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**Terms  
for “Political Trends and Dynamics in SEE”  
Editorial Consultant / Staff Writer (English)  
Three Positions**

We are inviting applications for three positions of Editorial Consultants / Staff Writers (English) in the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) Dialogue Southeast Europe project *Political Trends and Dynamics in SEE* (2022-23). The selected individuals are expected to deliver the following services:

- Contribute to the overall production process (incl. editorial board meetings, online collaboration & process management, editing the final drafts of the publication) respecting established deadlines (a fluency in English language is an asset for this role);
- Contribute to the conceptual discussions preceding each edition;
- Contribute to the planning of future editions in view of foreseeable trends and dynamics or events;
- Contribute to an editorial on current regional developments;
- Identify and contact analysts, resource persons or journalists for guest commentaries or interviews from own networks; develop questions for the individuals being interviewed;
- Assist in the placement of the product among target groups and solicit feedback;
- Contribute to a continuous improvement process within the project.

**About the project**

The Political Trends & Dynamics in Southeast Europe project was established in early 2016. With twenty two editions published since, the project has developed in both form and substance.

The overall objective of the publication is to provide a review of current political, cultural / societal and economic developments in Southeast Europe as well as their possible contribution to social tension or even conflict. The geographical focus of the reports will be on Albania, Macedonia, Kosovo, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Croatia, Montenegro, and Slovenia. The reports may however also cover developments in Romania, Moldova, Bulgaria, Greece, Turkey and Cyprus.

For more information, please refer to the following website:

<https://www.fes-soe.org/features/political-trends-dynamics/>

The primary objectives of the publication are the following:

**(1) Inform**

- a. Decision-makers in Germany and the European Union on current events, which are being put into perspective by both local analysts incl. from FES offices, and international actors / observers.

- b. The interested public incl. the academic community, decision-makers and civil society at large in Southeast Europe on both regional developments and reactions from Germany and the European Union.
- (2) Provide analysis on emerging crises and developing social tensions in Southeast Europe. In focus are security-related issues, which result from economic, social, technological or cultural challenges, and other political developments including illicit activities as well as any developments reinforcing divisive narratives. The digests are meant to foster policy discussion on these issues by looking on “below the surface” stories and root causes for possible conflict, which tend to be under-represented in existing reporting. This includes analysis from a bottom-up, human security perspective. Still, traditional security, i.e. strategic issues including overt and covert political, military, economic, cultural, religious, public diplomacy and communication as well as lobbying etc. actions of external actors in the region should have their place as well.
- (3) Serve as a platform for inherently regional discourse in and on Southeast Europe, which aspires to help shaping narratives on and about this region. The discursive element is achieved by regular analysis from the region, which is coupled with external perceptions & perspectives by means of guest commentaries and/or interviews.

### Applying

Interested individuals should send their **CV, short motivation letter and publication list** until the **22<sup>nd</sup> of December 2021 (Wednesday, 1 pm, CET)** to [info@fes-soe.org](mailto:info@fes-soe.org)

Please also include a combined **price quote** calculating the following services per issue:

- Consultancy: 3 days
- Write commentary / analysis (editorial) per issue

The selection process will be concluded until the **7<sup>th</sup> of January 2022**.

- The selected Editorial Consultants / Staff Writers are expected to start their engagement to start the engagement on this project immediately after selection.
- The project is foreseen to run until **December 2023, with possibility of extension (minimum six editions, three per year with possibility of extra editions, depending on the political processes in the region and the urgency of covering those within the *Political Trends and Dynamics in SEE newsletter*)**.
- The selection criteria are based on 70% price and 30% regional expertise, academic profile and experience with scientific publications.
- The details of cooperation will be laid down in an honorarium agreement.

Please do not hesitate to contact us on [info@fes-soe.org](mailto:info@fes-soe.org) for any additional questions.