



Capacity building program for young liberals from the western Balkans

Brussels: 12-18th October

ABOUT THE EVENT

The intended project seeks to strengthen the influence and participation of liberal youth on the western Balkans.

The Centre Party International Foundation intends to replicate a capacity building program which was initiated in 2016, with the objective to enhance the capacity of liberal youth in the Western Balkans. Until date, the academy includes twenty-five participants from six countries (Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, the Republic of Macedonia, Republic of Serbia and Montenegro) and seven political parties (Nasa Stranka (BiH), Hrvatska Narodna Stranka (Croatia), Istarski Demokratski Sabor (Croatia), Liberalna Partija Crne Gore (Montenegro), Liberalna Demokratska Partija (Serbia), Nova Stranka (Serbia) Liberalno-Demokratska Partija (Macedonia), Alternativa (Kosovo).

While the part of the programme that focuses on issues strictly related to the Western Balkans specificities is funded by the Swedish International Development Agency (SIDA), ELF wishes to enlarge this programme by funding a fourth component, that specifically target the relationship between the Western Balkans countries and the EU. This fourth part will take place in Brussels and will focus in particular of the following aspects:

- Capacity building of young Liberals through the enhancement of knowledge and skills specifically related to
 - I. political structure and systems in the European union,
 - II. institutional structures of the European parliament,
 - III. the history and influence of liberal parties within the European union structure,
 - IV. the entry requirements to join the EU and the relative status of countries in the western Balkans,
 - V. the ALDE party.
- Increasing dialogue exchange and strengthen regional networks amongst young liberals on the Western Balkan.



EVENT SCHEDULE

12 October 2018

- 20:00 Participants arrival
- 21:00 Joint Dinner

13 October 2018

- 09:00 Welcome, Agenda and house rules for Brussels Visit
Mia Immelbäck, program manager, CPIF
- 10:00 Populism political parties analyses and workshop
Valida Repovac Niksic
- 11:00 Populism workshop
Sarina Bakic
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Diplomacy
Ivan Barbalic

AFTERNOON AND EVENING FREE

14 October 2018

- 10:00 Mini project Presentations:
- 10:00 Serbia
- 11:00 Macedonia
- 12:00 Montenegro
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:00 Bosnia and Hercegovina
- 15:00 Croatia
- 16:00 Kosovo

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- 11:00-12:30 Liberals and Democrats for Europe Party
Andrew Burgess, Political Adviser, ALDE party
- 12:30-13:30 Youth in politics - radical pathfinders or serious agenda setters
Antoaneta Asenova, Political Adviser, LYMEC (at ALDE Office)



13:30 Lunch

15:00 NATO or THINK TANK

19:30 JOINT DINNER

16 October 2018

09:30-10:30 Welcome by ELF
Susanne Hartig, Executive Director, European Liberal Forum

11:15-12:00 "Multidimensional roles of MEPs"
Frederick Federley MEP, Centre Party Sweden

12:30-14:00 "Life = Freedom" "Freedom = Life " (room A5G1)

Lecturers: Ivan Jakovčić (MP), Jozo Radoš ((MP), Neil Datta (EP Forum for population and development), Marinella Matejčić (Human Rights and Civil participation Assosiation Pariter), Jelena Androić (Liburnia Film Festival)

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13:00 Lunch

14:00 NATO or THINK TANK

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10:00-10:30 **Ihlan Kyuchyuk**, Member of European Parliament (Bulgaria "The role of the young liberals in spreading EU values throughout the Western Balkans"

10:30-13:00 Lunch i snimanje?

13.00-14:00 **Ivan Jakovcic**, Member of European Parliament, room A1E201 (Croatia)



14:00-14:30 Sophie In 't Veld, Member of European parliament (Netherlands), Democrats 66 Party

14:30 snimanje!

16:00 "Balkan region and EU membership"

Jasenko Selimovic, Member of European Parliament, (Sweden
(PHS 6 C 011 u EP).

17:00-17:30 **Ivo Vajgl**, Member of European Parliament (Slovenia)

19:30 JOINT DINNER

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Participants' departure

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