

National Essay Competitions (NEC) on the topic: "Western Balkans in 20 years – challenges and opportunities"



Within the project „**REACT!**“, implemented by **The Balkan Forum** in partnership with **ALPHA Centre** from Montenegro, and partners from **Bosnia and Herzegovina Macedonia and Serbia**, We are announcing this open call for essays on the topic: "**Western Balkans in 20 years – challenges and opportunities**".

Terms:

The call is open for candidates from Kosovo.

Eligible candidates are young persons, 19 - 30 years old, interested in topics of: rule of law, defence, security, democracy and regional reconciliation.

Essays should be no longer than 3 pages, written in Times New Roman 12, spacing 1.5.

Essays should be submitted to The Balkan Forum's e-mail address info@thebalkanforum.org no later than 31 July 2018.

Timeframes:

The best two authors will be selected and notified by 8 August 2018, and will be provided with an opportunity to participate at a short (7 days) Internship REACT program with project partners in Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Serbia, scheduled for 15 - 22 August 2018. While, the best five authors (including the two from above) will be provided with an opportunity to participate at the Summer School REACT which is scheduled for 3 – 8 September 2019 in Guci/Gucinje, Montenegro (more about the summer school please consult the link: www.reactmontenegro.me).

The final decision about the winners of the essay competition (2 first winners who will be selected for the Internship; and 5 of the winners for the Summer School) will be published on 8 August 2018.

If you need any additional information or help regarding the NEC, internship or the summer school, please do not hesitate to contact us via e-mail: info@thebalkanforum.org

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