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Call for Applications

**Social democratic regional women’s leadership academy**

*23-27 October 2019, Borkovac*

(#SDregionalWLA)

The Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, office in Belgrade, in cooperation with Women’s Leadership Academy (Serbia), organizes a political education program aimed at women that are members of social-democratic political parties and organizations coming from the Balkan region. The Academy consists of two events, a **5-day seminar in Serbia, 23-27 October 2019 in Borkovac, Ruma** and the **International Conference in Montenegro** (Podgorica), at the end of November.

The Academy is supported by Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, Dialogue SOE and Max van Der Stoel Foundation.

The Academy aims to bring Western Balkan female 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

· Women on labor market

· Social democracy and gender equality

· Political campaigning and communication

The program of the seminar will include theoretical and practical aspects - interactive lectures, panel discussions, workshops and group work. All seminar participants will have the opportunity to present national gender analyses, at the International conference in November, which will gather female politicians from the region and the European Union. National gender analyses should be a result of the national team efforts between two events.

Working languages will be Montenegrin, Bosnian, Serbian, Croatian and Macedonian with translation to Albanian, with the notice that participants should preferably speak English for the communication during the conference.

Organizers will cover all costs related to the Academy's activities: travel expenses, accommodation in double bedrooms, food and materials.

**Who can apply?**

Female politicians from social democratic political parties and civil society activists, 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 <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/16NbjJjDr_1nfmHApKuwxk69BQh_IS1lwy48MEX1vnwU/viewform?ts=5d5bcad1&edit_requested=true> in English till September 18th . 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.

Participants will be informed about the selection by September 23rd the latest.

**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 the organizers reserve the right to their discretion in the selection process.

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

Sincerely,

Academy organizers’ team