



## EU mentorship program

Ljubljana, October 16-18, 2019

Location: Hotel Central and Poligon Creative Center

### 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 connections between active party members, who are interested in EU integration 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 event as part of the EU Mentorship programme will:

- Work on writing 'Reverse Progress Reports', which will be based on annual country reports submitted by the EC for aspiring members and presented to ALDE officials later this year.
- Learn and discuss everything regarding the WB Accession Process, lobbying, advocacy and networking.

### EVENT SCHEDULE

**Wednesday, 16 October 2019**

**(Location: Poligon Creative Center, Tobacna ulica 5)**

**16:30** Arrival of the participants/organisers

**17:00** **Welcome note and start of the training session**

**Martine van Schoor**, International Officer, IDI Stichting

**Anela Lemes**, Executive Director, Boris Divkovic Foundation

**Jasmina Mrso**, Project Coordinator, Boris Divkovic Foundation



**17:15** Reverse reports – presentation and discussion  
**Teresa Reiter**, NEOS  
Policy Advisor for EU affairs, foreign policy, defense, migration and development cooperation

**19:30** JOINT DINNER

END OF FIRST DAY

## Thursday, 17 October 2019

(Location: Hotel Central)

**9:30** Lobbying within European liberal networks - how to use it effectively  
**ELF Network trainer** (TBC)

**11:00** COFFEE BREAK

**11:30** LIBSEEN network – structure and future goals  
**Roman Jakic**, President of LIBSEEN network

**13:30** LUNCH

**14:30** Departure to Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy

**15:00** Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy  
**TBC**

**17:30** Short discussion and wrap up of session  
**Anela Lemes**, Executive Director, Boris Divkovic Foundation  
**Jasmina Mrso**, Project Coordinator, Boris Divkovic Foundation

**19:30** DINNER

END OF SECOND DAY

## Friday, October 18, 2019

(Location: TBC)



**09:30** Advocating for improvement of Western Balkan Accession to the EU – what has been done and what can be done differently (**Closed panel discussion**)

Speakers:

**Irena Joveva** and **Klemen Groselj**, members of the European Parliament (Slovenia)

**Gašpar Koprivsek**, ALDE Party treasurer

**11:00** COFFEE BREAK

**11:30** Discussion and Wrap up – discussion and agreements about presenting the ‘Reverse Progress Reports’ publication

**Anela Lemes and Jasmina Mrso**, Boris Divkovic Foundation

**12:30** LUNCH

**15:00** END OF THE EVENT

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