



Call for Applications to the 7th Round of the EU Young Cell Scheme, Post-Graduate EU Scholarship Programme 2010

The **European Commission Liaison Office (ECLO)** to Kosovo and the **Agency for Coordination of Development and European Integration (ACDEI)** in the Prime Minister's Office of the Government of Kosovo, announce the opening of the 7th Round of applications to the Young Cell Scheme, the EU post-graduate scholarships programme for Kosovo, which is currently implemented by SOFRECO SA. Applications are open from **11th January 2010 and until 26th February 2010** and successful applicants will be offered the opportunity to study in a Master's programme at Universities in the EU Member States. The Scholarship Programme, **whose working language is only English**, will offer up to 42 full grants (the actual number of grants awarded may also be less depending on suitability of candidates and availability of funding). This call is open to graduates in law, economics and/or management, political science, arts and literature, engineering, geology, mining, veterinary, biology, nutrition, chemistry and other academic backgrounds (as specified by the Rules of Procedures) in line with the following sectors of specialisation:

- ◇ **EU Law (Legal Approximation, Intellectual/Commercial/Industrial Rights, EU Transport Legislation)** – up to 13 scholarships available
- ◇ **Macroeconomics and Public Finance** - up to 15 scholarships available
- ◇ **Veterinary, Phitosanitary and Food Safety** - up to 6 scholarships available
- ◇ **Energy, Environment and Mining** - up to 4 scholarships available
- ◇ **Management of Cultural Heritage** - up to 4 scholarships available

Eligible applicants are:

- ◇ Valid UNMIK-Identity Card and/or Travel Document holders or those who provide proof of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport holders or holders of ID cards issued by Kosovo Authorities.
- ◇ University graduates in one of the above-mentioned areas of study. Undergraduate students may also be eligible, **provided that they obtain their degree no later than 30th June 2010**
- ◇ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and move abroad from September 2010
- ◇ Born on 27 February 1970 or later.

Scholarships will cover the following costs for up to **42 grantees**:

- ◇ tuition fees
- ◇ living allowances
- ◇ visa costs
- ◇ health insurance
- ◇ flight tickets
- ◇ IELTS English test

Selected participants will commit to:

- ◇ Work for the Government of Kosovo as an intern for at least 2 months before departure
- ◇ Follow the YCS language training programme (where needed)
- ◇ Attend and complete their chosen post-graduate studies,
- ◇ Complete 3 consecutive years of employment in the Public Administration of Kosovo upon return.

Selections will be carried out in 3 stages and include:

- ◇ Pre-Selection on CV and Motivation Letters
- ◇ Written tests (English knowledge, EU General Knowledge, Verbal and Numerical Reasoning)
- ◇ Interviews by a panel composed of European academics, EC and ACDEI representatives.

Women and representatives of minorities are strongly encouraged to apply. Application forms and the full set of accompanying documents is available for download on internet, at the following website: www.ycskosovo.eu until 26th February 2010. Additional information on the **Scholarship rules and selections criteria and procedures are available online and must be read and understood** before submitting an application.

Applicants must complete in **English** the **YCS Application Form**, the **Europass CV format** and a signed and dated **Letter of Motivation** explaining why they wish to take part in the scheme. **Certified copies** of **diplomas or degrees** and of **UNMIK travel document and/or UNMIK- Identity Card or other proof of residency in Kosovo or Kosovo passport** must to be enclosed. In case of **undergraduate applicants**, **copy of transcripts with the exams** and a **self-declaration regarding the expected date of graduation must also be enclosed** to the application. Make sure to include a **VALID e-mail address and phone number** in the **YCS Application Form** and in the **Europass CV** of your application.

The **Europass CV format** and the **YCS Application Form** can be downloaded from www.ycskosovo.eu by registering on the website (under the page "Round VII - Call for Application 2010").

NB: Incomplete applications, applications not in English, and applications including CVs not in the Europass format will not be reviewed!

Application deadline: 16:45 on 26th February 2010

Deliver, **Monday to Friday, 10:00-16:45**, in person and in a sealed envelope addressed to: **EU YCS Scholarship Scheme, Rund VII Applications, SOFRECO SA, 1st floor, Room no. 108, Str. Mother Teresa p.n. New Government Building, 10000 Pristina. Kosovo**

Please do not make direct inquiries regarding your application.
Applicants who have not been contacted by 5th March 2010 have not been short-listed.

For further information you can consult www.ycskosovo.eu or write at info@ycskosovo.eu

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