm from Budapest

### **Program components:**

1. introducing sustainable development to local level 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
7. introducing the complex local economy development
8. perspectives of self-sustaining villages
9. social development based on heritage and local community, building local brands

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)
  - Active involvement on the municipal level
  - Recommendation by relevant organisation

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

**APPLICATION DEADLINE: 31 JANUARY**

**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. Organisers could contribute to the international travel cost of the participants.

Participants should have their local *travel costs* be paid by their delegating organisation or by themselves.

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

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