



THIRD REGIONAL YOUTH FORUM 2018

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

GALLERY OF MATICA SRPSKA (GRAND HALL “SAVA TEKELIJA” AND HALL “XX CENTURY”), TRG GALERIJA 1, NOVI SAD
JUNE 29th – JULY 1st

We cordially invite you to attend the 3rd Regional Youth Forum (RYF) organised in Novi Sad, Serbia, between the 29th of June and the 1st of July 2018. RYF is organised by the European Movement in Serbia - local branch Novi Sad, the European Fund for the Balkans, the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, and in partnership with the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) – ORF Promotion of EU Integration. Indispensable support was provided by the Provincial Government of Vojvodina, the City of Novi Sad and the Regional Cooperation Council.

The Regional Youth Forum is an annual conference which brings together young opinionated leaders, action-oriented and socially active individuals from the WB6 in order to engage in discussions on salient topics and develop solutions based on previous knowledge and active social participation. Over the years our Forum has gradually, but steadily grown into the meeting place for the young and the bold, ambitious and unrelenting individuals who speak a different language, a language of reconciliation and goodwill.

At a time when the region, Europe, and the world are faced with ever-growing challenges which require the actions of past, current and future opinionated leaders, it is henceforth implied that a dire need for more dialogue at all levels, through bridging the societal gaps, with a single goal - to ultimately better understand the world around us.

We strongly believe that young people, liberated from the past, should be encouraged to take part in debates and dialogues, and form models of lasting equanimity in the region for the



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future, through reconciliation, trust and cooperation. In order for the envisioned process to accomplish its purpose, of securing lasting models of cooperation, it is of paramount importance that the young opinionated leaders be recognised as the future heralds of peace and are given a unique place to listen and learn, in order to act. By getting to know one another, through mutual connections and exchange of views, they shall ultimately encourage each other to view mutual cooperation as the sole path, which will lead them to the resolution of any past, present and future attitudes and arguments.

Countless thought-provoking ideas have been debated upon during the past editions of RYF, however the main objective remained clear: to bring together inspiring, ambitions and bright individuals from diverse fields of work and study, and offer them a collaborative, creative, and inspiring environment for discussions and networking.

Our aim is to gather 200 young opinionated leaders, between 18 and 35 years old, with a proven record of making an impact in their communities and give them that place of knowledge and dialogue. We have worked closely with our partners in order to provide all our participants with accommodation and travel arrangements. The RYF is open to, and cordially invites participants from the WB6 region.

The conclusions of the RYF will be presented at the upcoming "Berlin Process" annual Summit in London, at the 8th edition of the Belgrade Security Forum, and the 2018 Young Bled Security Forum.



APPLICATION FORM

Conference details and applications:

In order to apply, you will need to fill out the application form found here: <https://goo.gl/forms/Un8W34kqgHRPf9C03> until **May 28th, 2018**.

Travel and accommodation expenses during the Forum are covered by the organizers. For organizing your participation and for additional information, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Maja Kovačević and Mr Miloš Aleksić (European Movement in Serbia-local branch Novi Sad) via email: office@emins-ns.rs & aleksic@emins-ns.rs

While admitted participants are required to arrive to Novi Sad on June 29th, their departure is scheduled for July 1st.

We sincerely hope that you will be available to join us in Novi Sad and we are looking forward to your contribution to the Regional Youth Forum 2018.

DRAFT AGENDA

JUNE 29th

- 14:00 - 15:30** Joint walk through Novi Sad heritage
- 16:00 - 16:30** Registration and welcome coffee
- 16:30 - 16:45** Welcome and opening remarks (Venue: Grand Hall “Sava Tekelija”)
- 16:45 - 17:15** Keynote speech (Venue: Grand Hall “Sava Tekelija”)
- 17:15 - 18:30** Youth in dialogue - A Better Region Starts with YOUth (Venue: Grand Hall “Sava Tekelija”)
- 18:45 - 20:00** Official reception hosted by Mr. Igor Mirović (President of the Provincial Government of Vojvodina) and Mr. Miloš Vučević (Mayor of city of Novi Sad) – (Venue: Provincial Government, Novi Sad, Bvd. Mihajla Pupina 16)
- 20:30 - 23:00** After work party (Venue: “Piknik Bar&Restaurant”, Novi Sad, Ribarsko ostrvo)

JUNE 30th

- 09:30 - 10:00** Registration
- 10:00 - 10:30** First morning coffee with the topic - „RYCO Strategic Plan (2018-2020.) – What is done and what has to be done“ (Venue: Hall “XX century”)
- 10:30 - 12:30** "Creating visions" - 5 parallel focus groups hosted by: the Franz Vranitzky Chair for European Studies (FVC), Universität Wien
- 10:30 - 12:30** "Future prospects on: Democratisation, Living conditions, and Reconciliation" - 3 parallel focus groups hosted by: the European Movement in Serbia - local branch Novi Sad (EMiNS), and the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO)
- 12:30 - 14:00** Lunch
- 14:00 - 16:00** "Creating visions" - 5 parallel focus groups hosted by: the Franz Vranitzky Chair for European Studies (FVC), Universität Wien (participants who took part in the previous "Future prospects" session, will now participate in the "Creating visions" session)
- 14:00 - 16:00** "Future prospects on: Democratisation, Living conditions, and Reconciliation" - 3 parallel focus groups hosted by: the European Movement in Serbia - local branch Novi Sad (EMiNS), and the Regional Youth Cooperation Office (RYCO) (participants who took part in the previous "Creating visions" session, will now participate in the "Future prospects" session)
- 16:00 - 16:15** Break
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- 17:15 - 17:30** Break
- 17:30 - 19:00** Generations in dialogue - "Reclaiming Democracy - A Quest for a Democratic Polarisation: From the Western Balkans to Europe and back" (Venue: Grand Hall “Sava Tekelija”)
- 20:30 - 22:30** Gala Dinner (Venue: “Petrovaradin Fortress”)



JULY 1st

- 09:30 - 10:00** Registration and welcome coffee
- 10:00 - 12:00** Lessons learned and recommendations towards London Summit
Presentation of conclusions from the "Creating visions" and the "Future Prospects" focus groups (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")
- 12:00 - 12:30** Closing remarks (Venue: Grand Hall "Sava Tekelija")
- 12:30 - 14:00** Lunch and departures

