

AGORA – Center for promotion of civic values from Skopje, Metropolitan Incubator from Tirana and Deli from Nish within the project Leap To Success, supported by the Western Balkans Fund and co-funded by the European Union are publishing a

CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

for the Summer School of Entrepreneurship

Background

The three organizations are conducting the project Leap To Success with aim to support the youth entrepreneurship in the three WB countries, North Macedonia, Albania and Serbia. Throughout the activities, 9 young persons (three from each country) will be trained for entrepreneurship, mentored in development of a business plan and financially supported for starting a new business.

We invite any young person between 18 to 29 years of age, who are residents of one of the three countries, have strong English language skills and most importantly, have a business idea that they are keen to realize it in reality, to apply and participate on the Leap To Success project.

Activities

- Summer school of entrepreneurship in Ohrid, North Macedonia, 05-10. June 2022

The selected 9 young persons will attend a 5-day training program for entrepreneurship. The program will be developed and delivered by training experts who will cover the main elements on entrepreneurship: introduction, marketing, market research, development of a new product/service, legal aspects etc. During this event, the participants will work on their business ideas by developing business plans. At the end of the program, the participants should have enhanced their knowledge and skills on entrepreneurship, and also drafted their complete version of the business plan.

- Awarding the best three business plans – July, 2022

Each of the participants will have approximately 3 weeks after the Summer School of entrepreneurship to complete their final version of the business plan and submit it for evaluation. The evaluation committee will evaluate each of the business plan in accordance with predefined criteria. The best three business plans will be awarded with 1000 EUR, financial support for registering and starting new companies of the winners.

Eligibility

In order to be eligible, the potential participants should meet the following criteria:

- be a resident of North Macedonia, Albania or Serbia,
- be a young person at the age of 18 to 29 years,
- have excellent English language skills (both oral and written),
- have a business idea, willing to implement it into a new business

Application process and selection

All applicants should fill the application form on the following link https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdA7CrgwKfuT40ITeDn80ei4cKVov68iYX7Wa76ubFVaj5JwA/viewform?usp=pp_url no later than 12.05.2022. The selection committee will select and invite 3 participants plus one on a reserve list from each country. The invited participants will sign a statement to confirm their participation within the project. The selected participants should be able to travel to Ohrid, North Macedonia and attend the 5-day Summer School of Entrepreneurship. The transport to/from Ohrid will be organized by the project team and all cost will be covered or reimbursed. The accommodation will be on a full-board base in a single room in a hotel in Ohrid.

During the selection process the gender balance will be respected, where at least 50% of the selected participants will be female. Also, we strongly encourage persons from vulnerable groups to apply.

For any additional information, please contact Aleksandar Spasov at aleksandar@agora.org.mk

Let us join our forces and prove that your dream is only a Summer School of Entrepreneurship away!

Best of luck to all of you!