



Call for Participation: III. European Forum Diversity and Cooperation

We invite you to take part in the III. European Forum Diversity and Cooperation from October 2017 to February 2018.

As a participant of the European Forum Diversity and Cooperation you will:

- get a deeper understanding of this year's topic of **'Diversity & Cooperation between civil society, administration and social enterprises'**
- **get an insight into the work of another organisation** in Europe or its neighboring countries through a work shadowing visit
- **identify instruments to strengthen cooperation** between different sectors.

Why this Forum?

Developments such as the deep divergence between conservative and liberal actors in Poland and Turkey, the growing influence of populist parties in France and Germany or growing repressions against dissidents in Russia show: Societies in many European countries are divided and diversity is rather regarded as threat than as enrichment. At the same time actors from civil society, politics, administration and (social) enterprises want to strengthen understanding and diversity in their societies.

Against this background the forum provides space for networking, learning, and identifying instruments. It will consist of the following **three steps**:

- I. **Forum-Meeting** as a part of International MitOst Festival in **Frankfurt (Oder)/Ślubice, 4th to 8th October 2017**
You will connect to other actors from different sectors in Europe and its neighboring countries, exchange about your expertise regarding diversity and cooperation, attend the [international MitOst-Festival](#) and prepare your mutual work shadowing visits.

II. **Work Shadowing Visits** in Europe and neighbouring countries, **November 2017 until January 2018**

During a 5 day trip you will get an insight in the work of your hosting organisation, learn about practices for diversity and cooperation and transfer it to your work.

III. **Harvesting Meeting in Berlin, 15th to 18th of February 2018**

You will gather the identified tools to strengthen diversity and cooperation, spread the results and consolidate the network of participants for future cooperation.

Target Group

We are looking for:

- representatives of civil society organisations and think tanks, (social) entrepreneurs, facilitators of citizenship education, clerks from public administration and politicians,
- who deal with diversity and have experience in cooperation with actors from other sectors
- and live in Europe or its neighbouring countries (also Eastern Partnership Countries, Russia, Turkey, Tunisia, Egypt)

Participation and Application

- Multiple applications from one city, especially from different sectors, are welcome;
- Alumni of the European Forums 2015 and 2016 are invited to apply, around half of the participants will be alumni;
- Participation in all three steps is mandatory;
- Please note that participants from North African countries may only apply with a valid Schengen Visa due to time constraints;
- Costs for travel, visa and accommodation will be covered due to the re-imbusement rules mentioned in the online form. Participants are asked to organise their travels on their own as sustainable as possible.
- The working language of the first network meeting and the final meeting is English.

Please submit your applications **by 31. August 2017** via this [online form](#).

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Anna Jankowska:

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We are looking forward to your application!