

Call for participants #EcoFighters Regional Advocacy Seminars - Copenhagen, Denmark : 27 February - 3 March 2020

Deadline to apply: 21 January 2020, 23:59 CET

Dear all,

We are very excited to open the call for participants to the #EcoFighters regional advocacy seminars!

What is #EcoFighters?

#EcoFighters is a 1 year project focused on Environmental Sustainability through different activities and reaching out to different levels of our network. The main aim of the Work Plan is to promote a culture of environmental awareness and activism in the context of school students and apprentices organisations, through democratic participation of young people in various ways, platforms and levels.

Objectives of #EcoFighters:

- to promote the exchange of best practices and examples, among OBESSU Member, Candidate and Affiliate organisations in relation to environmental issues and sustainability;
- to build capacities of school student activists in advocacy and democratic participation, with a special focus on addressing environmental challenges, from local and national to European and global levels;
- to develop an 'Action Kit' related to the topic for school student activists;
- to implement local and national awareness raising actions regarding environmental issues.

What are the regional advocacy seminars?

The Regional Advocacy Seminars will ensure that all processes of the work plan are kicked off in a quality manner. The Seminar will allow the space and time to start diving into both the topic of environmental awareness and sustainability, and the related advocacy measures at the same time, while mapping the stakeholders related as well.

The goal of the seminars is to create an Action Kit regarding what school student activists can do related to environmental awareness as well as to successfully carry out local activities during the Impact Week. By having three seminars instead of one, we hope to create an environment where you can explore the topics with a group of organisations you can relate to and you can easily share your realities. Moreover, there is a great added value in having the chance to do this in a regional context: regarding the environment, political contexts, stakeholders, public discourse and challenges in Europe vary greatly

The objectives of the seminar are:

- To create a deeper understanding of school student activists regarding environmental issues on the agenda and the key stakeholders in their region.
- To support participants in developing competences related to advocacy for the environment and sustainability that allows them to carry out follow-up actions later on.
- To foster the exchange of practices of school student organisations and learn from each other's experience regarding environmental activism.

After the seminar, it is expected that participants will carry out the first steps to organise an action during the Impact Week at the end of the year in November. This can be e.g. from starting more in depth research on their national legislation to taking up the connection with relevant actors or starting to look for the right space to carry out the action. (more about the workplan can be found in the explanation document)

The call:

OBESSU is looking for participants from Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations who have proven experience and expertise or have interest in environmental issues and environmental activism. Participants will also be asked to showcase a good practice from their organisation when it comes to environmental activism.

For this seminar, we are looking for participants from: Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Lithuania, Iceland.

The selected participants are expected to:

- Be young people actively involved in their sending organisation;
- Be interested in the main topic of the event - environmental activism
- Have a good practice from their organisation that they can share during the event;
- Be able to follow-up the event with their organisation and be able to prepare the impact week with their organisation.;
- Be able to fully attend the event;
- Have a good level of English.

OBESSU would love the group to represent all school students, with mixed identities, abilities and backgrounds and we are committed to facilitate the participation in terms of logistics, if need be.

Costs for accommodation and food during the event will be fully covered, travel costs are covered up to the reference prices that will be communicated after selection. This is all made possible with the support of the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe.

Dates:

The Regional advocacy seminar will be organised in Copenhagen, Denmark from the 27th February to the 3rd March 2020 (travel days included).

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How to apply:

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form: <https://forms.gle/nz7o9V5cxSkJKHJH8>

You also have to upload OBESSU a nomination letter ([click to download form](#)) in the application form. If you cannot get it signed on time, please upload a document that is not signed and inform us.

If you are under 18 years old, you have to upload a Parental Consent ([click to download form](#)) in the application form.

For any questions, please contact secretariat@obessu.org



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