



## CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS TRAINING PROGRAMME FOR WESTERN BALKANS CSO EXECUTIVES



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The Kosovar Civil Society Foundation (KCSF) in close collaboration with College of Europe, extends this invitation to civil society practitioners in the Western Balkans to become part of a 5-days executive training in Prishtina.

The program targets top-level executives of civil society organizations in the region, who are committed to engage into advocacy actions and have thematic focus on EU affairs. The module is designed such as to extend to several dimensions at once, including condensed understanding of the substance and roles of EU institutions, CSOs' impact in decision-making of the accession process, as well as real cases of engagement and their respective outcomes.

The participants will also be afforded numerous opportunities to increase their practical skills and expand their network to better leverage synergies for inter-organizational collaborations afterwards.

(Please see the agenda attached to this call.)

This program is being delivered in the scope of a long-term collaboration between the Kosovar Civil Society Foundation and the College of Europe. Both partners have extensive experience in respective areas of expertise.

### THE PROGRAM:

Up to 25 participants from Western Balkan countries, including Albania, Bosna & Herzegovina, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia will be selected to participate in the executive training program consisting of four main modules:

- Crash course on EU institutions and decision-making
- Role of CSOs in the EU accession process
- Establishing an effective dialogue between civil society and EU institutions
- Effective Teambuilding on future cooperation



## WHO IS ELIGIBLE TO APPLY?

- Senior Executives (i.e. Executive Directors, Program Directors or equivalent) of CSOs who are active in EU policy areas
- Candidates committed to engage into advocacy actions, specifically towards EU institutions
- Candidates active in national and preferably regional level, with proven working experience

## REASONS TO APPLY

Leading a civil society organisation is a demanding endeavour, therefore this hands-on program has been crafted to provide participants with what they really need:

**Why:** It is about a high-level training and exchanging first-hand experience, which can be translated into impactful actions. “Resourceful” and “Impactful” are the key words.

**What:** Participants will receive what they need. All topics and ways of delivery have been thoughtfully selected to benefit experienced civil society executives. Only subjects of real interest have been included.

**Who:** Top-notch experts and up to 25 leaders of well-established CSOs will attend. Except for transmitted knowledge, this is also an excellent opportunity for peer-to-peer exchange and networking.

**Where:** The activities will take place in Pristina, at Swiss Diamond Hotel in the very centre of the city, with all necessary infrastructure and within walking distance from virtually everything of interest.

**When:** From September 11 to 15, 2017, it will be five days of intensive learning and collaboration.



## **APPLICATION PROCESS:**

All interested candidates should send their CV in EU format and Cover Letter/Motivation Letter to [diella.aliu@kcsfoundation.org](mailto:diella.aliu@kcsfoundation.org).

Participation, accommodation and other event expenditures will be covered by KCSF, while participants are expected to cover their own traveling expenses, including visas if applicable. Only selected candidates will be informed by e-mail.

**THE DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION IS AUGUST 4, 2017.**

**For further information on the background of the organizers and the program, please refer to the links below:**

Kosovar Civil Society Foundation: <http://www.kcsfoundation.org/?page=2,6,589>

College of Europe: <https://www.coleurope.eu/training-projects>