

Technical Assistance to the Civil Society organizations 2 (TACSO 2) from the IPA Beneficiaries
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**Open Call for Participants
People-to-People Event**

**“Going Beyond Pride and Pain?”
3rd annual regional “History that Connects the Balkans” Summer School
18-23 July 2017
Albania**

TACSO People2People is supporting the organization by EUROCLIO, in partnership with Anne Frank House and Center for Democracy and Reconciliation in South East Europe, of “Going Beyond Pride and Pain?”, the 3rd annual regional “History that Connects the Balkans” Summer School on 18-23 July 2017 in Albania.

This event aims to facilitate transnational transfer of knowledge and experience, to stimulate innovative teaching practices in the region, build capacity of educators and their associations for the teach and learning of responsible history that goes beyond the traditional focus of “pride and pain”.

During the summer school, participants will look back at decades of work and develop strategic planning for a history education for sustainable peace and inclusive societies. The event seeks to empower participants to set up activities and contribute to follow-up events, spin-off projects and online community building.

Through this open call, TACSO P2P will support the participation of 3 CSOs from each of the Western Balkan countries and Turkey (IPA Region).

| | Morning session | Afternoon session |
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| Day I- 18 July 2017 | Arrival of participants | Welcome session and dinner |
| Day II- 19 July 2017 | Critical History Teaching in the region. Achievements, challenges and solutions | New methods and approaches for history education for mutual understanding |
| Day III- 20 July 2017 | Needs Assessment Survey, Action planning and recommendations | Excursion to cultural heritage |
| Day IV-21 July 2017 | Dealing with the Past in History Education: Legacies of Totalitarianism in the Region – OSCE event | |
| Day V-22 July 2017 | Teaching Sensitive Histories: Best Practices and Workshops – future-oriented approaches | World Café session for Action planning |
| Day VI-23 July 2017 | Departure Optional cultural programme | |

Detailed agenda is available as attachment to this Open Call.

Who can apply?

CSO representatives fitting the following criteria are invited to apply:

- The CSO must be registered/working in the IPA region (AL, BiH, KO, MK, MNE, SR, TR).
- The CSO must be active in the areas of history education, reconciliation through education, regional cooperation/collaboration on history teaching or similar fields. History Teachers Associations are encouraged to apply.
- CSO with extended programme/involvement in (formal) history education initiatives, aimed at reconciliation, mutual understanding, joint projects, source work, etc. will be preferred
- The CSO representative must have at least 3 years experience working with history education, reconciliation through education or similar fields.
- The CSO representative must be supported by the organisation to participate in this study visit, with concrete commitment to integrate lessons learnt into their work.
- The CSO representative must speak sufficient English to interact with counterparts and participate in the program

Preferred CSO Representatives will also be one of the following:

- Practitioner/teacher with a proven track record of positive involvement in cross-border educational projects as author, editor or expert.
- Teacher educator at University-level or pedagogical centre with involvement in teacher initial training programmes and/or certification
- Academic in the field of history (or memory, archeology, museums etc) with proven track record of seeking to bridge expertise regionally across borders.

A civil society organization may only propose one representative to participate in the summer school.

Three (3) participants in total will be selected per country via this open call.

Application procedure

Interested applicants are requested to complete the online Application Form **by May 21, 2017 at 24:00 hrs.** The Application form can be accessed at the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MPFMPB>

The selection process should be completed by **June 2, 2017.**

Please note that *only selected applicants will be contacted.*

For selected participants, TACSOS will provide travel costs (including costs of visas, if applicable), accommodation*, meals and refreshments during the study visit. Further information can be obtained from the TACSOS Web site (www.tacso.org). If you have any additional questions please contact your national TACSOS office.

* Accommodation will be shared in double rooms.

Background information on TACSO P2P

The general objectives of the **TACSO project** are to strengthen the overall capacities and accountability of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) within the Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance (IPA) beneficiaries and to guarantee the quality of services of CSOs and a sustainable role of the CSOs in the democratic process. The main purposes of the project are to:

- Increase and improve the capacity and actions of CSOs and to
- Improve the democratic role of CSOs.

The **P2P Component of TACSO** supports visits to EU institutions and bodies to exchange experiences, know-how and good practices between beneficiaries, EU Member States' civil society organisations (CSOs) with the aims to:

- Help the beneficiary CSOs to familiarise themselves with the EU institutions and the decision-making process, as well as with EU policies, legislation and programmes;
- Offer CSOs the opportunity to interact and network with their national, regional and European-level counterparts and to create new partnerships; and
- Stimulate civic participation in the beneficiary countries and the region.