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# Policy Advisers Course for Eastern Partners



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# Voices from Political Adviser Course in Budapest

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This winter, the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) and the School of Public Policy (SPP) at Central European University will organize a five-day intensive training courses for young policy advisers from the Eastern part of Europe – Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

Through a series of participatory exercises, combined with lectures and small group work, the course will strengthen participants' knowledge of democratic institutions and policy-making, as well as of OSCE commitments in the area of democratic governance, thereby helping to ensure that junior policy professionals of today are prepared to play a leading role in defining the future trajectory of their nation.

The course will focus on developing practical skills in a number of areas such as

- ▶ The role of the policy adviser (core functions and giving good advice);
- ▶ Shaping complex political environments (devising and implementing strategies; analyzing and understanding the internal and external political context; making decisions with limited information; forecasting and scenario planning; exercising ethics; upholding democratic values);
- ▶ Conducting inclusive policy analysis; engaging internal & external stakeholders; building and sustaining relationships and networks; negotiating effectively with respect for mutual interests; and
- ▶ Mastering communication and advocacy (policy writing, speech writing, devising communication strategies; public diplomacy; working with media outlets; communicating effectively).

The courses will build on the training methodology tested in the successful 2014, 2015 and 2016 editions of the course conducted in Sandö, Warsaw, Budapest, Chisinau, Tunis and Bishkek. The courses – taught by exceptional trainers with extensive professional experience in public policy – require active participation and engagement and will include writing speeches, talking points and briefing materials. Participants will be challenged to take part in negotiation simulations and an on-camera press corps briefing, which are common tasks for policy advisors.



## Target audience

Course participants will be 25 young policy professionals under the age of 35 who work as political/policy advisers in ministries, presidential administrations as well as in parliaments in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine.

## Course fee

The course fee, including tuition, course material, full board accommodation as well as the cost of airfare, will be covered by the course organizers.

## Course location

The course will be held on **22–26 January 2018** on the premises of the Folke Bernadotte Academy in **Sandö, Sweden**.

## How to apply

The course will be conducted in English. The selection of participants will be based on predetermined criteria and seek balance in terms of overall background, experience and suitability, age, gender, and nationality.

## Course website and application deadline

The course website is available at <https://spp.ceu.edu/policy-advisers-course-eastern-partners-2018>.

Deadline for applications is **Sunday, 15 October 2017**.

The application form is available at <https://spp.ceu.edu/polad2018>.

For further information and queries, please contact [gpa@spp.ceu.edu](mailto:gpa@spp.ceu.edu).





## Organizers



### **OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)**

OSCE-ODIHR is one of the world's principal regional human rights bodies. Based in Warsaw, Poland, ODIHR is active throughout Europe, the Caucasus, Central Asia and North America. ODIHR promotes democratic elections, respect for human rights, tolerance and non-discrimination, and the rule of law. Established in 1991, ODIHR employs nearly 150 staff from 30 countries. The Office's activities are funded through a core budget, which is approved annually by participating States, as well as through voluntary contributions.

### **CEU School of Public Policy, Global Policy Academy (GPA)**

SPP's Global Policy Academy organizes academically rigorous and policy-relevant courses that are designed not so much as traditional training seminars but rather as hubs for sectoral dialogue and experience exchange. The Academy leverages the broad and deep expertise of SPP faculty to address the needs of policy professionals who wish to broaden their knowledge as they serve the public good. Participants from the public, private, and nonprofit sectors enroll in GPA courses to gain relevant practice-oriented skills grounded in research-based knowledge. They also take advantage of the School's global reach to grow and enrich their professional networks in an exceptional learning environment.



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Eastern Partners course – 2016 cohort (Sandö)



Eastern Partners course – 2016 cohort (Warsaw)



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