



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Hacking Participation in the Balkans – Innovative ways of empowering youth in Albania and Serbia to impact policy making processes

Deadline: 19th October 2018

The Centre for Comparative and International Studies (CCIS) is a nongovernmental organisation based in Tirana.

Currently, CCIS is implementing a project financed by the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO): “Hacking Participation in the Balkans – Innovative ways of empowering Balkans youth to impact policy making processes” (HPiB). The project is implemented in partnership with Center for Education Policy, Belgrade, Serbia.

The overall aim of the project is to enable Albanian and Serbian youth to impact policy and decision-making processes through active participation and better understanding of national and regional frameworks and foster digital mobility as a long-term cooperation tool among WB6 youth.

In this regard, CCIS and CEP will organis the following activities:

- Workshops – Key competences for active participation and impact on policy processes. This includes key competences for lifelong learning such as *communication, digital competences, social and civic competences*.
- Study visits – *Participation and the use of digital tools* to enhance participation amongst youth.
- Hackathon - Participants, divided in teams, will hack issues related to (i) increase of youth participation – what the Albanian and Serbia government and civil society should do to increase the participation of youth in voicing their recommendations about the future; and (ii) practical recommendation on the selected youth policies.

Planned dates for activities:

Visit to Belgrade: 28 and 30 November 2018 (including travel dates)

Visit to Tirana: 12 and 14 December 2018 (including travel dates)

Hackathon in Tirana: 23-25 January 2019 (One day hackathon + travel dates)



Under this framework, CCIS and CEP welcome young people (high schools, professional colleges, universities and youth organisations) to apply to participate in this project.

Prerequisites:

- Interest in regional cooperation, participation and policy-making;
- Good command of English;
- Previous experience in this area will be considered an asset.

Travel, accommodation and boarding will be covered by the project funds. All activities will be conducted in English, which is also the language of the application.

Mentoring will be provided for both teams in Tirana and in Belgrade.

Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) is an independently functioning institutional mechanism, founded by the Western Balkans 6 participants (WB 6): Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Macedonia and Serbia, aiming to promote the spirit of reconciliation and cooperation between the youth in the region through youth exchange programs.

Interested young people should fill in the application form in English and submit it via email at qskninfo@gmail.com by 19th October 2018.