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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 Reuters Foundation initiate the Program »Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe«.

The program

Each year, twelve journalists from the Balkans are competitively chosen to participate in the program. The program, run by experienced Reuters staff, includes two courses of two weeks each, in London in June and in Frankfurt in October respectively. Participants will also travel to Brussels and Berlin to meet with 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.

Participants will commit to a short story project during the program.

Fellows are encouraged to maintain contact and support new intakes through Reuters Link www.reuterslink.org and an alumni network.

Requirements

Applicants must be able to speak English and be full-time professional journalists aged 25-30 who have been working for at least two years with a recognized publication, website, radio, or television station. Applicants must have a portfolio that includes experiences in economic journalism or must otherwise demonstrate a strong interest in economic and political issues. They 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 program.

A detailed description of criteria and rules as well as a downloadable application form is available at www.bosch-stiftung.de/economic_reporting_see