

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Step into the Political Spotlight

08 – 10 May, Mostar  
05 – 07 June, Banja Luka

(Mostar and Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

The Robert Schuman Institute in partnership with the Eduardo Frei Foundation is organizing a **series of seminars** entitled “**Step into the Political Spotlight**” for 20 party newcomers to the EPP sister parties of Bosnia and Herzegovina who would like to launch their municipal political careers on behalf of an EPP sister party in the country (SDA, PDP, SDS, HDZ 1990, HDZ BiH).

#### Dates:

##### **Step into the Political Spotlight I.**

**3 working days** as follows

**08-10 May, 2020 (Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

arrival: Thursday, May 07 (evening) for those staying at the hotel or before 9am on Friday, May 08

departure: Sunday, May 10 (after lunch)

##### **Step into the Political Spotlight II.**

**3 working days** as follows

**05-07 June, 2020 (Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)**

arrival: Thursday, June 04 (evening) for those staying at the hotel or before 9am on Friday, June 05

departure: Sunday, June 07 (after lunch)

The program agenda will be finalized based on the feedback and expectations of the selected course participants.

#### **Goals and objectives:**

The series is pursuing several objectives:

- To help party newcomers to build up their political profiles, as candidates for the 2020 local elections
- To provide the necessary basic leadership and management skills of a young politicians, including in concrete typical situations as a political meeting;

- To offer a value-based perspective on the development of Bosnia and Herzegovina's young political elites of the centre-right wing who are committed to the European integration /EU partnership of the country;
- To bring young BiH activists together and provide them with a platform for idea exchange and discussion of the format of future cooperation; to help them expand their professional network through direct contacts with their fellow team members and guest speakers from the same political family.

**Target group:** the training is intended for 20 party freshmen occupying junior positions within 5 EPP sister parties (SDA, PDP, SDS, HDZ BiH, HDZ 1990) who are looking to engage in local politics and prepare to stand as candidates. Female activists are highly encouraged to apply for participation.

- Applicants are between 18-35 y.o.
- Reference by an EPP member party or partner organization
- Working language: **English** (high oral and written proficiency is required) and **B-H-S**

The Robert Schuman Institute is responsible for all organisational matters and will respond to any course-related inquiries during and beyond the application process.

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**Application process** [Completed online application form](#)

**Conditions of Participation:** Participants **must attend ALL WORKING DAYS of the series, with no exceptions.**

**Application deadline:** **20 March 2020**

#### **Financial Arrangements\***

The costs of the course, including **lectures, trainings** as well as costs of **board and lodging** (participants from **outside Mostar in the first part and outside Banja Luka in the second part and its immediate neighbourhoods** will be accommodated in double rooms).

Organisers can contribute to the **local travel costs**.



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

on behalf of Doris Pack, RSI President

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Director