

## **THE PRESIDENTIAL CENTER FOR POLITICAL EDUCATION**

announces a call for participants in the 2022 School of Policies

The 2022 School of Policies of the Presidential Center for Political Education will be organized in the spirit of democratic political values, promotion and protection of human rights and freedoms, political pluralism, mutual tolerance, unity and solidarity. Therefore, the School will strive to connect participants with different professional experience and background, who have a desire to contribute to the positive development of the society with their knowledge and skills, through five educational seminars with eminent lecturers and trainers from the country and abroad.

### **Participants in the 2022 School of Policies will have the opportunity to:**

- improve their knowledge on topics of democracy, sustainable development, European integration and communications, while understanding the process of policy making;
- attend lectures and interactive workshops by top domestic and international experts;
- work individually and in groups with prominent individuals - their peers from the social and political life in the country;
- strengthen their communication, leadership and soft skills;
- gain access to current literature on the topics and participate in related social debates;
- make significant contacts and network with experts in the fields covered by the School.

The School will be held from March to November 2022, on weekends. Attendance at all five educational seminars is mandatory. Participants who complete the School will receive a certificate.

### **Criteria for participation:**

- 21 - 35 years of age;
- citizenship of the Republic of North Macedonia;
- working knowledge of English, knowledge of another foreign language will be considered an advantage;
- prominent participation in the social and political life in the country, encouraging positive changes;
- solid knowledge of social terminology;
- work experience will be considered an advantage.

### **Required documents for application:**

- Application that can be downloaded at the following [link](#);
- Europass CV;
- Two recommendations by eminent professors/employers/coworkers, relevant to the topic of the School;
- Essay written in English on one of the following topics: 1. “My contribution to positive change in our country” and 2. “My vision for a democratic development of North Macedonia”.

More information about the 2022 School of Policies of the Presidential Center for Political Education is available at: <https://pretsedatel.mk/pcpo/>.

The selected candidates will be called for an interview, which will be held live or online, depending on the current health situation in the country at the time of the COVID-19 pandemic.

**The full application should be sent no later than February 22, 2022 to [l.matevska@president.mk](mailto:l.matevska@president.mk).**

For more information on the 2022 School of Policies, please see the "FAQ" document in attachment.

The Presidential Center for Political Education aims at organizing inclusive and accessible events that will enable all participants, including persons with disabilities, to participate fully. If you need more information about the accessibility of the events or the application, contact us at [l.matevska@president.mk](mailto:l.matevska@president.mk).

*\* The registered candidates who meet the stated criteria and submit a complete and timely application will have the right to participate.*

*\*\* The costs for the seminars and hotel accommodation for the School of Policies will be covered by the Presidential Center for Political Education and partner organizations. The educational seminars will be held in accordance with the protocols for work during the COVID-19 pandemic, prepared by the Commission for Infectious Diseases and adopted by the Government of the Republic of North Macedonia.*

## APPLICATION

### for participation in the 2022 School of Policies of the Presidential Center for Political Education

1. Name and surname:

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2. Date of birth:

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3. Citizenship:

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4. Address:

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5. E-mail:

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6. Phone:

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7. Are you a person with disabilities?

\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_ No \_\_\_ I do not want to answer

8. If you are a person with disability, please share with us the following information for better selection process and event organization:

- Are you a wheelchair or mobility aid user?
- Do you need a sign language, Braille or other assistance to participate in the events organized within the School of Policies?

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9. Point of contact in case of emergency:

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10. How did you find out about the School of Policies?

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## 2022 SCHOOL OF POLICIES

### Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ):

1. **When and in what format will the modules of the School of Policies be organized?**
  - The School of Policies is organized in 5 modules, delivered in 5 weekends. Each module is carried out in one weekend. The weekends, i.e. the modules are not consecutive. The module starts Friday in the afternoon and finishes Sunday in the afternoon. The first module is scheduled to take place from 25-27 March 2022. Given the measures and protocols for work during the COVID-19 pandemic, there is a possibility for some of the modules to be held online, although the intention of the PCPE is to organize the modules live, in different cities in the country for a greater impact from the School of Policies.
2. **In which languages should the required documents for the School of Policies application be submitted?**
  - The application documents can be sent in one of the working languages of the School of Policies- Macedonian, Albanian or English, upon applicant's choice.
3. **Should the applications be also sent by regular mail?**
  - No, the applications should only be sent to the following e-mail address:  
[l.matevska@president.mk](mailto:l.matevska@president.mk).
4. **Is it necessary to write two essays? Is the essay limited in words? In what format should the essay be sent? Will an essay submitted in Macedonian or Albanian language be considered valid?**
  - As part of the School of Policies application, it is necessary to write only one essay in English, on one of the two offered topics, upon applicant's choice. The essay is not limited in number of words and can be sent in Word or PDF format, as preferred by the applicant. An essay submitted in Macedonian or Albanian will not be considered a valid document as part of the complete documentation for the 2022 School of Policy application.
5. **Is the age limit of the participants unchangeable, can an exception be made?**
  - The age limit, as well as the other criteria for participation in the School of Policies are defined by the Program Council of the Presidential Center for Political Education.
6. **Should the two recommendations for the School of Policies be in writing or can I provide only contact information of the professors/employers/associates issuing the recommendation?**

- The two recommendations should be sent in writing, signed by the person giving the recommendation.

**7. What do participants gain from participating in the School of Policies?**

- The School of Policies participants will have the opportunity to meet renowned professors, experts, politicians and members of business community from the country and abroad. The participants will be able to share opinions and exchange experiences from many spheres of social and political life in the country, as well as to strengthen their communication, leadership and soft skills. They will be able to build long-term friendships and important contacts, working individually and in groups, in interactive workshops with professionals from many fields. Finally, they will be able to improve their knowledge, elaborating several topics from politics, law, democracy, European integration, external cooperation, public relations, communications, environment, sustainable development, new media, etc.

**8. What if I am a person with a disability, could I participate in the School of Policies?**

- Yes, of course, your participation is welcome! The School of Policies at the Presidential Center for Political Education will be organized in an inclusive and accessible manner, enabling all participants, including persons with disabilities, to fully participate and contribute. If you are a person with a disability, you can mention this in the application form, where you can indicate if you need support for an access event (sign language, Braille, etc.).