

BLACK SEA - EASTERN EUROPE DIALOGUE - YOUTH FOR SUSTAINABLE PEACE

Date: 9– 12 May, 2018
Venue: Budapest (Hungary)

The Center for European Neighborhood Studies of the Central European University with the financial support of the German Marshall Fund / Black Sea Trust invites you to participate in the project «Black Sea - Eastern Europe Dialogue - Youth for Sustainable Peace»

Project goals

The Black Sea - Eastern Europe Dialogue - Youth for Sustainable Peace represents a discussion and networking platform for students and young professionals from the Black Sea region and Eastern Europe.

We seek to promote a better mutual understanding of the political, economic and social transformations in post-socialist countries since the collapse of the Soviet Union. While discussing the main challenges these countries still face today. Each of them followed a unique path towards democratization, parallel to that coupled with social and ethnic conflicts. The unresolved issues and diverse existing viewpoints across the region still demand dialogue and remain high on the political agenda.

Course objectives

- To create a sustainable platform for the permanent exchange of information between students and young professionals from across the Black Sea region;
- To prepare a young generation of well-connected experts who can enrich the region's peace and development through future dialogue
- To foster debate about peaceful transformation of regional conflicts, and transition challenges.

Project components

- A four-day educational program in Budapest, Hungary from 9 - 12 May 2018;
- International guest lecturers will discuss key challenges of democratization, political and economic transformation in Central Eastern Europe, EU decision making, the politics of the Eastern Partnership, and conflict management in the Black Sea region.
- The Youth Forum, organized within the framework of the project, to enable participants to exchange views on the political and economic developments of their countries and the region. The best final reports of participants will be published on the CENS website;

We offer 20 spaces for applicants from the Black Sea region and Eastern Europe.

The working language of the project is English.

Costs

Accommodation and meals are covered by organizers for all participants. We also offer a limited number of travel grants.

Eligibility

- 20-30 years old
- Students and graduates of the political science, international relations, sociology, journalism, economy and related social sciences
- Academics, journalists, civil servants and civil society activists
- Good command of English is mandatory

Application process

Please send end your CV and a motivation letter no later than **28 March 2018**

to: apply.dialogue2018@gmail.com

Applicants will be notified by **30 March 2018**.

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About Central European University

Central European University is a graduate-level “crossroads” university where faculty and students from more than 100 countries come to engage in interdisciplinary education, pursue advanced scholarship, and address some of society’s most vexing problems. Founded in 1991 at a time when revolutionary changes were throwing off the rigid orthodoxies imposed on Central and Eastern Europe, CEU is based on the premise that human fallibility can be counterbalanced by the critical discussion of ideas and that this critical spirit can be sustained best in societies where citizens have the freedom to scrutinize competing theories and openly evaluate and change government policies.

The Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS) is an independent research center of CEU. The strategic focus of the center is academic and policy-oriented research on the place and role of the European Union in its rapidly changing and increasingly volatile neighborhood. Through its research, CENS seeks to contribute to the understanding of the environment where the EU, its member states and partners need to (co)operate, and it aims at supporting the constructive development of these relations by providing opportunities for discussion and exchange. The center’s geographic focus areas are Central and Eastern Europe, the Western Balkans and Turkey, Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Russia.