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DCAF YOUNG FACES NETWORK 2015

2015 Young Faces Conference “Use and Abuse of Electronic Surveillance”

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control of Armed Forces (DCAF), with the support of the Swiss Ministry of Defence, invites promising young professionals to apply for a place in DCAF's 2015 Young Faces Conference (YFC) on the ***Use and Abuse of Electronic Surveillance***.

With distance learning activities and a four-day workshop from **20 to 23 October** the participants will discuss the challenges of balancing human rights and the need for electronic surveillance and they will learn to better understand and apply European standards on the limits of using electronic surveillance.

Moreover, the programme will tackle the specific challenges of new kinds of electronic surveillance methods, in particular mass surveillance and how to address the issues they raise for national regulation.

The main emphasis of discussions will be on analysing the legislation of Western Balkan countries on electronic surveillance and their implementation. This will also include a debate on how to strengthen internal regulation, judicial control and parliamentary oversight to better prevent or address abuses.

Participants will be selected on the basis of applications. For detailed information on the requirements for participation, thematic focus and logistics, please see below. Interested parties are invited to contact the responsible DCAF Project Coordinator (f.klopfer@dcaf.ch) for further details.

I wish you the best of luck.

Sincerely,

Franziska Klopfer,
Project Coordinator
DCAF

Outline of the activities of the 2015 Young Faces Conference:

→ please consult the attached Draft Agenda for more details

1. Preparatory activities: Participants receive a reader with articles to be read in preparation for the workshop.
To allow participants to discuss the reading material, interactive online lessons will be organised (for this, participants need access to the Internet).
2. Workshop: **20 to 23 October 2015, Bled/Bohinj, Slovenia.**
3. Assignment (September to December 2015): Each participant writes a 1'500 word policy brief on a topic related to electronic surveillance (*exact topics TBD*).
 - Participants present their first drafts at the workshop in October.
 - The final drafts are due by the end of December.

To be considered for the 2015 Young Faces Conference, applicants must:

1. Be no more than 35 years old on 31 December 2015;
2. Be public officials, graduate students, or members of civil society or the media from the Western Balkans¹ or Moldova;
3. Hold a graduate degree (or be enrolled in a graduate degree programme) or equivalent experience in a relevant discipline;
4. Have a very good command of English, spoken and written;
5. Submit the following, by e-mail to f.klopfer@dcaf.ch:
 - a detailed curriculum vitae (CV);
 - a completed application form (Annex 2).All documents must be submitted in English and should be formatted using Microsoft Word.
6. Be willing to commit to actively participate in all programme activities:
 - Be available to participate in a four-day workshop (to be organised from **20 to 23 October 2015**);
 - be available to take part in an interactive online preparatory sessions (for this, participants need access to the Internet) and;
 - be prepared to engage in research and draft a 1'500 word policy brief (assignment).

¹ Montenegro, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia, Serbia and Kosovo

Logistics:

Interested candidates are asked to submit their applications by email to Franziska Klopfer (f.klopfer@dcaf.ch) by **Monday, 31 August, 2015**, at the latest.

Following a review of applications, approximately 30 candidates will be selected to participate in the 2015 Young Faces Conference. The candidates will be informed of the outcome of the selection process by **Monday, 7 September 2015**.

Selected candidates will subsequently receive a folder of material, which they are expected to thoroughly review over the course of the preparatory activities and in advance of the four-day workshop.

The organisers will cover all related expenses for selected candidates, including meals, hotel accommodation and economy class travel expenses, when applicable.

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Annexes:

Annex 1: YFN 2015 Agenda (draft)

Annex 2: YFN 2015 application form