



LEGISLATIVE FELLOWS PROGRAM

## Application Form for European Candidates

### "SUSTAINING CIVIC PARTICIPATION IN MINORITY COMMUNITIES"

An Exchange Program for Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia  
and the United States of America

Funded by the U.S. State Department Bureau of Education and Cultural Affairs. Organized by WSOS/Great Lakes Consortium for International Training and Development in collaboration with Creating Effective Grassroots Alternatives Foundation (C.E.G.A) in Bulgaria, Civil College Foundation (CCF) in Hungary, The Resource Center for Public Participation (CeRe) in Romania, and Center for Community Organizing (CKO) in Slovakia

**PLEASE READ THE SEPARATE 'ANNOUNCEMENT'**  
**BEFORE COMPLETING ALL THE PAGES OF THIS**  
**APPLICATION**

I am interested in participating in this **multi-staged fellowship program**:

1. I will participate in the learning circles, community organizing trainings and pre - U.S. departure orientation programs designed by my country director;                      Yes                      No
2. I am available to travel to the U.S. for a 42-day fellowship experience.

I prefer to travel (tentatively scheduled):

in the first group: **April 21-June 5, 2015**

in the second group: **October 9- November 20, 2015**

I am available anytime:

3. I am ready to prepare a 5-month pre-departure action plan to be implemented before the U.S. trip focusing on community organizing field experience – either participating in alumni organizing activities, or by designing a program in my own minority community connected to my current work or volunteer involvement. This experience needs to be summarized in a report before arriving to the U.S. so that the U.S. host organizations can design part of the fellowship program for the European participant based on the different field experiences.
4. I will prepare a 6-9 month Action Plan during the U.S. fellowship program and will work on implementing new ideas gained in the U.S. as well as share my experience with others after my return.



***International travel experience within the last 3 years:***

List all travel experience to the U.S.A. (date, length, and purpose of the visit to the U.S. Please mention if any of your visits to the U.S.A. were within the designation of a J-1 visa and/or if your visit was paid for by the U.S. government):

## **II. Educational background**

***If you have higher education, please list the university, faculty and department attended, as well as the degree – undergraduate, graduate, etc., year, or expected graduating date:***

***Include any continuing education or training experience:***

***List any training program in ‘community organizing’ in your own country or in Europe:***

Please refer to the background information in the announcement for a definition of community organizing, and visit [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community\\_organizing](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Community_organizing). If applicable, list the programs where you participated, including location, date, length, organizers, trainers:

## **III. Employment history:**

***Current employment*** (name of your employer, job title and major responsibilities at the place where you are currently employed, do not refer to your ‘volunteer’ position):

***Address of your work place:***

***Phone number:***

***Employment history:***

#### **IV. Community and Leadership Experience:**

*Are you a member of any professional, governmental or nongovernmental organization/association?*      Yes      No      If yes, please describe:

*Are you familiar with community service/social service work?*      Yes      No  
If yes, then describe:

*Leadership experience* – have you ever been in the position of a leader in your community or in other circumstances?      Yes      No      Explain difficulties encountered or the success achieved.

*Do you have any experience teaching/training others?*      Yes      No      If yes, what topics?

*Do you have experience in writing training materials?*      Yes      No      If yes, what topics?

*Do you have any team-work experience? Do you work better in groups or individually?*  
Yes      No      Explain:

***Volunteer experience*** – are you doing volunteer work in your community?

Yes      No    If yes, please include the name of the organization and describe the activity you do as a volunteer for this organization. If you are involved in more than one organization, please prioritize, but list all of them where you are involved as a volunteer.

**V. Language skills** - please list all, but elaborate on your level of English, i.e. speaking, understanding, writing, and reading. Spanish language skills are not a requirement, but they can be a plus for those willing to work with immigrant communities in the U.S.

## **VI. Information about the Applicant's Organization**

***Name of the Organization*** that you want to represent on this exchange (even if you are not working there full-time):

***When was this organization founded?***

***Please describe your organization and its main activities.*** Highlight its minority-oriented activities:

If you are involved in more than one organization, please prioritize, but list all of them where you are involved:

***Organization Address:***

***Organization Phone:***

***Fax:***

***E-mail:***

***Web page:***

***Facebook page:***

What is your role, position, current activity in this organization?

