

# CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

## EXCHANGE IT –

### TOWARDS REGIONAL COOPERATION AND RECONCILIATION

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Sharing of our cultures, traditions, ways of living between people in our region, making new friends from other societies and gaining new skills and knowledge, all of that leads to mutual understanding, and from understanding comes cooperation which leads us toward better future. In this case of our region. Young people, open and eager to learn and share, and to whom our presence and our future belongs to are those who are going to bring change in our communities and our region. They just need **support**. They need us, local authorities, high schools and civil society organizations as key actors to give them opportunity to **EXCHANGE**.

This training is designed for all representatives of local authorities, high schools and civil society organizations that are doing or that are willing to conduct intercultural exchanges among young people between Serbia and Kosovo\*, to empower them with necessary competences for organizing youth exchanges. Participants will have opportunity to, going step-by-step, gain most important knowledge and skills on how make one idea on youth exchange a successful story that will shape future of this region. If your institution or organization is intending to support future exchanges of young people, use this opportunity to learn, but as well to share experiences with your colleagues from Serbia and Kosovo or other institutions/organizations, and to create new partnerships for youth exchanges.

#### BACKGROUND

Process of making open and tolerant communities and creating more prosperous local environment is today driven by the opportunity for mobility and exchange of young people. Learning about different cultures and traditions, making friendships, gaining new knowledge are all part of youth exchanges which empowers young people with new ideas and appreciating diversity as a value on which our local communities should be built on. However, in order to achieve this we need to spark youth exchanges, and to spark youth exchanges we need to empower all stakeholders with necessary skills and knowledge on how to successfully organize such intercultural exchanges among young people.

This is what we aim to provide our participants with, to give them opportunity to go throughout the whole process of organizing youth exchanges between Serbia and Kosovo with our experienced trainers and gain all necessary capacities and competences which will help them and their organizations to conduct a quality exchanges for young people. They will have possibility to learn by going through all stages of youth exchange, share their experience and make new partnerships with participants from other organizations and institutions from Serbia and Kosovo. By doing this, we intend to make our communities and whole region a better place for young people.

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



## AIM

To increase capacities of local stakeholders to participate in exchange programs for young people from Kosovo and Serbia and through participation contribute to reconciliation and intercultural dialogue.

## PROFILE OF PARTICIPANTS

If you are:

- coming from Kosovo or Serbia
- are representative of youth organization, local authorities or high school
- are planning to organize youth exchange in near future
- think that youth exchanges are important for reconciliation in the region
- willing to learn in positive and motivational surroundings about all stages of youth exchanges
- opened for sharing your findings with other interested to organize and implement youth exchange

You are the right person for us. Use application in attachment to explain to us why we should choose you to participate in this training 😊

## TECHNICALITIES

Dates: 16. - 23.09.2018.

Place: Belgrade, Serbia

Working language: English

Funded by the Regional Youth Cooperation Office - [www.rycowb.org](http://www.rycowb.org)

## FINANCE AND TRAVEL REFUNDS

Organizers will cover all costs related to accommodation and food.

Organizers will cover all the expenses related to trainers, training material and training outcomes.

Organizers will provide travel refund of participant coming with the **most economic way of transport**.



## HOW TO APPLY?

Please fill in your application on the following link:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdApTzsYAslGO9NVkKnt3FXSI6i1CxqOcJIRDyMitEPKEDt8g/viewform?pli=1>

**DEADLINE: 27.8.2018**

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