

#Perspectives20-30

Engaging Youth for a Safer Future

OSCE-wide Youth Forum

Bratislava, Monday 28 – Tuesday 29 October

Concept Note

The Bratislava OSCE-wide Youth Forum, a flagship event within the Perspectives 20-30 initiative, aims to bring together young participants and representatives of delegations of OSCE participating States and Partners for Co-operation to jointly discuss a vision for a safer future in the OSCE area and by 2030. In addition, the Perspectives 20-30 Core Group of Experts, a highly diverse and motivated group of young women and men from across the OSCE area, will take the occasion to present the results of their discussions during a number of meetings throughout the year.

Structure and Format:

The Youth Forum will take place in the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic, and close-by locations in Bratislava from Monday 28 – Tuesday 29 October. The conference will start with a high-level opening ceremony followed by a plenary session, open for delegates. Young participants from all OSCE participating States and the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation will then in parallel working groups discuss their perspectives on a safer future in the OSCE area and beyond. Finally, a plenary session will close the event.

Participants:

Participants of the Youth Forum will comprise the following groups:

- *Young Participants*: One young woman or man between the ages of 18 and 29 from each OSCE participating State and Partner for Co-operation will be selected upon nomination by their country. Gender balance and a background or affiliation to relevant youth organizations will be encouraged in the nomination and selection process.
- *Representatives of delegations* of all OSCE participating States and the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation
- *Members of the Perspectives 20-30 Core Group of Experts*, and
- *Invited OSCE and external experts*

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For more information: <https://www.osce.org/youth>

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Application Form

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The OSCE-wide Youth Forum is part of the Perspectives 20-30 initiative to engage Youth for a Safer Future, and will take place in Bratislava, on Monday 28 and Tuesday 29 October 2019. This event, organized by the OSCE Secretariat in support of the Slovak Chairmanship priority of Youth and Security, will bring together young women and men as well as representatives of delegations from all 57 OSCE participating States¹ and the Asian and Mediterranean Partners for Co-operation² to discuss their vision for a safer future in the OSCE area and beyond.

All delegations of OSCE participating States and the Partners for Co-operation are invited to nominate one young woman and one young man from their country, aged 18 to 29, for possible participation in the Youth Forum. From this pool of nominees the organizers will select one participant from each country with the aim of ensuring overall gender balance among participants. Delegations are encouraged to reach out to relevant youth (-led) organizations or youth institutions in their country. Board and lodging will be provided for the young participants by the organizers. Delegations are asked to cover travel costs to and from Bratislava for their country's participant.

Nominations should be submitted by delegations only through the below application form by Friday, 13 September 2019 to perspectives2030@osce.org. More information can be found on: <https://www.osce.org/youth>

1. General information

Name:	Surname:	Gender: Male / Female
Date of birth:	Place of Residence:	Nationality:
Phone number:	E-mail:	Need for visa to enter Slovakia: Yes / No

2. Motivation statement for attending the Youth Forum (100 words maximum)

3. Relevant background information (100 words maximum)

¹ <https://www.osce.org/participating-states>

² <https://www.osce.org/partners-for-cooperation>