



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

NB: This is a pre-notice informing about the forthcoming opening of the actual call for applications. No action is required at the present moment from potential applicants.

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 forthcoming 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 will be 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, nutrition, biology, chemistry and other academic backgrounds (as specified in the Rules of Procedures to be published on 11th January 2010) in line with the following sectors of specialisation:

- ◇ **EU Law (Legal Approximation, Intellectual/Commercial/Industrial Rights, EU Transport Legislation)**
- ◇ **Macroeconomics and Public Finance**
- ◇ **Veterinary, Phitosanitary and Food Safety**
- ◇ **Energy, Environment and Mining**
- ◇ **Management of Cultural Heritage**

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 30 June 2010**
- ◇ Fluent in English and Albanian or Serbian. Knowledge of other EU languages will be considered an asset.
- ◇ Available to travel and to 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 will be available for download on internet, at the following website: www.ycskosovo.eu starting from **11th January 2010**. Additional information on the Scheme's Rules, Procedures and Selections Criteria will also be available online from the same date. **This is only a pre-notice of the opening for the call of applications to inform potential applicants of the forthcoming opening of the call itself. Applications are not yet open.**

For further information www.ycskosovo.eu

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