



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS THE CROSS REGIONAL YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM

Dear Sirs,

The Youth Dialogue Programme from Novi Sad and **Ligo Lex Legis** from Pristina, have a pleasure to invite you to apply for participation in a year long project **“The Cross Regional Exchange Program”**, which will be realised in Serbia and in Kosovo.

The Project “Cross Regional Youth Exchange Program” will be implemented by the Youth Dialogue Programme from Novi Sad, in cooperation with partner organisations Ligo Lex Legis from Priština, Media Pulse from Leposavić and Zenit from Prizren.

The aim of this project is to enable establishment of closer cooperation between students of Universities in Serbia and in Kosovo, as well as promotion of the initiative for reconciliation and cooperation between the Serbian and Albanian communities.

At the time when all official contacts between students at Universities in Serbia and in Kosovo are almost nonexistent, this initiative will provide students and young people with alternative channels for communication, with an aim of revival of interrupted cooperation due to the conflict that happened in the recent past.

Participants in the project will have an opportunity to meet with their colleagues from Serbia and from Kosovo and to get acquainted with everyday life of youth at their Universities. In addition, participants will take part in discussions around issues that have the biggest influence on prevention of normalisation of relations in the region, normalisation of Serbian-Albanian relations, on prejudices regarding the members of both communities and on perspectives of future relations. During their visit to Serbia and Kosovo, participants in the project will have a unique opportunity to visit number of institutions, as well as to create a real perspective of the place they are visiting by having informal meetings with representatives of the local community.

After the visit, participants will be obliged to write a short essay about prejudices they have had towards members of the other community before the visit, as well as their own suggestion with regards to improvement of overall Albanian-Serbian relations through concrete actions and based on the experience gained through the exchange program. The most successful essays will be selected by the project organisers and representatives of the Foundation, and then published in a publication of the project and presented at press conferences in Belgrade and Priština at the end of the project.



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Participants' criteria:

- Students or postgraduates at Universities in Serbia or in Kosovo;
- Faculty assistants or associates;
- Advanced knowledge of English language;
- Have never travelled to Serbia or to Kosovo.

Participants' applications for the first study visit: Novi Sad (June 29 - July 01, 2009) - Priština (July 06 - July 09 2009).

We are inviting all interested students to apply for participation in the first study visit to Novi Sad and Priština. Organisers of the project will select up to ten young people from Serbia and from Kosovo based on the application form and participants' CVs, as well as based on the criteria foreseen by the project. In order to apply, please send your application form, which can be downloaded from the website: www.ydprogramme.org, as well as your CV to the organisational team of the project, not later than **June 18, 2009**.

The application form and your CV should be sent to the following e-mail address: milanovicv@ydprogramme.org.

If you need any further information regarding the project, please contact **Vanja Milanović** (email: milanovicv@ydprogramme.org) or **Ilirijana Lokaj** (email: ilirianalokaj@hotmail.com).