

Call for applications

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

The **Federal Agency for Civic Education** and the **Robert Bosch Stiftung** are awarding 20 scholarships to young professionals from Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia, working in civic education.

The program

addresses qualified individuals who want to be involved in networking civic education in Europe. The participants will spend 8 to 10 weeks as interns in a German education institute. They will work there with their German colleagues, establishing ties for future cross-border cooperation. During the guest term, the scholarship holders will develop a project about the social or political situation in their home country. They will implement this project together with their host organization within the scope of the *Civic Education Campaign Days*, the most important campaign for civic education in Germany. Subsidies to the amount of € 3,000 are available for the project. The introductory, mid-term and evaluation seminars are a permanent part of the program.

Applicant profile

- working full time or as a freelancer in civic education
- life centred in: Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia or the Czech Republic
- national in one of the above-mentioned program countries
- 25 to 30 years of age, in exceptional cases up to 35 years of age
- above-average commitment and independence
- good command of German
- university degree or comparable qualifications

The scholarship covers:

- Guest term at an institute of civic education in Germany
- Accommodation and catering, up to €160 per week
- Pocket money of €80 per week
- Subject to agreement with the program coordinator, a family allowance can also be granted
- Travel expenses to Germany and to the training events
- Health, accident and liability insurance
- Introductory, mid-term and evaluation seminar in Germany (26 to 29 September 2009, 31 January to 3 February 2010 and in May 2010)
- Participation in the NECE Conference (planned for December 2009): Travel expenses and participation fees covered
- Networking with other programs of Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Federal Agency for Civic Education

It is expected that the scholarship holders inform themselves in advance about their selected host organization and be ready to fit their project into the organization's annual plan. It is to be noted that the host organizations can also be located in rural areas. It is also expected that those attending the NECE Conference make a contribution to or about the conference (short report, interviews with attendees, etc.).

Applications must be submitted by **15 May 2009**, along with the following documents, to Ms Christiane Toyka-Seid:

- A European CV
- Proof of experience in a civic education institute in the applicant's home country (in English or German)
- In the case of a permanent employment contract: a letter of support from the institute where the applicant is employed
- Essay on the topic of civic education (maximum of 3 pages)
- Outline of the project idea for the Civic Education Campaign Days (1 page)

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 www.bpb.de/in-aktion for further information and explanations (FAQs) about the program or your application.