

“Interactive Seminar: Ukraine and the European Union - Further Integration or Final Divorce?”

Place: Kharkiv

Date: 11th - 14th of April 2014

Dear Youth Activists,

we would hereby like to invite you to apply for the upcoming interactive seminar: “Ukraine and the European Union”, organized by Liberal Ukraine, a project of the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY).

The event will take place in Kharkiv between the 11th and 14th of April 2014. We would like to extend our gratitude to the D66 Democraten (D66) of the Netherlands as the main sponsor for this training.

Information on the Topic and Methodology

In reaction to the actual discussion about European Integration of the Eastern Partnership Countries, the outcome of the summit in Vilnius and the Euro-Maidan movement the International Federation of Liberal Youth (IFLRY) initiated the new project “Liberal Ukraine” to promote democratization, the rule of law and European integration in Ukraine. The main goal of this project is to raise awareness on the actual political situation and develop sustainable concepts for the aims mentioned above with local stakeholders in the field of (political) youth-work.

The interactive seminar itself will focus on disseminating information about the core functions, values and institutions as well as the mechanisms of European integration applied in the Eastern Partnership region, but also on identifying the main hindrances and problems associated with Ukraine as a specific case. In a second step the participants shall analyze and define their own experiences with European integration and develop ideas how stakeholders in the field of youth can promote their interests in this sphere. As this event is a pilot-project, the organizers also hope to get a better insight into the general opinions and feelings about Europe among individuals and organizations in the east of the country. The seminar will leave enough room for developing further projects and general networking among the participants and organizers.

Trainers will include both local and international experts on the topic, as well as youth activists from the member-organizations of the International Federation of Liberal Youth. In terms of methodology the event is following a strong participatory approach by stimulating creative thinking and creativity of the participants’, rather than concentrating on didactic lecturing. To facilitate this approach the participants are asked to develop their own ideas and visions in several working-groups. Through this participatory approach they can also prove their social-skills and teamwork-capabilities. The lecturers and trainers will give concise inputs on the different subjects, leaving enough room for discussing of the different topics, before the participants are encouraged to use their knowledge and creativity in the teamwork blocks.

Accommodation

Accommodation for participants will be at Hotel Mercury in Kharkiv, Ukraine:

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Information about Application

To apply for the event please fill out the the online application form here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ns3w3ns>

by the 16th of March 2014.

Please also make sure that you have answered all needed questions in the application form!

The following points will be considered in the process of choosing participants:

- The event is limited to 20 participants.
- In the selection IFLRY will spend special attention to activists with a regional or local background.
- In the selection IFLRY will also spend special attention to participants from Eastern Ukraine.
- Participants should be under 35 years of age. No exceptions!
- An understanding-knowledge of English is a plus but not absolutely necessary.

IFLRY will select the participants shortly after the deadline and send out confirmations!

Rules of Participation

The following rules are set for participation in the event:

- There is participation fee of 10 Euros for the event which will be deducted from the travel-refund!
- IFLRY will cover full accommodation, conference material and food during the event.
- The travel costs for a second-class train ticket (return) to Kharkiv will be refunded by IFLRY.
- Please only apply, if you are planning to attend the event!
- Participants are expected to attend the sessions in full. Exceptions can only be made based on an agreement reached before the beginning of the event.

We are looking forward to your applications! If you have any questions you can contact the IFLRY Belarus Programme Manager Daniel George (daniel.george@iflry.org) at any time.

With best liberal regards,



Daniel George
(IFLRY Programme Manager)