In an effort to support the integration process in Southeast Europe, the TRANSFUSE Association, the College of Europe and the European Fund for the Balkans are organising the fifth Leadership Development Programme for young people from Southeast Europe, as well as broader Europe, who aspire to play an active role in the future of their countries.

Main features of the Programme

The programme will last one year and include:

A two-week Academy in Austria and Slovakia, September 2010: the curriculum will include topics related to the European Union and the development of its relations with Southeast Europe as well as wider issues of international and economic relations and practical skills development through workshops and simulation games.

Joint Projects in Southeast Europe, where the participants will work together in small multicultural groups to implement a joint activity in their countries.

A five-day Workshop in Belgium (Brussels/Bruges) in April 2011 with visits to the EU institutions and NATO, and classes in the College of Europe.

The participants are expected to be available during the overall period of the Programme (from July 2010 to April 2011) and to attend each planned activity.

The cost of the participation in the Programme for the successful candidates will be covered by the Programme. This will include travel costs, full board and lodging, visa fees and health insurance where required.
Participants

Up to **30 participants** will be carefully selected to take part in the programme. They will come from Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYROM, Greece, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Turkey. In addition, a certain number of participants will be selected from broader Europe.

The Programme is specifically designed for students who are currently undertaking or are about to start their **postgraduate studies** as well as **recent graduates at the beginning of their professional career**.

Applicants should:
- be **under the age of 28** with a successful academic record;
- have an excellent level of **English**;
- have a high interest in the **EU and international affairs**;
- possess a **high degree of personal commitment** and professional orientation;
- have a first **work experience** through **internships** or **voluntary work**.

Preference will be given to applicants with none or limited international experience.

Trainers

**High-level practitioners and academics** from the College of Europe, the TRANSFUSE Association and the European Fund for the Balkans networks are invited to share their knowledge and experience with the participants.

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Deadline for applications: **9 May 2010**

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