

GLCAP / GLC FALL 2023 PROFESSIONAL FELLOWS PROGRAM FOR ALBANIA, BULGARIA, HUNGARY, ROMANIA AND SLOVAKIA



SEPTEMBER 4TH - OCTOBER 13TH



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GLCAP (formerly known WSOS) received the FY 2022 Professional Fellows -Renewal grant from the U.S. Department of State to manage a two-way Governance and Society Program entitled 'Empowering Citizen Led Democracy' for emerging leaders from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the United States between September 2022 and December 2024.

PLAN OF ACTION

Great Lakes Community Action Partnerships (GLCAP) proposed a two-way Governance and Society Program for approximately 21 emerging mid-level leaders from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia and 10 U.S. professional participants. The program, "Empowering Citizen-led Democracy," will galvanize a grassroots base of active citizens to be strong advocates for citizen-led democracy in Eastern Europe. GLCAP will provide in-person, virtual, and blended professional development opportunities for community leaders to develop tools around community organizing, citizen engagement, community-led development, and advocacy. A special emphasis will be placed on participants from, and working with, marginalized and rural communities. The program will allow participants to share ideas, collaborate, and build a global network of professionals dedicated to supporting civic participation and public activism in the United States and Europe. Two groups of foreign fellows will spend approximately six weeks in the United States participating in professional and leadership development activities and individually tailored working placements with



The specific objectives of this program:

- Advance participant and beneficiary cross-cultural competence and global perspective
- Increase the impact that participants and alumni have on their communities
- Strengthen engagement among participants, alumni, beneficiaries, and institutions
- Strengthen personal, professional, and technical abilities and aptitudes
- Increase Capacity of ECA partner institutions to achieve program strategic goals
- Enhance the quality of effectiveness of ECA programs by leveraging the Bureau's resources

Expected outcomes/Results:

- Strengthen civil society sector in Central and Eastern Europe
- Increased transparency and accountability in local governments in these locations
- More resilient and sustainable communities with engaged citizens
- Deeper understanding by participants of the societies, histories, cultures and peoples of other countries, increased appreciation of diversity, and realization of similarities and shared values,
- Lasting and sustainable partnerships between U.S. and European organizations, creating a platform for sharing best practices and cross-cultural dialogue.

non-profit organizations, and advocacy groups, followed by participation in the Professional Fellows Congress in Washington, D.C. American participants will then travel overseas to spend approximately two-weeks conducting joint trainings to implement their fellows' individual projects based on their U.S. experience. and working with their foreign counterparts to advance civil liberties, social justice, and civic engagement in their communities.

A flexible three-month, 20 hour, pre-program virtual training component was designed to enhance the Fellows' professional development skills; provide Fellows with an opportunity to share ideas, approaches, and strategies regarding pressing challenges in their thematic area; build a group identity, and facilitate communication between European fellows and U.S. organizations/mentors. This virtual program component was integrated into and served as a springboard for the U.S. fellowship placement component of the program. The trainings focused on community organizing and governance. U.S. alumni mentors provided the trainings with support from European alumni and country directors. The virtual component also helped our fellows to connect with other alumni from around the world through peer-to-peer trainings on subjects that are closest to their interest.

The fall 2023 fellows will participate in joint in-person activities before and after their 4-week internship in the U.S. Before the internship in Chicago, Illinois they will have arrival orientation and training with active participation and team building activities. After their internship they will participate in peer-to-peer learning in Washington, D.C. where they share their experience and ideas that they gained at different U.S. host organizations and will discuss how some of the new ideas can be implemented in their home countries.

During the 4-week tailored internship fellows will have various opportunities to gain practical experience and work closely with their U.S. mentors. By the end of their internship participants will prepare 6-month Individual Action Plan for follow-on activities. Multicultural events and participation in volunteer activities as well as other community engagement activities will be included. Fellows will have an opportunity for an on-line training to enhance their leadership skills.

Overall, the 12-member spring 2023 delegation will be involved in 4 U.S. states in 6 U.S. host organizations. Fellows will continue to participate in alumni activities in their country after their return home.



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Enron completed his studies in Social Work in 2010, and Master of Science in Community Organizing in 2012 at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Social Work, University of Tirana.

Since 2012, Enron has been working for "Help the Life" Association as a Project Manager. "Help the Life" is an association of parents of children with disability, which mission is to contribute in the inclusion of people with disability into social-economical life, by offering psycho-social and educative services and to raise the capacities of families, service providers, raising awareness of the society and advocating for their rights.

