

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Step into the Political Spotlight

18 – 20 June, Banja Luka

23 – 25 July, Mostar

(Banja Luka and Mostar, 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

18-20 June, 2021 (Banja Luka, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

arrival: Thursday, June 17 (evening) for those staying at the hotel or before 9am on Friday, June 18

departure: Sunday, June 20 (after lunch)

Step into the Political Spotlight II.

3 working days as follows

23-25 July, 2021 (Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina)

arrival: Thursday, July 22 (evening) for those staying at the hotel or before 9am on Friday, July 23

departure: Sunday, July 25(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 who were elected in 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: **07 June 2021**

Financial Arrangements*

The costs of the course, including *lectures, trainings* as well as costs of *board and lodging* (participants from *outside Banja Luka in the first part and outside Mostar 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

Gábor Berczeli
Director