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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

HOW EUROPE WORKS

(for Eastern Partnership and Southeast European countries)

We are pleased to inform you that the Robert Schuman Institute (RSI), supported by the Political Academy of the Austrian People's Party (PolAk) and the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies (WMCES) is organizing a seminar under the title of **"How Europe Works"**, to be held online on December 1, 2 and 4. The program is designed for a group of young people with relevant duties / functions in EPP sister parties in the following South Eastern European (SEE) countries: **Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Republic of North Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, and Serbia (15 people)**, and the following Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries: **Armenia, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine (15 people)**.

Aims of the project:

- To support the EU-oriented work of EPP sister parties by capacity building
- To introduce trainees to the EPP political family, WMCES and a member party - ÖVP
- To provide practical knowledge on the development, structure and functions of the European Union and its institutions via interactive online presentations, as well as practical and realistic information on EU membership / partnership criteria
- To strengthen ties and further develop a cross-border professional network of pro-European young people from the Southeastern / Eastern European region

Target group: **2x15** public career-oriented people between 22 – 35 years of age, actively involved in EU-related work in EPP sister parties, selected from the above mentioned countries on the basis of individual applications recommended by relevant parties.

Dates: **1, 2, 4 December (Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday morning 9-12.30h CET) online.**

IMPORTANT! Attendance of all sessions of the seminar is a MUST!

Working language: English (no interpretation will be provided)

Speakers:

- PolAk and WMCES experts
- Politicians, advisors and officials of the EPP family
- Representatives of partner institutions

Proposed agenda for the seminar:

- Analysis of the institutional development of the EU
- Structure, functions and powers of the EU institutions, decision-making mechanisms in the EU
- International relations of a party, party dimensions of European cooperation
- Impact of the EU membership / partnership on economies
- Lobbying and interest representation in the EU / role of think tanks
- Enlargement policy status quo for SEE
- Eastern Partnership: present and future prospects

Pre-requisites of participation:

- Demonstrated connection with the international / EU-oriented activities of a party
- High level written and oral English language proficiency
- Applicants born between 1984-1997
- University/college degree (or at least four successfully completed semesters at a university)
- Complete application package including the application form and official party reference letter
- Access to a desktop/ laptop computer for stable access to the online platform proposed

Application Process

- completed [online application form](#)
- **letter of reference** from the delegating party (signed by a member of the national board / presidency (not the youth organization) or international secretary)

Deadline for applications: *EoB, November 25 (Wednesday) 2020*

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