He is also an Assistant Lecture at the Department of Social Work and Social Policies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Tirana since 2014.

Enron has given its professional contribution in the field of the rights of persons with disabilities by taking part in important initiatives such as the drafting Standards of Services for Persons with Disabilities in Albania, the establishment of the first Self-Advocacy group of young people with intellectual disabilities, directed the first study on "Independent Living and Social Inclusion of Persons with Intellectual Disabilities" and has a vast experience in the "Independent living service for people with disability". During the years he has acted as a trainer of parents, professional staff working in the field and teachers on different topics of disability. He is engaged in advocacy initiatives to directly empower people with disabilities, to enable an active life with full rights in society.

This is his first time traveling to US and he sees this program as a possibility to grow professionally, share experience, and learning how to involve and impact community on a larger scale.

Apart from English he speaks Italian, loves music, sports, and animals.

Enkela Binaj resides in Tirana, Albania where she works as a Project Assistant and Manager for SALTO, mainly focusing on topics related to education. Her work endeavors include finding solutions to social and educational issues and trying to make education equally accessible, and transform it into an empowerment tool for everyone, regardless of their gender or background.

As one of 6 siblings, Enkela has been a teacher and example for students even before she received her honors degree in English Language Teaching. During her Bachelor Studies, Enkela was granted the Erasmus + Scholarship twice, and studied and lived in Poland and Spain for a year (six months in each country). These experiences helped her broaden her horizon, meet people from different cultures and interesting backgrounds, and have a new perspective on life.

As a polyglot, Enkela found a way to combine her passion about languages with technology and AI, and enrolled in a MSc in Natural Language Processing, in a joint online program between the University of Tirana and the University of Sorbonne, Paris Nord. She is a native Albanian speaker, and in addition she speaks English, Spanish, Italian, French and Turkish fluently, plus some German and Portuguese.

Enkela loves traveling, learning, writing, painting, and teaching. She is excited to fulfill a life-long dream of coming to America.



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Kejsi is a simple and lively girl from a very small country that is located in the heart of the Balkans, Albania. From a very young age, she was sure about the path she would follow latter in her life, such as care giving. Currently, Kejsi is occupied as a Case Manager and Project Coordinator near "Qendra Streha", which is in Tirana. For more than a year she has been holding the position of case manager, and during the last six months she was also promoted as a project coordinator.

From 2016 until 2021, she was focused on graduating from the Bachelor and Scientific Master degree. The bachelor's degree was focused on "Administration and Public Policy", that has helped her have a wider panorama of social services around the world, has helped on focusing her into the geopolitics orientation of social services and strategies. Living in a small city, such as Tirana, she always found herself wanting to know more and explore how to make her place a better one, how to adapt others social politics in her own hometown. This led her to finish the Scientific master's degree, "Faculty of Social Science", near the "University of Tirana", with her focus being "Social Worker in the Issues of Children and Family". During her studies, she started to explore on learning new languages, where now she can comprehend Spanish and French.

As a person who enjoys reading, cooking, exploring and travelling, she is looking forward to this program pushing her to achieve greater things. As a part of the program, hopefully she will gain a greater understanding of organizational leadership and working on micro and macro levels.

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Monday, September 4, 2023 Chicago, IL

Afternoon: Arrival in Chicago O'Hare Airport, take an airport shuttle or other transportation in small groups to drive to the hotel in downtown

Check-in to hotel for 4 nights (Please store your luggage with front desk if your room is not ready)

Welcome at the Hotel by Brianna Dennis and Nadine Thompson

5:30PM: GLCAP Registration in the lobby and receive welcome package and getting to know each other

Tuesday, September 5, 2023 Chicago, IL

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

8:00-3:00PM: Arrival Orientation with GLCAP staff in hotel meeting room

5:30-7:00PM: Social hour and small group discussion in the hotel lobby

Evening: Free time to enjoy Chicago

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 Chicago, IL

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

8:00AM-12 p.m.: Team building activity

1:00-3:00PM: Site Visit

5:30-7:00PM: Social hour and small group discussion in the hotel lobby,

Evening: Free time to enjoy Chicago

Thursday, September 7, 2023 Chicago, IL

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

8:00-12 P.M.: Cultural Activity on your own

1:00 P.M.-5:00 P.M.: "Leading with Light" Training Seminar

5:30-7:00PM: Social hour and small group discussion in the hotel lobby

Evening: Joint Farewell party on the last night in Chicago

Friday, September 8, 2023 Travel day to internship locations

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

Check-out of hotel with all luggage; travel on your own in small groups to Chicago O'Hare airport to fly to their internship sites

