

# **EU** mentorship program

Vienna, 7-9 June2019 NEOS Lab HQ, Neubaugasse 64-66

### **ABOUT THE EVENT**

Although we have all invested a lot of our resources into educating liberal activists to inspire them to get into politics and thus make some changes in the society, we have found that there is a lack of provided support and first-hand experience in the EU integration processes, essential for achieving these goals as long-term ones.

Therefore, closely aligned with the ALDE Party project priorities such as story telling and messaging from our EU partners, we have decided to start EU integrations Mentorship Programme, which will prepare and inspire our liberal activists into getting ready for the EU processes and making necessary changes in the countries which they are representing. The idea is to form connection between active party members, who are interested in EU integrations processes or working directly in these areas, with mentors coming from EU member countries and liberal political parties which have very good practices in several chosen areas of interests of this project so that they can share their first-hand experience.

These mentorships will be mutually beneficial, the apprentices will learn about EU integration processes, and the mentors will help strengthen the capacity of the liberal parties in Western Balkan countries.

The political activists participating in this programme will:

- Gain first-hand knowledge about EU integration processes and solutions to the problems in several areas such as: environment, education, EU funds etc.
- Become inspired into making additional efforts in developing EU integration processes
- Hopefully, form a strong bond with their mentor and liberal parties in the Europe.

The first training in this program is designed to do the deep analyses of Rule of law, EU Integrations criteria and liberal party stands in the EU integration process.

### **EVENT SCHEDULE**

# Friday June 7, 2019

15:00 Arrival of the participants/organisers

## 19:00 JOINT DINNER

**Location:** Leto restaurant (Schwertgasse 3)



# Saturday June 8, 2019

## 9:30 Start of the training

#### Welcome note

- o Martine van Schoor, International Officer, IDI Stichtung
- o Anastasia Pravedna (European Liberal Forum), Project and Membership Coordinator

## Getting to know each other

**Anela Lemes,** Executive Director, Boris Divkovic Foundation **Jasmina Mrso**, Project Coordinator, Boris Divkovic Foundation

10:00 EU Institutions – An introduction to the labyrinth

Robert Farla, D66

Coordinator Diplomatic Network, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

- 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
- 12.00 EU Institutions How it works in practice Robert Farla & Martine van Schoor, D66
- 13:00 LUNCH

Caffe Latte (Neubaugasse 39)

14:30 Accession part I – where WB countries stands in the run up to the EU accession

Robert Farla, D66

Teresa Reiter, NEOS lab

Policy Advisor for EU affairs, foreign policy, defense, migration and development cooperation

- 16:00 COFFEE BREAK
- 16:30 Accession part and your party programme Part I

Teresa Reiter, NEOS

17:30 Discussion and Wrap up

**Anela Lemes,** Executive Director, Boris Divkovic Foundation **Jasmina Mrso**, Project Coordinator, Boris Divkovic Foundation

19:00 **DINNER** 

Weinschenke (Karmelitermarkt, Stand 10-12)

**END OF THE FIRST DAY** 



# Sunday June 9, 2019

09:30 Rule of Law – What instruments are there for the Rule of Law?

Robert Farla, D66

## Teresa Reiter, NEOS lab

Policy Advisor for EU affairs, foreign policy, defense, migration and development cooperation

## 11:00 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 Accession part and your party programme – Part IITeresa Reiter, NEOS

13:00 Discussion and Wrap up

Anela Lemes and Jasmina Mrso, Boris Divkovic Foundation

13:30 LUNCH

Vapiano (Walfischgasse 11)

15:00 END OF THE EVENT

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