



## **Bus tour “I Choose Europe” – Call for participants**

Part 1: Frankfurt → Budapest (10-15 April)

Part 2: Budapest → Skopje (16-20 April)

Part 3: Rome → Brussels (23-30 April)

Application deadline: 15 March 2019 – read the call and [apply now!](#)

Please note that the exact route and dates may change.

Aiming to raise awareness about the upcoming European Elections 2019 and encourage young people to vote, JEF Europe leads the campaign “I Choose Europe”, with a promotional bus tour as one of its highlights. The main goal of the tour is to connect the countries participating in the campaign, making a good case for maintaining and strengthening the freedom of movement in Europe in the context of the upcoming elections.

In addition to supporting and promoting local campaign events, the bus crew will offer a series of activities addressed to young people within the frames of the campaign, including games, informal debates and awareness-raising actions related to the EP elections. The participants will be invited to actively contribute to these activities and engage with the public in order to promote the message of the campaign.

The bus tour will visit more than 12 locations in 12 countries and will be divided into 3 parts, as shown on the map. The participants are expected to arrange their travel to the first stop location (Frankfurt, Budapest or Rome) and return home from the last stop location (Budapest, Skopje or Brussels) within their chosen bus tour part.

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### **Who are we looking for?**

JEF Europe is looking for 45 participants (15 persons for each of the 3 tour parts) to join the bus tour crew and support its promotional activities. Participants’ profile:

- age 18+;
- legal resident of one of the following countries: Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden, United Kingdom, Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, North Macedonia, Montenegro and Serbia;



- able to lead activities and communicate in English;
- motivated to promote debate among young people about European issues, especially the European Elections 2019, and interested in developing his/her skills in the area of youth engagement;
- previous civil society experience.

### **Reimbursement and fees**

The costs of meals and accommodation during the bus tour will be covered by the organizers. The travel costs of participants from the eligible countries will be reimbursed after the event up to specific amounts allowing to entirely cover the costs of travel in most cases. The exact reimbursement amounts will be determined in due course.

JEF Europe is able to provide 75% discount vouchers for bus connections operated by FlixBus to all participants interested in travelling to/from one of the bus tour start/end points.

Participation fee: €50.

### **About the project**

The bus tour is one of the key components of the campaign "I Choose Europe" led by the Young European Federalists (JEF Europe), which is aimed at encouraging debate about Europe among young people and raising awareness on the European Elections taking place in May 2019. A large-scale youth event in Paris gathering approximately 2,000 young people will officially launch the campaign. Prior to the elections, "youth multipliers" will be trained and provided with newly-developed tools to engage young people in debates about Europe during local activities in 13 countries and encourage them to vote. The ideas collected as part of the campaign will be featured on social media and on an online interactive platform.

As a follow-up to the pre-election activities of the "I Choose Europe" campaign, the second phase of the project aims at developing the capacity of youth organizations and activists to engage with local, regional and European decision-makers and advocate for young people's priorities for the future of Europe collected as part of the New Narrative for Europe.

The project is implemented by JEF Europe together with 11 national sections and the following partners: Animafac, Assembly of European Regions, Balkans Beyond Borders, Center for Intercultural Dialogue, DYPALL Network, Europe4Youth, European Educational Exchanges - Youth for Understanding and the Union of European Federalists

**[Apply by March 15th.](#)**