EU mentorship program

Sarajevo, 30 August -1 September 2019

Location:

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 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 EU requirements regarding following topics: rule of law and fighting corruption, national branding, economic and environmental reforms.

EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday, 30 August 2019

16:00   Arrival of the participants/organisers

19:00   JOINT DINNER

Saturday, 31 August 2019

9:30   Start of the training

Welcome note and getting to know each other
Martine van Schoor, International Officer, IDI Stichting
Anela Lemes, Executive Director, Boris Divkovic Foundation
Jasmina Mrso, Project Coordinator, Boris Divkovic Foundation

10:00   'Reverse Progress Reports': What have we done so far and what comes next?
Robert Farla, D66
Coordinator Diplomatic Network, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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

11:30   COFFEE BREAK

12.00   Rule of Law and Combatting Corruption
Robert Farla, D66
Coordinator Diplomatic Network, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

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

13:30   LUNCH

14:30   Economic reforms and financial funding
Suggestions for Lecturer(s)?

16:00   COFFEE BREAK

16:30   Cultural and National Branding
Dr. Sarina Bakic, University of Sarajevo
Sociologist and lecturer at the Faculty of Political Sciences (Department for sociology)
Robert Farla, D66
Coordinator Diplomatic Network, Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs

20:00   DINNER

END OF THE FIRST DAY

Sunday, 1 September 2019

09:30   Green Policies and Rural Development
            Suggestions for Lecturer(s)?

11:00   COFFEE BREAK

11:30   Discussion and Wrap up
            Anela Lemes and Jasmina Mrso, Boris Divkovic Foundation

12:00   Sightseeing and walking around Trebevic mountain (visit to the old Olympic bobsleigh track)

13:30   LUNCH

15:00   END OF THE EVENT

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