



**Deadline: 27 September 2017, 23:59 Central European Time**  
**Open to: Kosovo, Balkan and Diaspora Professionals (age 18-32)**  
**Venue: 11-15 October 2017 in Prizren and Malisheva, Kosovo**

**Co-Create and Shake it Up!**  
***Diaspora School in Kosovo***  
**October 11-15th, 2017**

**Do you want to be the next ChangeMaker and impact positive change in Kosovo's local communities? Are you an innovative, solution-driven individual willing to share his/her experience with peers living in Kosovo, the Diaspora and the Western Balkan region? Do you want to meet/learn from ambitious people impassioned by innovation and technology? If you answered yes to the questions above, the Diaspora School in Kosovo is the right place for you!**

**Join us for a five-day civic hacking program and bring your ideas and projects to life through engaging team work, presentation, and pitch.**

**Description: The Diaspora School in Kosovo (DSK) is an innovative project which brings together young professionals (age 18-35) from Kosovo, the Diaspora and the Western Balkans region to connect, share knowledge, and create community solutions that address pressing issues at a local level. The designed multidisciplinary diaspora school will bring together 50 participants (25 from Diaspora/WB Region and 25 living in Kosovo) to work together on developing tangible projects that have impact in local communities. Specifically, this project aims to facilitate the exchange and co-creation of ideas between Diaspora professionals and their Kosovo counterparts in the areas with the most potential impact on local economic growth, while providing innovative and cost-effective solutions. In turn, the experience,**

**knowledge exchange and technology transfer will allow young professionals who participate in the event to expand their professional networks.**

## **Themes**

**Innovation in Business  
Community Engagement  
Innovation in Education  
Innovation in Culture & Tourism  
Public Services**

## **Eligibility**

**We are looking for young professionals who:**

- Love being creative to find cost-effective and practical solutions to local needs;**
- Thrive in a team – going the extra mile is a walk in the park for you!**
- Are 18 to 35 years of age, from Kosovo, the Diaspora\*, and the Western Balkans Region\*\***
- Have a working knowledge of English**
- Have potential to drive social change in the local communities and be an active player in its implementation**

**\* Member of Kosovo Diaspora**

**\*\* Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Kosovo, Macedonia and Albania)**

## **Note:**

- Gender and geographic balance criteria will be applied in the selection process;**

## **Costs**

- Diaspora young professionals who can't afford to travel to Kosovo will be reimbursed for the ticket purchased;**
- The DSK is free of cost for all participants.**

## **Benefits**

### **Participants will:**

- **Develop deeper understanding of issues local communities of Prizren and Malisheva face**
- **Work in teams to create, develop, pitch and implement a project**
- **Improve their teamwork, communication and presentation skills**
- **Expand their professional network**

### **In addition:**

- **Accommodation, meals and local transportation will be provided by the organizers;**
- **Travel to Prizren by bus will be organized from Prishtina;**
- **Travel to and from departing cities is participants' own responsibility.**

## **How to apply?**

**The call for the Diaspora School Kosovo 2017 is now open. All interested candidates should complete the following application form [HERE](#).**

**The application must be submitted by 27 September 2017, before 23:59 Central European Time.**

***Successful applicants will be informed via email no longer than October 1<sup>st</sup> 2017. However, please note that you could be informed before, taken into account that the evaluation of applications will take.***

**For further information please send an email to: [info@dsk.germin.org](mailto:info@dsk.germin.org)**

**For more information please visit the [official website](#).**