

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST BY JOURNALISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN A TRAINING FOR REPORTING ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS

ABOUT THE PROJECT

The “Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia” project aims to enhance the capacity of the Republic of North Macedonia for EU integration. The project is funded by the Kingdom of Norway with 5.5 million euros and the Government of Sweden through the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) with 2.05 million euros.

The project strengthens the capacities for EU accession by providing technical assistance and building the capacities of the governmental coordination mechanism for the accession negotiations. The project supports the effective harmonization of the national legislation with the EU acquis and its implementation, and at the same time enables the engagement of relevant experts, as well as the exchange of experiences and cooperation with EU Member States and countries in the region.

In particular, the project strengthens the capacities of the Secretariat for European Affairs (SEA), taking into account its leading role in the coordination, planning, monitoring and management of the EU accession negotiations.

The project contributes to enhanced communication in the EU accession process, the values and benefits of the EU, supports the strategic communication approach and the implementation of priority actions, which will improve the public understanding and interest in the EU accession process. Furthermore, through the awarding of grants, the project has enabled the support and strengthening of the capacities of the civil society, the media and the youth, as well as their greater involvement in the accession process.

With the support provided by the Government of Sweden, the project has so far conducted two training cycles for journalists, one in November 2020 and another in November 2022, with the aim of strengthening the capacity of the media in terms of creating media content for the negotiation process with the EU.

TRAINING FOR REPORTING ON THE EU ACCESSION PROCESS

The project “Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia” is announcing a call for the selection of journalists to participate in a training for reporting on the accession process of the Republic of North

Macedonia to the European Union. We ask journalists, citizens of the Republic of North Macedonia, who cover topics related to the EU accession process, to apply for this call and to take part in the one-day training, which will be held in February 2023 in Skopje and will involve a trip and participation in the explanatory screening sessions planned from 15-17 March 2023 in Brussels.

The main objective of the training for journalists is to strengthen the capacity of the media in the Republic of North Macedonia with regards to the understanding and reporting on the EU accession process and to emphasize the importance of this process for the citizens through balanced informing, detailed coverage of the process and sharing relevant and high-quality information with the public.

This training will enable journalists to get acquainted with:

- Details related to the implementation of the screening process and the practical implementation of the negotiation process
- The role of media in the provision of high-quality and timely information related to this process
- The importance of transparency in the integration process and the possible challenges.
- The specificities of practical reporting from the explanatory screening sessions.

This training will include a theoretical segment, which will be organized in February 2023 in Skopje, as well as a practical segment with a trip and participation in the explanatory screening sessions for Cluster 4 – Green Agenda and Sustainable Connectivity, to be held in Brussels in the period between 15 to 17 March 2023.

The number of participants is limited and will be determined in accordance with the resources available for this purpose within the framework of the project.

The travel expenses of the participants for the Brussels trip will be covered by the organizer.

SELECTION OF PARTICIPANTS

The selection of journalists who will take part in the training will be carried out based on a set of criteria relevant to the purpose of the training. The training is specifically designed for journalists who have experience with or have been assigned by their media to report on topics related to the EU accession process.

The following criteria will be used for the selection of participants in the training:

- Previous professional experience of the journalist in the coverage of topics related to the accession process of the Republic of North Macedonia to the European Union, as well as other political, social and economic topics. Journalists with greater relevant experience will have an advantage in the selection process.
- The media's interest in covering topics related to the accession process of the Republic of North Macedonia to the European Union. Media with greater interest and coverage of such topics will have an advantage in the selection process.
- The relevance of the training for the future work endeavors of the journalist, submitted by the journalist in free form as a short paragraph when submitting the application itself.
- English Language Proficiency and/or proficiency in any other official language of the European Union.

The project reserves the right to request additional information and proof of fulfillment of the given criteria as well as to organize interviews with the applicants, if deemed necessary.

After the selection has been made, the selected journalists will be informed about the details of the training in Skopje and in Brussels.

MANNER AND DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATIONS

In order to apply, send your resume (CV), a copy or a link of your already published stories/articles/interviews related to the European integrations of the Republic of North Macedonia, a copy or a link of published stories/articles/interviews of the media related to the European integrations, consent from your media to participate in the training, a short paragraph (not longer than 250 words) in Macedonian, Albanian or English about the manner in which this training will support your future work endeavors, as well as other information you think is relevant for the fulfillment of the outlined selection criteria, electronically, to ecr.rsoc.mkd-office@unops.org with the following subject: *Call for expression of interest by journalists to participate in a training for reporting on the EU accession process.* The deadline for submission of applications is February 6, 2023.

All received applications will be evaluated by an Evaluation Committee consisting of representatives of the "Nordic Support for Progress of North Macedonia" project and the Secretariat for European Affairs. The short-listed applicants will be further notified.

If you have any questions related to the application process, please send them electronically to ecr.rsoc.mkd-office@unops.org.



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