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### **Balkan journalists eligible for journalism programme**

Applications are being accepted for the 2012 programme for Balkan journalists, 'Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe' jointly run by Robert Bosch Stiftung and Thomson Reuters Foundation.

The Balkan news media are increasingly required to report on complex economic, financial and political issues. Lacking the appropriate training, journalists are, however, underprepared to provide the public with an adequate coverage of economic and political transitional processes. To foster quality analysis and reporting on economic issues, enhance coverage on topics that are central to the region's economic and political development and encourage regional networking among journalists, the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Thomson Reuters Foundation initiated the programme 'Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe' in 2007.

### **Programme**

In 2012, 16 journalists from the Balkans are competitively chosen to participate in the programme, managed by experienced staff from Thomson Reuters Foundation and Robert Bosch Stiftung. The programme includes two 10-day training courses in London, UK (12-26 May) and in Berlin, Germany (23 September – 6 October) run by skilled ex-Reuter journalists. Participants will also travel to Brussels and Frankfurt to meet policy-makers and journalists covering European financial and political affairs.

The course will cover the following broader topics:

- :: Writing about emerging market economies
- :: Markets reporting and covering companies
- :: Practical exercises based on current European themes.

### **Requirements**

Applicants must be fluent in English and be full-time professional journalists who have been working for at least two years with a recognised publication, website, radio or television station. Applicants must have a portfolio that includes experience in economic journalism or must otherwise demonstrate a strong interest in economic and political issues.

Applying journalists must be citizens of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, or Slovenia. They must have permission from their employer to take part in the programme. A detailed description of criteria and rules as well as the application form is available here:

<http://www.trust.org/trustmedia/journalism-training/courses-detail.dot?id=e617944a-2c32-4888-b75e-151549fd8584>

Please visit Robert Bosch Stiftung's website at ([www.bosch-stiftung.de/economic\\_reporting](http://www.bosch-stiftung.de/economic_reporting)) to find more information on the programme and experiences of former participants.

The deadline for receipt of applications is **4 March 2012** at 11 pm GMT.