

Call for applications

International Policy Paper Writing Seminar

Dates: 17-21 April

Application deadline: 28 February 2017

Online module deadline: 20 March 2017

Venue: OSCE Academy, Bishkek, Kyrgyz Republic

Trainers: Dr Alexander Wolters and Chris Rickleton

Learning objectives: the participants will enhance their writing skills to present results of their research and regional studies in formats required by policy journals. They will learn different formats and styles and build on their analytical and analysis capacity.

Description: The Policy Paper Writing Seminar will take place from the 17 to 21 April 2017. Sessions will include lectures, class discussions, group work, and peer-editing sessions. The concluding day of the training will be devoted to presenting papers to the wider public and discussion. The training programme is designed to enhance the capacity of young scholars, activists and policy-makers in writing policy briefs on various regional topics. It is essential for regional development to work with local experts and scholars who know the region and can offer policy recommendations and solutions, but at times lack substantial experience and skills to present their ideas in the right format. Thus the policy writing seminar is aimed at solving this issue and increase the potential pool of experts and policy briefs submissions for the Academy's series. The programme maintains the OSCE Academy's regional focus and invites participants from all Central Asian states and Afghanistan.

Course Language: English

Costs: Free of charge; travel and accommodation are covered by the programme.

To apply, please send these documents in one PDF attachment

- A curriculum vitae of no more than three pages (in English)
- A letter of motivation up to 400 words (in English)
- A one-page policy paper proposal on a regionally relevant topic (in English)

by e-mail **NO LATER than February 28, 2017** to Ms Svetlana Dzardanova, Research and Training Coordinator: s.dzardanova@osce-academy.net with "Policy Paper Writing Seminar Application" in the subject line.

Selection and schedule

Successful candidates will be selected by 5 March 2016 and will be required to complete an online module that includes reading background literature and working on the proposed policy paper. Online module should be completed by 20 March 2016. Selection for the in-house module will be made based on paper progress. Upon successful completion of the training programme up to best 5 papers will be selected for further editing and publishing as Central Asian Policy Briefs.

Please **NOTE** that only shortlisted candidates will be contacted.