



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Training on human rights at international borders: Human rights principles, monitoring, safety and security

for

Human rights defenders working at international borders in South-Eastern Europe

9 - 13 May 2022, Serbia

Open to: Human rights defenders from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Serbia, Slovenia; applicants from Kosovo* are also eligible to apply

The OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) is inviting applications from human rights defenders working on human rights at international borders in South-Eastern Europe for a five-day training in Serbia on 9 - 13 May 2022.

WHAT

The training will cover key human rights principles and the monitoring cycle at international borders and beyond as well as safety and security of human rights defenders, including digital security and safe management of information. The objective of the training is to enable human rights defenders from the South-Eastern Europe region to carry out quality and objective human rights monitoring activities in a safe and secure manner while considering relevant gender and vulnerability aspects.

HOW

The training will be based on interactive learning methods and will require a high level of active participation by all participants. It will be conducted in English by experienced trainers with proven gender- and cultural-sensitivity. Training materials, travel costs and full board accommodation will be covered by ODIHR. The training venue will be a hotel located outside Belgrade within a 1-hour drive from Belgrade Airport.

WHO

The size of the group will be limited to 23 participants, selected according to the following criteria:

- Operating in one of the following OSCE participating States: Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, North Macedonia, Serbia, or Slovenia; applicants from Kosovo* are also eligible to apply;
- Proven experience of human rights related activities in the migration and refugee context;

* All references to Kosovo, whether to the territory, institutions or population, in this text should be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Council Resolution 1244.

- Relevance of the training for applicants' future human rights activities in the region;
- Ability to participate in English;
- Priority will be given to members of civil society associations and organizations, including media (1 person per organization), who will demonstrate the capacity to share the training knowledge with colleagues.

The OSCE/ODIHR recognizes as a human rights defender any person promoting and striving for the realization of human rights regardless of profession, age or other status. Human rights defenders carry out their human rights activities individually or jointly with others, as part of an informal group or as a non-governmental organization, and act in a voluntary capacity or professionally. The key characteristic that defines human rights defenders is not who they are, but what they do and the principles they stand for.[†]

IMPORTANT: If you have advanced knowledge and skills in human rights monitoring and reporting and digital security, we encourage you **NOT** to apply. The training is designed for human rights defenders with limited experience in this area.

Deadline for submissions: 2 April 2022

Applicants should fill in this application form https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HRD_borders and upload their CV (PDF or DOC).

ODIHR will strive to ensure a geographical and gender balance among participants. Only successful candidates will be informed about the outcome of the selection process by **11 April 2022**.

Questions?

If you have any questions about the content of the training or the selection procedure, please contact Alice Szczepanikova at alice.szczepanikova@odihhr.pl.

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[†] "Guidelines on the Protection of Human Rights Defenders", OSCE/ODIHR, 2014 available at <https://www.osce.org/odihr/guidelines-on-the-protection-of-human-rights-defenders?download=true>