

## Call for Applications: PAIC Study Trip to Kyiv

The Institute for European Politics (IEP) is pleased to announce the call for applications for participation in the study trip

### “Ukraine 2019: Elections, Reforms, and Civil Society”

which takes place from November 04 – November 09, 2018 in Kyiv, Ukraine within the project “Platform for Analytics and Intercultural Communication” (PAIC).

Since the change of government following the Euromaidan movements in 2014 and the Association Agreement between the European Union and Ukraine entered into force in 2017, the country initiated more reforms than in the previous two decades since its independence. These reforms are touching all political and social spheres in Ukraine, such as the energy market, public administration & decentralization, the judicial system or the fight against corruption among others. By launching public campaigns, publishing policy analyses or cooperating with domestic and international stakeholders, Ukrainian civil society organizations played a crucial role within this reform process.

This study trip aims at providing first-hand insights on the work of civil society organizations within the Ukrainian reform process and will address following questions:

- (How) do these organizations influence the political decision-making in Ukraine?
- Which problems and barriers do Ukrainian civil society organizations face in their daily work?
- How does the cooperation with state actors function?
- Which reform areas are especially successful? Which areas face the most obstacles?

The participants will meet and engage with experts from Ukrainian key think tanks/civil society organizations and will furthermore discuss **the newest socio-political developments**, the **current state of the reform process** as well as the **outlook for Ukraine in the light of the 2019 presidential and parliamentary elections** (i.e.: domestic and international affairs of Ukraine, security and defense policy, decentralization, the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, social policies or the humanitarian situation in Ukraine).

## Who can apply?

The IEP would like to invite young (future) researchers who fulfill the following attributes:

- ✓ a profound (research) interest in Ukraine and/or Eastern Partnership Countries;
- ✓ institutional linkage with a German or European research institution, think tank and/or university;
- ✓ PhD student or (advanced) Master student of any academic background;
- ✓ A very good command of the German & English language (C1);
- ✓ Strong (research) interest in topics related to domestic and international affairs of Ukraine, security and defense policy, decentralization, the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement, social policies or the humanitarian situation in Ukraine.

## How to apply?

In case this sounds interesting to you, please complete the application form (see below) and submit it together with your CV by September 28, 2018. In case any questions or problems occur, please contact [Mona Richter](#).

## Costs & Finances?

Travel and accommodation costs will be covered by the IEP. This includes the travel (flights, busses, trains) to Kyiv and back as well as the hotel accommodation. Please note, that only a total of 380€ per person can be reimbursed for travel expenses. Moreover, daily lump sums for food expenses are paid out and a farewell dinner as well as public transport in Kyiv is also covered by the IEP.

## Contact Information?

For any further questions, please contact Mona Richter via mail ([mona.richter@iep-berlin.de](mailto:mona.richter@iep-berlin.de)) or phone: (+49 30 889 134 31).

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