

**Call for participants for Training Course for International officers  
Brussels- Belgium  
17-23 February 2023 (travel dates included)**

**Deadline for Applications: 10th of January 2023.**  
[Application form](#)

### **About the project EPiC**

The project **EPiC** (Empowering students Participation In Campaigning) is a one and half year project run by OBESSU.

As highlighted in our Work Plan 2023-2025 and in our Implementation Plan 2023, in the next years we will focus on competences for democracy and we will encourage young people to engage within the decision making processes at their local, national and European level, and to practise their right to vote. Moreover, voting at 16 is one of our advocacy efforts, both from the perspective of increasing the number of European countries that allow young people to vote at 16 and recognising the importance of youth participation inside and outside the EU for shaping our future.

The project will be divided in different activities such as Training Course for International Officers and Summer School, both followed by two rounds of micro-grants, financial support for your organisations to organise and multiply what you learn back in your own organisations.

*But what are the specific objectives of EPiC?*

- To inform young activists about participation, democracy and the importance of youth participation within the electoral process, both on local and national but also on European level.
- To increase the engagement of school students and school student unions in the outreach towards other students.
- To engage first time voters, and young people that would otherwise not vote to increase the diversity of young voices represented within the decision making processes and will contribute to the increase of the voting turnout in the upcoming elections.

### **About the Training Course for International Officer**

The first step of the project will be the Training Course for International Officers in Brussels, Belgium. The event will gather 25 representatives from Member, Candidate and Affiliate Organisations for 5 days.

The training will focus on:

- Learning how to influence policy and advocacy processes at (not only) EU level
- Developing knowledge on the functioning of the EU and the European institutions, with a focus on the EP
- Learning how to transfer what they have learnt to their peers in their national realities and mentor others on mobilising for youth participation
- Knowledge transfer and mentoring for the next generation.

## Profile of the applicants

- Be able to communicate in English (basic level is enough)
- Has previous experience in school student activism
- Has some knowledge on policy and advocacy at the local or national level
- Is able to multiply the knowledge acquired in the home organisation

## Selection Criteria

- Nomination Letter
- Motivation to attend and contribute to the event
- Willingness to disseminate the outcomes of the TCIO in the home organisation
- Preferably International Officer as we will tackle International work in general and how to cooperate among organisations.

## Practical information

**The event requires a participation fee of 50 EUR.**

The fee will cover food, accommodation and training. The travel will be also reimbursed by OBESSU after the event. After your application is reviewed and confirmed, you will be given a reference price for the travel.

## How to apply

In order to apply, you have to fill the online application form:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPgGm96is-JK-To-TdlkaRZK8QxL57K0i6\\_SW6negs4YPh9A/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPgGm96is-JK-To-TdlkaRZK8QxL57K0i6_SW6negs4YPh9A/viewform)

You can find the nomination letter here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1Wh6Q5BToSMtbygwVhBNpj-U2loGAwqPI/edit#>

You can find the Parental Consent here:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1RmqDJ0oN0kWdqrJ4PpV02wpoNOgEQOQN/edit>

If you have any questions, queries or would like some more information on the project, please contact Eleonora at [eleonora@obessu.org](mailto:eleonora@obessu.org).

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