When did you start working in (or supporting) this organization?

Please share some information about the community where your organization is located.

The total number of employees:

The total number of volunteers:

How big is the population that your organization serves? Is it located in a wealthy or in a disadvantaged neighborhood/region?

How many of them belong to minority groups?

Which are the minorities and their ratio in your community you serve? Please list them.

What are the most successful programs or services that your organization provides?

Do you or your organization have any international collaboration experience?      Yes      No

If yes, please explain:

## **VII. Training needs and ideas**

What category of minority groups are you working with in your country and/or you would like to work with during your U.S. internship? Please check all of your interests below:

Roma                  LGBT                  Homeless                  Immigrants                  Youth  
Senior Citizens                  Disabled                  Other (please specify):

What kind of experience do you need in terms of your geographic area(s)?

Urban

Rural

Both

What issue(s) are you currently working on or plan to work on in the next 6 months? (If you have not started to do any community organizing or you don't know enough about your targeted community yet, please do not answer this question!)

What type of practical experience would you like to gain during the fellowship in the U.S.A.? How are you going to use it back home?

What specific skills would you like to learn during the fellowship program in the U.S.A.?

Please mark your top 3 choices and explain how they are applicable in the community you are working with:

Leadership

Direct action

Campaign planning on specific issues such as ...

Fundraising

Organizational development

Other - please explain:

What kind of training would you like to provide to others after you return? Please list any topics and potential number of people who can benefit from this training in your own organization/community:

**Attachments:**

- 1. Please write an essay in English on why and how you are working with minority groups and list any field experience or success story that you may have had in working with them.** If the work you are doing is in collaboration with different organizations, alumni, and other people, please highlight the roles of the partners and your personal contribution to the success story (No more than 2 typed pages, single spaced). (Please be ready to provide additional information on this later if you are selected);
- 2. Statement of interest** from the organization whom you would like to represent in this program stating that they are interested in using community organizing in their activities and will welcome the U.S. mentor to their organization and support your activities before and after the U.S. trip;
- 3. Action plan** for 5-month field work experience before the U.S. trip (see the GLC template);
- 4. Scanned copy of your passport bio page (your photo and date of birth are on it) - your passport must be valid until at least December 15, 2015;**
- 5. A passport size head shot photo in front of a white wall in high resolution;**
- 6. Statement of intent** signed by the participant:

*"/, the undersigned, would like to participate in the 42-day fellowship program in the U.S.A. If I am selected, I intend to develop a permanent network for cooperation with other European participants, program organizers as well as with counterparts from U.S.A. I am committed to complete my field work before the U.S. trip. During my visit in the U.S.A., I will prepare a 6-9 month Action Plan for that I will implement after my return from the U.S.A. I will also assist in preparation of the program of the U.S. mentors in my country and will work collaboratively with them.*

*I will faithfully keep a regular e-mail communication before and after the exchange with WSOS/GLC and other U.S. partners. I will cooperate with the WSOS/GLC Country Director and other program partners in my country and will share my experience, ideas and skills with other people in our community in order to benefit us all."*

DATE:

SIGNATURE of the Applicant:

**YOU MUST SIGN THIS DOCUMENT TO QUALIFY FOR THE EXCHANGE**

*Thank you for filling out the Application Form and preparing the Attachments*

**Deadline for the arrival of your application: November 15, 2014**



*This electronic application, along with the scanned attachments, must be submitted by e-mail to Dr. Elizabeth Balint, GLC Project Manager in Toledo, OH U.S.A.:*

*[GLC\\_TeachDemocracy3@hotmail.com](mailto:GLC_TeachDemocracy3@hotmail.com) and copy your Country Director in the email; a hard copy must also be postal mailed to your country program director of your country of residence (Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania or Slovakia).*

*For any questions you can contact either your country program director or GLC Project Manager.*

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