



## JEF Europe – International Seminar “Fight back! Setting the scene” January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>, Skopje, Macedonia (FYROM)

### About the seminar

“Fight back! Setting the scene” is the first seminar of 2018 “Fight back: Youth civil society in endangered democracies” work plan of JEF Europe. It aims at addressing the worrying, recent trends of shrinking civic space in many European democracies and the various attacks by governments on civil society organisations.

This first seminar will focus on developing education about civic space in Europe, by analysing the recent attacks on civil society across Europe, as well as understand the factors that lead to existential threat for certain youth organisations in the continent.

Participants in the seminar will also develop their project management skills and will have the opportunity to receive micro-funding to develop their own local actions during the year.

### How will we work?

The methodological approach of the seminar will ensure that the principles of non-formal education are fully respected. This means that the participants will be offered possibilities to be fully engaged in planning and achieving their learning, through various experiential processes, small group work, expert input and open debates. Related to the inputs provided by external speakers, JEF Europe and JEF Macedonia will ensure that the speakers who will come to address the participants with their expert input will be very experienced and able to engage youth in active and meaningful dialogue.

### Application procedure

**Who is eligible to apply:** Young people aged 18-30 years who are citizens of one of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe + citizens of Belarus. Applications from non-eligible persons will not be taken into account.

To apply, fill the form: <https://goo.gl/forms/smrp1NT8Ty472QP63>

**Deadline for applications: Sunday, December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 23:59 CET\*\***

Successful applicants will be contacted by Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018 23:59 CET

### Practical Information

**Participation fee: €100** (€50 for locals and anyone who does not need accommodation)  
(10 scholarships of 50 EUR will be provided based on the quality of the response with the regard to the applicant's motivation.)

The participation fee covers full board and lodging during the seminar (January 31<sup>st</sup> – February 4<sup>th</sup>). Arrival on January 30<sup>th</sup> and departure on February 5<sup>th</sup> is possible. All meals are covered from Friday dinner until Tuesday lunch. International seminar will start on Wednesday 14:00 and

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will finish on Sunday 15:00.

**Travel reimbursement: 70% of the travel costs (up to max. 150€)**

JEF Europe will only issue travel reimbursement by bank transfer and upon presentation of all original travel documents after the end of the seminar.

**Important:** Do not book your ticket and/or pay the participation fee before you receive an e-mail confirmation regarding your selection.

Cancellation policy: Participants who have been confirmed and have paid their participation fee, but cancel their participation after January 17<sup>th</sup> 2018 will receive 50% of their participation fee. Cancellations after January 21<sup>st</sup> 2018 are not refundable at all.

Participation in all sessions is **compulsory**. In case of absence, JEF may apply a penalty on the travel reimbursement.

**Visa procedure**

JEF Europe will assist in visa procedures if needed.

Participants requiring a visa to Belgium are requested to complete the dedicated questions in the application form. In case you need an invitation letter, please contact us via the email below.

**Detailed agenda**

The detailed agenda of the seminar and an Info-Kit will be sent to the participants shortly after their selection.

**For any inquiries please contact us:**

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