

Call for Applications

Civic Education in Action **A Scholarship Program for Young Europeans from Central and Southeastern Europe**

Our Goal

The Federal Agency for Civic Education and the Robert Bosch Stiftung award 20 scholarships to young active Europeans from Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic and Hungary. We are looking for young people who are committed to democracy, social responsibility and civic education in their own countries and who would like to establish international contacts. We offer the opportunity to undertake internships at German educational organizations and thus participate in creating a network of political education in Europe.

We offer two separate programs. Please apply to one or the other of the programs.

The Long-Term Program (LTP): new and notable

A 4 to 6 month internship in a specific project at a German educational organization. You will find more details in Annex 1 at the end of this document.

The Mid-Term Program (MTP): established and tested

An 8 to 10 week opportunity to work on a project of your choice in cooperation with a German educational organization. You will find more details in Annex 2 at the end of this document.

Your Profile

You want to enliven democracy in your country. You are active in civil society, work with an NGO, an organization for civic education or in a network that is promoting social change. You are interested in cross-border and international forms of cooperation. You want to expand your professional horizon and improve your qualifications.

We want to know who you are! Apply now! There are a few prerequisites you must meet to qualify for our program:

- You should have a good command of spoken German so you can communicate with your German colleagues.
- You live in Bulgaria, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, the Czech Republic or Hungary and are a citizen of the country.
- You work in civic education, whether as freelance or at a full-time position.
- You are between 25 and 35 years old and have a university degree or equivalent qualifications.
- You are available and can work well on your own.

The scholarship

We have many new experiences and cross-border contacts to offer.
The program also includes:

- An internship at a German organization for civic education
- Room and board costs and spending money
- A family allowance, as the case may be
- Health, accident and liability insurance
- Travel expenses to Germany and to the training sessions
- An introductory seminar, a mid-term meeting and a concluding event
- Attendance at the NECE conference, including travel expenses and attendance fee
- A certificate of attendance, if appropriate
- Networking with other programs of the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Federal Agency for Civic Education

Further details can be found in the “Erläuterungen/FAQ” pdf.

The Application

Are you interested? Then please apply by **15 July 2009** and include the following documents:

- A European CV
- An essay about civic education (in German, at most 3 pages)
- For the **Mid-Term Program**: The draft of an idea for a project you would like to carry out in Germany (1 page)
- For the **Long-Term Program**: A letter of motivation describing why you are interested in this project (1 page)
- A certificate (in English or German) confirming that you are working for an organization for civic education in your home country
- If you are employed full-time, we require written assurance from your organization that you can be in Germany for the duration of the scholarship

Please send you application by email to:

Federal Agency for Civic Education
Ms Christiane Toyka-Seid
Program coordinator
Civic Education in Action
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If you have further questions, please go to www.bpb.de/in-aktion. There you will find answers to the most frequently asked questions: European CV, the civic education initiative, host organizations, etc.

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Timeplan

- 15 July 2009: Application deadline
- 27 to 30 September 2009: Introductory Event
- December 2009: NECE conference
- 31 January to 3 February 2010: Mid-term meeting
- May 2010: Closing Event

The internship dates are decided upon with the host organization in Germany.

Annex 1

The Long-Term Program (LTP) of “Civic Education in Action”

We offer the opportunity of a **four to six month** internship at one of the following projects in a German educational organization. The internships aim to provide technical qualifications in the area of civic education and to enable you to establish contacts with colleagues at organizations in Germany.

1) The Anne Frank Zentrum in Berlin: Project “Holocaust im Comic” (the Holocaust through comic books)

The Organization:

The Anne Frank Zentrum is committed to promoting a varied and lively society and to working against anti-Semitism, prejudice and any kind of discrimination against people. It is especially committed to encouraging personal decisions to act in everyday situations of exclusion or peer pressure. The main focus of the work of the Anne Frank Zentrum is on educational work with young people.

The Project:

The Anne Frank Zentrum in Berlin (www.annefrank.de) is planning a conference on the subject of the Holocaust through comic books. The scholarship recipient will be included in all aspects of planning and holding the conference.

Applications from all participating countries are welcome.

2) European Academy Berlin: Training program (Project a) & Youth congress (Project b)

The Organization:

The European Academy Berlin (www.eab-berlin.de) provides expert information about European integration tailored to a target group. It offers European civic education and has access to broad-based expertise in relevant subject areas and political fields of the European Union. It especially stresses communicating the various kinds of relationships involved. Only those who understand Europe can engage with it.

The Projects:

a) The project consists in designing, planning and organizing a training program to support young Bulgarian leaders. The undertaking focuses on strengthening civic European competencies in countries and aims to support young leaders and disseminators with a focus on Europeanization. The enterprise as a whole is to consist of multiple modules some of which would be carried out Bulgaria and others in Germany. These modules include expert discussions, workshops, training sessions and service-learning units in government agencies and ministries in Berlin/Brandenburg.

Applications from Bulgaria are welcome.

b) The Youth Congress is being organized on the occasion of the 20th anniversary of the peaceful revolution in Europe.

Applications from all participating countries are welcome.

3) The Wannsee Forum: Conference on artistic working methods in international civic work with youth

The Organization:

Youth work at the WannseeFORUM (<http://www.wannseeforum.de>) is special in that it links artistic forms of expression with civic education. Closely related to this emphasis is the wannsee-FORUM's desire to intensify existing work at the international level and to find new cooperation partners.

The Project:

The intern will participate in planning and organizing a conference on artistic working methods in international civic work with youth. The focus is set on Poland, but other central and eastern European countries will also be included. The hope is to build upon these experiences with potential cooperation partners so as to plan and organize a project oriented towards youth.

Applications from all participating countries are welcome.

4) The Federal Agency for Civic Education: A Symposium on the Extreme Right

The Organization:

The Federal Agency for Civic Education (www.bpb.de) takes up topical and historical subjects by issuing publications, by organizing seminars, and by offering films and online products. The bpb organizes events such as conferences, conventions, festivals, fairs, expositions, study trips, competitions, movie seminars and cultural activities, as well as events and extension training for journalists.

The Project:

The bpb is organizing a symposium in the spring of 2010 on the Extreme Right in Europe. Participating countries include Poland, Hungary, Sweden and Italy. The symposium will be organized in cooperation with four other institutions that sponsor the bpb. The intern will participate in organizing the symposium in Bonn and will become acquainted with the work being done at the bpb.

Applications from Poland and Hungary are welcome.

If you are interested in applying for a Long-Term Program, please indicate which **specific program** you are applying for.

Annex 2

The Mid-Term Program (LTP) of “Civic Education in Action”

We offer the opportunity of an eight to ten week internship at a German educational organization.

You will develop a project about the social or political situation in your home country together with a partner at a German educational organization with whom we will put you into contact. You may be as imaginative and creative as you wish: from expositions and documentation to teaching materials and workshops the possibilities are endless.

The eight to ten weeks must not be all spent in Germany at one time. If it better suits your work or time schedule, you can come twice to Germany for four or five week long internships for example. Your project will then be made available to the public during the *Civic Education in Action 2010* initiative. *Civic Education in Action* is the most important campaign for civic education in Germany.

You will find an overview of interns from previous years and their projects here:

http://www.bpb.de/veranstaltungen/YMYAHN,0,0,Politische_Bildung_in_Aktion.html