



Call for applications Insult Gallery – Wall of Shame in Public Discourse

Boris Divkovic Foundation (BiH) is organizing an educational training aimed for the young representatives of various political parties coming from all across Bosnia and Herzegovina. The project is funded by the United States Agency for International Development (USAID) and its implementation will be supported by the International Organization for Migration (IOM) under the BHRI program. The aim of this project is to teach the participants about the consequences of negative usage of online platforms and to raise the awareness about violent extremism (VE), hate speech and cyber bullying through the online campaign and education. The goal is to educate young leaders and activists from both FBiH and RS about the importance of fighting against violent extremism and learning the differences between the freedom of speech and hate speech.

Three trainings will be held in three cities: Sarajevo, Banja Luka and Mostar, with previously selected (15 per city) participants. Trainings will be conducted in the three biggest cities of the constituent people in order to identify and share common issues, thus to manage and find the common solutions. This will be particularly emphasized during the central event of this project, which is the *Insult Gallery*, where all participants will meet together and organize exhibitions of different examples of hate speech, radicalization, and VE in both Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republika Srpska, in six cities in both entities, including the Brcko District.

Young political activists participating in this training will:

- Learn about the radicalization phenomenon in BiH;
- Enhance knowledge about the every-day threats of VE;
- Grasp the differences between the freedom of speech and hate speech;
- Learn how to address the issue of radicalization through their political and social activism across BiH;
- Write initiatives and draft law proposals for defining hate speech and enhancing cyber bullying protections.
- Lobby for joint initiatives and amendments in Parliamentary Assembly of BiH through participants' MPs.

Training in Sarajevo will be held in January, in Banja Luka in February, and in Mostar the training will be held in March. Exhibitions will be held from April to July in the following six cities: Banja Luka, Bihac, Brcko, Tuzla, Mostar and Sarajevo.

Who can apply?

Young people aged from 18 to 35, who actively participate in their political parties and want to learn more about hate speech, VE and cyber bullying. The participants will gain knowledge about cyber-bullying and strategies how to prevent its spreading and how to protect their community.

Boris Divkovic Foundation will cover all costs related to the trainings activities, such as travel expenses, accommodation, food, materials and resources for the implementation of projects.



How to apply?

Please send your short motivational letter (max 400 words) and CV to ahmed@bdf.ba until 20th of December. Earlier applications are encouraged since the organizers will process applications as they come. Participants will be informed about their selection at the latest by 25th December 2019.

Selection criteria

The participants will be selected on the basis of political experience, demonstrated leadership skills, dedication to strengthening the political party and motivation and readiness for further political engagement.

Expected outputs

After the completion of the trainings, where the participants will get more familiar with the definitions and examples of different forms of radicalization, they will pick online articles with the traces and examples of any kind of youth radicalization movements and VE across BiH. Additionally, participants will do the same activity of news clipping but focused on choosing examples of hate speech and freedom of speech. All these examples, quotes, will be printed out on the white surface with the black letters and presented in the form of exhibition. The exhibitions will be held in six cities across BiH with the duration of 3 days.

Finally, participants will have to write initiatives as well as law proposals related to the topics which will be covered during the trainings, thus they will present those initiatives to their political parties' MPs and implement their lobbying skills previously learned during the training as participants will have one day dedicated to the writing initiatives and lobbying with MPs.

Sincerely,
Anela Lemes,
Executive Director