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## Visegrad-Balkan Public Policy Fund, Young Researchers Programme

## *Call for Applications*

Country: **Czech Republic**

Organization: **DEMAS Association / Transitions (TOL)**

The DEMAS Association and its member organization Transitions (TOL) offer a three-week internship for one representative from Macedonia, preferably a young journalist or a young NGO professional with strong writing skills under 35 years old.

Project: **Transitions Online, Editorial Assistant Intern**

The Editorial Assistant Intern would work closely with TOL's editorial team, gaining valuable experience at a respected international publication. This internship provides an introduction to newsmagazine journalism, editing and foreign reporting.

Date: 4 January – 25 January, 2014  
Venue: Prague

Transitions (TOL) is an international publishing and media development organization based in Prague and registered as a Czech nonprofit organization. Our mission is to improve the professionalism, independence, and impact of the news media in the 29 post-communist countries of Eastern Europe and the former Soviet Union. TOL is one of the founding member organizations of DEMAS – Association for Democracy assistance and Human Rights.

Responsibilities:

* Helping to compile our daily aggregation of news from around our region by combing regional media and writing briefs;
* Editing contributions by non-native journalists from our coverage region;
* Monitoring our media partners and news agencies for items of interest and possible republication;
* Conducting general and targeted research to enhance TOL's content;
* Helping to develop more new media and multimedia content;
* Locating photos for use with TOL content;
* Writing background and feature articles for TOL’s website;
* Posting stories on our content management system;
* Creating timelines or other graphics to accompany some of our stories;
* Meeting relevant specialists from the field;
* Getting acquainted with activities of the DEMAS platform and its member organizations;
* Writing an article on a proposed topic;
* Writing short blogs for <http://vbyoungresearchers.eu/>;
* The internship is unpaid, but interns can gain the opportunity to attend TOL journalism courses for free (a value of €1,185 or US$1,595). For more info see: <http://www.tol.org/client/training/course/23749-foreign-correspondent-training-course-5-14-january-2014.html>
* Participating at a meeting with representatives of the relevant department of the Foreign Ministry and/or informal public event with representatives of the civil society, government, academic institutions and media and reflecting on the gained experience.

The intern will be provided with:

* support by DEMAS in general (the whole stay/project)
* background by TOL,
* tutorship by DEMAS in general,
* tutorship by TOL,
* meals, accommodation and local transportation by DEMAS,
* international air ticket by the local partner Balkan Civil Society Development Network.

Prerequisites:

* Provide your CV and a cover letter.
* Very good English, both written and spoken.
* Experience in journalism is a strong advantage but not required.
* Preferably an employee of a Macedonian NGO, non-profit newspaper/magazine. Supporting letter of the organization’s management is an advantage.
* Age under 35 years.
* A successful applicant must be ready to start the internship latest on 5 January 2014.

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