HEARTEFACT

Heartefact Emergency Call for Action:
Kosovo-Serbia Visiting Program for Individuals and Organizations

Heartefact, a regional multi-disciplinary organization committed to fostering cooperation and dialogue between post-conflict societies in the Western Balkans, is excited to announce an open call for applications for individuals and organizations from Kosovo and Serbia to participate in the visiting program. This four-day visiting program to Kosovo/Serbia (whatever differs from the place of residence of individuals or registration of the organizations) aims to establish new channels of cooperation, understanding, and partnership between the two societies, transcending barriers and fostering a brighter future together.

In light of the sensitive political climate and recent unrests in relations between Belgrade and Prishtina and the pressing need for regional cooperation and the potential for transformative impact, this call for applications invites individuals and organizations from Kosovo and Serbia to participate in two types of visiting programs: for individuals and organizations. Both programs aim to promote understanding, reconciliation, and joint initiatives in various spheres, such as politics, social sciences, dealing with the past, business and economy, human rights, security, IT, arts and culture, and more.

TYPES OF VISITING PROGRAM

Visiting program for individuals: This program offers individuals the opportunity to engage in meaningful exchanges, forge valuable connections, and work towards joint initiatives that address shared challenges. Participants will have a chance to participate in the visiting program which addresses their own interests and serves for strengthening their connections with people and organizations from Kosovo/Serbia, building their capacities for future collaborative actions. The visits will be organized for groups of several people based on their mutual interests.

Visiting program for organizations: This program focuses on organizations seeking partnerships with individuals and organizations from Kosovo/Serbia. It aims to facilitate regional cooperation and project development that promotes understanding, peacebuilding, and sustainable initiatives. Organizations are encouraged to apply in order to strengthen their capacities to work on collaboration initiatives between two societies, meet potential future partners and identify areas of mutual interest for collaboration with organizations from Kosovo/Serbia.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

1. Individuals and organizations must be residents or registered in either Kosovo or Serbia.
2. Demonstrated commitment to fostering peace, understanding, and cooperation between the two societies.
3. Fluency in English is required, as it will be the primary language of communication during the program.
4. Individuals and organizations with limited experience in cross-border initiatives and participating in regional programs are particularly encouraged to apply.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

Individuals:
Prepare up to 2-page proposal in which you should:
1. Highlight topics you wish to explore during the visit, including key issues of interest and relevance.
2. Identify individuals and organizations you would like to meet in Serbia/Kosovo who can contribute to your understanding of the relations between two societies and the development of joint initiatives.
3. Clearly outline an action plan or initiative that you aim to develop during the visit which promotes cooperation and seeks partners from the other society or potential follow up actions you plan to undertake following the participation in the program (such as writing articles and blogs, designing actions, engaging in collaboration initiatives, developing artistic intervention, etc.).
4. Include a brief personal statement highlighting your motivation, relevant experience, and your commitment to fostering understanding and cooperation between Kosovo and Serbia.
5. Propose dates when you would like to take part in the visiting program.

Organizations:
Prepare up to 3-page proposal in which you should:
1. Include brief overview of your organization, its mission, objectives, and experience in regional and other cross-border initiatives or collaborations.
2. Clearly articulate the areas or themes in which you seek partnership with individuals or organizations from Kosovo/Serbia (whatever differs from the place of the registration of your organization).
3. Identify specific project idea(s) or initiative(s) which you plan to develop and outline the expected outcomes or impact.
4. Include a brief statement on how the partnership that you seek in Kosovo/Serbia aligns with your organization's long-term goals and objectives.
5. Highlight any existing relationships or connections with individuals or organizations from Kosovo/Serbia, if applicable.
6. Propose dates when you would like to take part in the visiting program and the number of people who would participate in it.

APPLICATION SUBMISSION

Please submit your application in English via email prijava@heartefact.org, specifying whether you are applying for the Kosovo-Serbia Visiting Program for Individuals or Organizations. Include all relevant documents and information in a single PDF or Word document.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Application Deadline: 14 July
- Selection Announcement: Applicants will be contacted as the applications are received
- Program Duration: 4 days
- Program Realization: July-October, depending on the availability of the applicants

BENEFITS

- Access to a network of professionals, organizations, and experts working towards fostering cooperation and understanding between Kosovo and Serbia.
- Potential to develop joint initiatives and partnerships that address shared challenges.
- **Covered all expenses related to travel, accommodation, food, and refreshments during visiting program.**

For any further inquiries, please contact us at prijava@heartefact.org.

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