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Call for Applications

Social democratic regional women's leadership academy 2020

17-20 September 2020, Belgrade, Serbia

(#SDregionalWLA)

Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, office in Belgrade, in cooperation with Women's Leadership Academy (Serbia), organizes a political educational program aimed at women from social-democratic political parties and organizations coming from the Balkan region. The Academy consists of two events, **3-day seminars**, first one on the **17-20. September 2020**, and second on **15-18. October**, both in Belgrade, Serbia.

The Academy is supported by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Dialogue SOE

The Academy aims to bring Western Balkan women politicians and activists together in a broad front to fight for an equal, developed, responsible society, based on European values of peace and prosperity - a women-friendly society. Special focus will be given to practical political education with topics:

- Gender analysis
- New feminism
- Position of women during the corona crises
- Social democracy and gender equality
- Political campaigning and communication
- Biopolitics
- Leadership
- Gender Statistics
- Policy Development
- Public appearance

The program of the seminar will include theoretical and practical aspects - interactive lectures, panel discussions, trainings and group work.

Working languages will be (Ex YU Region) Montenegrin, Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian and Macedonian with translation to Albanian, with the notice that participants should preferably speak English for the use of informal communication.



Organizers will cover all costs related to the Academy's activities: travel expenses, accommodation in single bedrooms (due to corona pandemic), food and materials and PCR test if necessary.

For all the participants from countries who can not enter Bosnia and Herzegovina online participation via ZOOM application will be organized.

Who can apply?

Women politicians from social democratic political parties and civil society organizations and activists groups, who want to contribute to building and strengthening of an active, democratic, responsible and equal society on the national and regional level, coming from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo, North Macedonia and Albania.

How to apply?

The applicants must fill out all requested information in online application [form](#) in the language of the Ex Yu region or English till September 1st. The form inquires a short essay (500 words) on position of women and gender equality in applicant's country. The essay can be written in applicant's native language (Ex Yu countries) or English.

Participants will be informed about the selection latest by September 5th.

Selection criteria

The participants will be selected based on political experience, organizational position, leadership potential, dedication to equality issues and motivation and readiness for further political and social engagement.

Selection of candidates will be processed by the Academy's expert team and it's concerned the organizer's discretion right.

Please feel free to contact us for any further information at sdregionalwla@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Academy organizers' team