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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

EUROPEAN CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN INTERNET GOVERNANCE

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DiploFoundation is currently accepting applications for the 2010 European Capacity Development Programme in Internet Governance. The programme offers 20 places for professionals from European countries, from diverse stakeholder backgrounds in IG-related fields. The programme includes three segments: online training, online policy research and policy immersion, which take place between March and November 2010:

1. ONLINE TRAINING

The online training phase consists of a 12-week long Foundation Course, introducing IG policy, process, and actors, and covering 5 thematic baskets: *Infrastructure and Standardisation Basket, Legal Basket, Economic Basket, Socio-Cultural Basket, Development Basket*, and a section on the IG Process and Actors. The training phase will also focus on e-Participation and models of remote participation at the international meetings.

This will be followed by an optional 8-week long Advanced Course, covering one advanced topic to be chosen by each participant from options such as: *Intellectual Property Rights, Infrastructure, Privacy, Security, Child Online Safety, e-Participation* and others.

Learning activities take place in an online classroom and include the analysis of course materials, interactive group discussions using a variety of communication tools, assignments, and exams. Successful participants will receive a certificate of completion of the Foundation Course.

2. ONLINE POLICY RESEARCH

The online policy research phase will focus on case studies presenting IG policy issues of highest relevance to European countries, and is closely linked to training activities.

3. POLICY IMMERSION

In the policy immersion phase a number of successful participants will receive fellowships for the participation in the EuroDig Meeting in Madrid (April 2010) and the Internet Governance Forum in September in Vilnius, Lithuania (September 2010).

Languages

Programme materials and the online classroom website are in English.

Target Audience

Diplo and seeks applications from the following categories of individuals from both developed and developing countries:

- officials in government ministries and departments dealing with Information Society, Internet and ICT-related policy issues (e.g., telecommunications, education, foreign affairs, justice);
- officials in regulatory authorities or institutions dealing with Information Society, Internet and ICT-related issues
- postgraduate students, academics and researchers in the IG field (e.g., in telecommunications, electrical engineering, law, economics, development studies);
- civil society activists in the IG and Information Society fields;
- journalists covering IG issues;
- individuals in Internet-business fields (e.g., ISPs, software developers).

This program is directed specifically at citizens of European countries (especially Eastern and South Eastern Europe)

Timeline

- 12 February 2010 Call for Applications ends
- 20 February 2010 Selection Results
- 1 March-28 May 2010 – Foundation Course on Internet Governance
- 7 June - 23 July – Advanced Phase
- August 2010 through 2011 – Policy Immersion (fellowships)
- 4 October – 26 November – Policy Research Phase

Scholarships and Fees

Selected participants from non-OECD* European countries (especially from Eastern and South Eastern Europe) will receive scholarships offered by the Swiss Federal Office for Telecommunication (OFCOM) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

* Members of OECD

Fees for paying participants are:

1) Foundation course: Euro 500.

2) *Advanced Phase*: Euro 500

2) Research phase: Euro 500.

Applicants from developing countries who will require financial assistance to attend the course should remember to read carefully and check the appropriate box on the Online Application Form.

Requirements

The applicants are required to have:

- basic awareness and interest in issues related to the Information society, Information and Communication Technologies (ICT) and Internet governance (IG);
- knowledge and/or experience of the multistakeholder approach in international affairs;
- fluency in English;
- good writing skills, ability to summarise information and focus on details;
- regular access to the Internet (dial-up connection is sufficient);
- **minimum of 8 hours commitment per week during each phase of the programme. This is perhaps the single most important requirement and should be evaluated seriously by any potential applicant;**
- readiness to participate in online consultations (once a week at specified times).

Deadline

The deadline for applications is **12 February 2010**, by midnight UTC/GMT.

How to Apply

To apply please visit:

http://www.diplomacy.edu/registration/ (IGCBP 2010 Application Form)

For further information please visit:

http://www.diplomacy.edu/ig/

or contact us at **ig@diplomacy.edu**.