

Call for Applications

Certificate Training: Peace and Conflict (in person)

Date: 17 – 21 September 2023

Application Deadline: 31 July 2023

Venue: The OSCE Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan (in person)

About the training

The Certificate Training in Peace and Conflict will provide the participants with a comprehensive introduction to concepts, tools, and methods in the field of conflict transformation. In the first half of the course, the focus will be put on an in-depth exploration of key terms and concepts as well as tools of conflict analysis. During the second part of the training, the conflict situation KODORI will be implemented, dealing with proto-typical challenges of a post-war situation. In the role of key stakeholders, the participants will have the task to negotiate a comprehensive peace agreement after a first ceasefire has been agreed upon. This experience will give the possibility for the participants to test the gained competencies in a realistic environment, get a deeper understanding of complex conflict dynamics and develop ideas for effective interventions in conflict settings. The whole training course will be held interactively, giving space for reflection as well as an exchange of experiences between the participants.

Trainers and organizers

The OSCE Academy in Bishkek is a public foundation that promotes regional cooperation, conflict prevention, and good governance in wider Central Asia through postgraduate education, professional training, and intellectual exchange. The Academy offers MA degree programs in Economic Governance and Development and Politics and Security provides experts training and conducts demand-driven research. More information: www.osce-academy.net.

CRISP is an organization based in Berlin, Germany. It is one of the few organizations worldwide that develops and applies the method of simulation-gaming to the fields of conflict transformation, civic education, and citizen participation. Geographical areas of intervention are the South Caucasus, Ukraine, Central Asia, the Western Balkans, MENA Region, and the EU. More information: www.crisp-berlin.org

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Medium of the training

English

Costs

Free of charge; travel, accommodation, and meals are covered by the program

Eligibility

- Junior and mid-level professionals from civil society, NGOs, and governmental organizations as well as researchers, activists, and experts from Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia. Also, this applies to citizens of Afghanistan and Tajikistan but only to those who are residing in Kyrgyzstan;
- Researchers, activists, and experts from these countries are also eligible to apply;
- Completed BA or MA degree in Social Sciences or other related fields;
- Be motivated and ready to dedicate 5 full days to the intensive training (attending lectures, participating in all assignments in mornings, afternoons, and some evenings).

Deadline

The deadline for submission of the documents is 31 July 2023 at 12 PM (Bishkek time). Please note that we do NOT accept applications after the deadline.

How to apply

If interested in applying for the training, please send the following documents as a single PDF document, all in English, saved as Mr/Ms_Name_Surname_PCT to: **training@osce-academy.net**

1. CV (in English), no more than 2 pages;
2. Letter of interest explaining how this training would benefit your professional or academic career (in English and not more than 600 words). In the letter of interest, please indicate your citizenship for the record.

Please indicate "Peace and Conflict Training" in the subject line of your email.

An application that does not follow these instructions will not be reviewed. Please NOTE that only selected candidates will be contacted.

Selection

Invited training participants will be required to fully attend the program, complete all training activities, and make tangible progress during the training.