

CALL FOR APPLICATION

WAVE - move Christian democracy

EPP is a party of values, with Christian democracy at its core: Therefore the Robert Schuman Institute (RSI), with the support of the CDA - Eduardo Frei Foundation (EFF) is inviting applications from sister parties in **Albania and Montenegro** to the program below.

Do you want to contribute to European politics? Are you interested in implementing Christian democracy? Then sign up for this special edition of WAVE. In this interactive program we offer a way to overcome the deep divide between technocracy and populism: a politics where citizens are involved, and where the process matters as much as the outcome. Not Christian nationalism, but a vision rooted in human dignity, responsibility, and the common good.

The program is in its 2nd edition still, and participants will not just learn but also contribute to the development of the course. It is democracy in action: leadership with shared responsibility.

I. Structure of the Program

Arrival: 13 November 2026, by 19h for welcome dinner and introductions

Program: 14 November 2026

Departure: 15 November 2026

Location: Podgorica, Montenegro **The organizers reserve the right to change the location.**

II. Description

About WAVE:

WAVE is a down-to-earth, interactive, and case-based training developed by CDA - Scientific Institute and CDA-EFF. It equips mid-level politicians with a Christian democratic framework to analyse and address political challenges.

Why WAVE? The training uses four lenses to evaluate policies and decisions:

- **Worldview:** The view of the human person behind a policy.
- **Authority:** The proper, enabling role of government.
- **Vocation:** How responsibility is shared between society, government, and the market.
- **Effect:** Whether measures are realistic, fair, and workable for the people affected.

Participants apply these lenses to concrete cases, ensuring the philosophy remains practical and actionable in day-to-day politics. The method is adaptable across contexts and has proven effective in **fostering durable connections and strengthening like-minded parties.**

Program Components:

Lecture & Guest Speaker – Introduction to WAVE methodology and Christian democratic principles

Interactive Discussions – Applying the four lenses (Worldview, Authority, Vocation, Effect) to real-world cases

Short Pitch by Participants – Each participant will present a current political dilemma from their context (prepared as homework)

Leadership Skills

Outcomes:

By the end of the course, you will have:

- ☒ Learned new ways of doing politics, framing problems through a Christian democratic lens.
- ☒ Improved your skills in political analysis, presentation, and personal development.
- ☒ Built new connections with young European politicians and EPP colleagues.

Participants: 15 young members of EPP sister parties in Albania and Montenegro (aged 20-35).

Lecturer:

Prof. Arjen Siegmans – Professor of Christian Social Thinking, staff member of CDA - Scientific Institute, locally active in Amstelveen, and executive board member of WMCES (think tank of EPP).

III. Application Process

Filled application form: <https://forms.gle/VcqUGhQtdtLyDMaW9>

Including an uploaded copy of a signed **reference letter by the party International Secretary**, and an uploaded **1-minute video describing a political dilemma** from the applicant's own country or community that they would like to bring to the course as a case study for value-based resolution.

IV. Conditions of Admission

Participants commit to preparing all assignments before/during the course, in compliance with deadlines.

Participants also commit to active and full participation in all sessions, that is essential for teamwork and achieving the program's aims.

**Deadline for
applications:**

29 October (Thursday) 2026, EOD

**Organiser
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**Financial
arrangements:**

The costs of the course, including lectures, trainings, full-board and lodging in double rooms will be covered by the organisers. Participants or their parties are expected to cover their own travel costs.

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

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