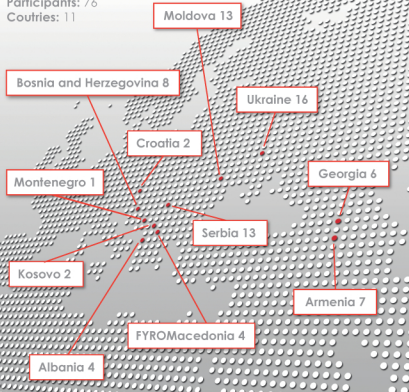


YOUNG LEADER seminars 2011-2015

Participants: 76
Countries: 11



I recommend the Young Leaders series of courses to all young people interested in politics. Not only does it provide the information that no university or academy can present, but also offers success stories by bringing political leaders and officials as speakers and lecturers.

Michaela Spataru, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova, YL XVIII series

I have attended many seminars, courses and trainings around the world – but only very few can be compared to the YL series. The things I have learned there were useful for me in many areas – democracy and ideology, communication and presentation techniques, team building, protocol and time management, etc. Even as a Deputy Prime Minister with many professional advisers in these fields, the notebooks from the RSI seminars were always in my office.



Dr. Vasko Naumovski, Macedonian Ambassador to the United States, former Deputy Prime Minister, YL VII series



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Our cooperation project "Young Leaders" has a tradition dating back to the 1990s. We invest in young politicians committed to democracy and value based politics with a centre-right approach - as represented by the European Peoples' Party family.

A leader and a statesman must have broad horizons. Our aim is to provide theoretical and practical knowledge on political, social, economic and security challenges and current developments in Europe. We particularly reflect on the practical implementation of shared EPP values in concrete policies and decision making. During 7 months of the project our graduates are also equipped with personal skills of leadership and public speaking as well as a solid international network.



Total number of speakers: 120



EFF speakers from the Netherlands: 22

Other speakers: 98 (Austria, Croatia, the Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Lithuania, FYROMacedonia, Norway, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Sweden, Turkey, Ukraine)

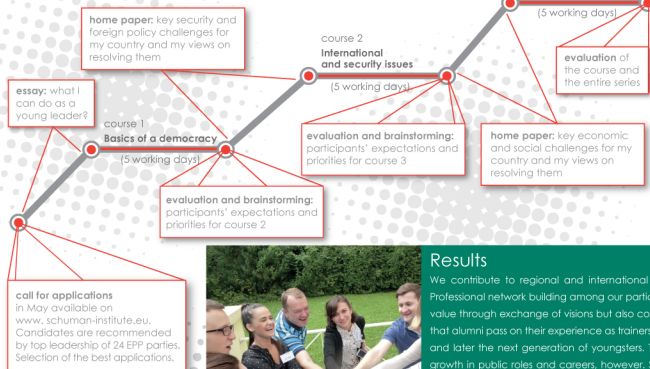


Young democracies need young leaders that make them work. Individuals that have the mind-set, knowledge and skills to see solutions where others see problems.



People that can overcome difficulties because they are familiar with the fundamentals of democracies, its problems and pitfalls but also with its working, inner strengths and the benefits it brings to society. The young leaders course succeeds in improving just those attitudes of its students.

Jos Denissen, former City Councillor in Amsterdam, Trainer of the Eduardo Frei Foundation



Results

We contribute to regional and international cooperation within the EPP family: Professional network building among our participants and speakers creates added value through exchange of visions but also concrete practices. It is our experience that alumni pass on their experience as trainers and speakers in front of party peers, and later the next generation of youngsters. The most visible outcome is alumni's growth in public roles and careers, however. Success stories come in every week: former participants become members of governments, parliaments, the diplomatic corps, or municipal councils as well as party functionaries, advisors, founders of political training institutes, and civil servants, including at EU institutions.

alumni conferences

further specialised training opportunity at RSI

internship support by RSI reference

PARTIES (number of participants)

- Albania**
Democratic Party of Albania (4)
- Armenia**
Republican Party of Armenia (3)
Heritage Party of Armenia (2)
- Belarus**
Belarusian Christian Democratic Party (1)
- Bosnia and Herzegovina**
Party of Democratic Progress (4)
Party of Democratic Action (5)
Croatian Democratic Union BiH (2)
Croatian Democratic Union 1990 (1)
- Croatia**
Croatian Peasant Party (1)
Croatian Democratic Union (2)
- FYROMacedonia**
VMRO-DPMNE (6)
- Georgia**
Christian Democratic Movement (2)
United National Movement (4)
- Kosovo**
Democratic League of Kosovo (4)
- Moldova**
Liberal Democratic Party of Moldova (9)
Christian Democratic People's Party (1)
- Montenegro**
Movement for Changes (1)
- Serbia**
G17 PLUS/ United Regions of Serbia (9)
Alliance of Vojvodina Hungarians (2)
Serbian Progressive Party (1)
- Ukraine**
Batkivshchyna (9)
Democratic Alliance (6)
Front of Changes (2)
Ukrainian Democr. Alliance for Reform (4)