

Wanted: Host organization for young professionals working in civic education

Civic Education in Action – an exchange program for young professionals from Central and South-eastern Europe

Within the scope of the **Civic Education in Action** program, the **Federal Agency for Civic Education** and the **Robert Bosch Stiftung** are inviting 20 young professionals working in civic education in Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia and to take part in an internship.

The participants will spend at least 8 and up to 10 weeks with a civic education institute. The interns, assisted by a mentor at the host organization, will develop a project on the social or political situation in their home country and present this within the scope of the *Civic Education Campaign Days*. The aim of the program is to establish an exchange between civic education institutes in Central and Eastern Europe and hence promote the networking of civic education in Europe.

Civic education institutes willing to take part in the program as a host organization for scholarship holders and as a partner of the *Federal Agency for Civic Education* (bpb) and the *Robert Bosch Stiftung* can submit an application using the form provided. The closing date for applications is 15 May 2009. The form can be downloaded at www.bpb.de/in-aktion. Guest institutes should fulfil the following requirements:

Profile

Guest organizations should

- be civic education institutes recognised by bpb or an organization which fulfils the preconditions for recognition by bpb. Further information can be found at www.bpb.de/partner/förderrichtlinien
- declare their willingness to take part in the *2009 Civic Education Campaign Days*,
- have experience in international co-operation,
- be open for the project ideas of future interns,
- be interested in establishing contact with the participating countries and getting to know potential partners,
- have some relation to Central and Eastern Europe or be interested in establishing contacts there.

Services for scholarship holders:

- Assistance in finding accommodation and in dealings with public authorities
- Workplace with a telephone and Internet access
- A contact person / mentor must be appointed for the interns
- Regular exchange with and support by a mentor
- Introduction to how the institute works
- Insight into specific projects of the host organization
- Support for the scholarship holder during the performance of his or her project within the scope of the Civic Education Campaign Days
- Management of project funds

The future contact person is expected to take part in the introductory and evaluation seminars (at least 1 day in each case).

If you have any questions, please send an e-mail to Ms Toyka-Seid (program coordinator): bpb-inaktion@gmx.de

Application for host organization of the Civic Education Campaign Days

Please submit your application to bpb using the form provided no later than 15 May 2009. The form can be downloaded at www.bpb.de/in-aktion.

Applications should be submitted by **email only** to the following address:

Federal Agency for Civic Education
Ms Christiane Toyka-Seid
Program Coordinator
Civic Education in Action
Email: bpb-inaktion@gmx.de

You can also visit our homepage at www.bpb.de/in-aktion for further information and explanations (FAQs) about the program or your application.

Decision procedure

In June 2009 an independent jury will select 20 interns. The selection is made based on thematic and professional criteria. The program coordination sends the interns accepted to the program information about the institutes that match their profiles. The scholarship holders agree to call a maximum of two institutes. After calling, the interns and the host organizations inform the program coordinator of the host organization or applicant which they have chosen respectively. By the end of June 2009 at the latest, the program coordinator informs all the participants of the final outcome of the selection. The internship begins with an introductory seminar from 26 to 29 September 2009 which is followed by the first week at the host organizations from 2 October 2009 to 10 October 2009.