

Call for participants for the Training Course ESSC – European School Students Cooperation



Gdansk, Poland, from the 3rd to the 9th of March 2018

Deadline for applications: 11th of February 2018

Link to the online application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/r2JugihllwilQZJi2>

What is the Training Course ESSC about?

This project involves the participation of school student unions working on education-related issues at local/national level but with not much experience on European level. Therefore, the aim is to promote a better knowledge and understanding of European-level affairs in the field of education, to foster active participation of youth in the decision-making processes that take place at European level. In addition, as OBESSU provides national school student unions with assistance, support and cooperation, the project aims also at supporting the development of school student unions in Poland and Hungary, due to the lack of school student structures there.

This project will foster active citizenship of school students, encouraging them to consider their role as European citizens, motivate them to be active at national and European level. It will be an opportunity to acquire skills and competences to strengthen their role, and organisational capacity building. The activity programme will deepen their expertise on topics in the fields of youth and education at European level as well as provide them with examples of competences for successful projects. The sessions with guests from the main European institutions, will bring Europe closer to the attendees, and we will make this an opportunity for them to gain awareness of their possibilities to have a proactive role both at national and European level.

Aim and Objectives:

The main objective of the ESSC project is support the development of school student structures in the V4 region, by providing new competences focused on how to promote active participation of young people at European level, thus enhancing their sense of belonging to the European union and their European active citizenship.

The specific objectives of the ESSC project are:

- To develop EU awareness, Democracy and EU Citizenship, in school students;
- To develop the policy level/dialogue and decision-making in school student organisations;
- To share best practices of the V4 region, to develop youth participation and youth work in school students.

The call:

OBESSU is looking for 1 participant from each Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisation. The selection will be done according with the profile of participants, gender and geographical balance.

The selected participants will be expected to:

- Be a school student activist actively involved in their sending organisation, possibly as International Officer or Board member;
- Be interested in the main topic of the Training Course and have some knowledge/experience of the European policy in the field of education and youth;
- Be able to follow-up the Training Course with his/her organisation, school, etc.;

- Be able to fully attend the event;
- Be able to work in English.

Costs for accommodation and food during the Training Course will be covered by the Visegrad Fund; travel costs are covered by the Visegrad Fund up to the reference prices that will be communicated after selection.

A participation fee of €50 per participant is foreseen.

The dates:

The *Training Course ESSC* will take place in Gdansk (Poland), from the 3rd to the 9th of March 2018 (travel days included).

How to apply?

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form: <https://goo.gl/forms/r2JugjhlIwIQZJi2>

You have also to send to OBESSU a [nomination letter](#) (click to download form) by your sending organisation by email to secretariat@obessu.org

If you are underage, you have to send to OBESSU the [Parental Consent](#) (click to download form), duly filled, to secretariat@obessu.org

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The final selection will be communicated by the 14th of February 2018

If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information, please contact the OBESSU Secretariat at secretariat@obessu.org

More information on the project on the dedicated page: <https://www.obessu.org/what-we-do/capacity-building/essc/>

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