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### What is the Young Cell Scheme?

- An EU funded project aiming to strengthen the capacity of Government of Kosovo.
- A sustainable way of supporting Kosovo public administration reform, to get in line with the best European practices.
- Initially launched in 2004, offers through the delivery of grants an opportunity for young Kosovar women and men students to study in universities located in EU Member States, and to later work in the civil service.
- A significant number of students have been awarded scholarships to study in European Universities. Most of them are working for the Government of Kosovo.

### Who is eligible to apply?

Every Kosovo resident who has:

- Completed a Bachelor's degree at a recognized university or equivalent;
- Great interest in the internal affairs of the country, and in EU related affairs;
- Excellent working knowledge of the English language (assessed later by exam).

### The Selection process principles:

- **Transparency:** Each stage of the selection process will be publicly advertised at the same time for all applicants, and the same information will be provided to everybody.
- **Fairness:** Selection will be a result of specific set of criteria. Any process in his or her favour will be disqualified and eliminated from the selection.
- **Non-discrimination:** Women, minorities and people with disabilities are particularly encouraged to apply.

### Where can I study?

Applicants may only apply to recognized universities of all EU member states.

### What support is offered by the scheme?

The YCS offers both financial and practical support to selected candidates:

- **Financial support:** full costs of tuition, living costs allowances, transportation to the country of study from the place of residence and return, and coverage of internships in the Government of Kosovo institutions.
- **Practical support:** advising selected candidates on choosing degree courses and universities, as well as giving helpdesk assistance for the whole duration of studies abroad.