Afternoon/evening: Arrival at internship locations, meet with local partners and move in with host families

September 9-October 6, 2023

Tailored 4-week internships at U.S. Host Organizations across USA

September 19, 2023

7:00PM-8:30PM (EST): Networking and Leadership Webinar presented by World Learning in preparation for the Professional Fellows Congress



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Ahmed holds the esteemed position of Deputy Mayor in the town of Sevlievo, Bulgaria, and serves as the chairman of the Municipality Youth "Hotalich" Association. This organization is dedicated to promoting the involvement of rural youth with limited opportunities in leadership initiatives and non-formal educational training across Bulgaria and Europe. Recognizing the absence of an active non-profit sector in the town, the association represents the first non-profit organization established through the collaborative efforts of the local city council to enhance educational prospects for the community's youth.

With a decade-long engagement in youth NGO sectors dating back to his university years, Ahmed has contributed to entrepreneurship startup competitions designed to cultivate innovation skills in individuals from minority backgrounds. He possesses both a bachelor's and a master's degree in Engineering, along with valuable work experience in the IT sector.

Ahmed aspires to participate in the program to broaden his understanding of community organizing, with the ultimate goal of championing the development of the non-profit sector in his town and throughout rural central Bulgaria. His ambition is to establish a Leadership Academy that caters to young individuals with limited opportunities and those from diverse minority groups.

Proficient in English and Turkish, with a working knowledge of German, Ahmed is excited to seize this first opportunity to visit the United States. In his leisure time, Ahmed enjoys adrenaline-fueled activities such as skydiving and bungee jumping.

Diana Dimova is the founder and chairperson of Mission Wings Foundation, Bulgaria, which employs 45 professionals – social workers and psychologists, cultural mediators. *Mission Wings Foundation* is a non-governmental organization founded in Stara Zagora in 2018 by people sharing ideas and experts with a background of experience in managing projects related to empowering people going through tribulations or disadvantaged people; protecting children at risk; supporting the social functioning of children and adults in the fields of foster care and adoption, disability, violence, failure in family life, addictions, early childhood intervention, and others.

She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in social work at Paisii Hilendarski University in Plovdiv city. She has specialized in working with children and families at risk, social services management, systematic family counseling and therapy, and supervision in the social sphere. Her professional experience spans nearly 24 years in the NGO sector. She has project development and implementation experience in over 170 projects and civic initiatives in the areas of social work with vulnerable groups, advocacy and empowerment, and human rights. She speaks beside her native language Russian and English. She has international travel experience, all of them for exchange visits, conferences, training in 19 countries. She traveled to the US in 2000 for a business trip in Saint Louis, Missouri; Chattanooga, Tennessee; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Atlanta, Georgia; Orlando, Florida.

She was a full member of the National Council for Child Protection at the State Agency for Child Protection in two terms – 2003 and 2009. In 2008, she was a member of the Public Council of the National Ombudsman of Bulgaria. In 2008-2010, she was a member of the Board of the National Network for Children. In November 2014, she was awarded the Honorary Badge of the President of the Republic of Bulgaria for her outstanding contribution and merits to the protection of children's rights in Bulgaria.

Since 2013, she has been working as a volunteer activist with refugees, advocating for policy change related to their reception and integration. Together with a team of 15 people, she has created and developed frontline services to support refugees near the Bulgarian-Turkish border.

She has outdoor hobbies: running, hiking, trekking. She also is a rock music and concerts lover.



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Kitti has been working in the Hungarian civil sector for 10 years. Her field experience includes neighborhood programs, district-level development processes in the most disadvantaged rural areas, service renewal responding to the needs of specific age groups, in which she worked on a local and resource-based basis, mobilizing and engaging the relevant actors to strengthen public participation and democratize local decision-making. Her view of Hungarian society was also deepened by her years of experience as an adult education and training practitioner, and in international cooperation and projects, her understanding was broadened in the Central-Eastern European region.

Currently she is working as a training coordinator of the Program Local Democracy Hub since August 2022.

Kitti is one of the founders and current President of The Citizens' Association for Angel Island, founded in 2021 in Angel Island, which belongs administratively to the Pest County town of Ráckeve. This citizens' organization was formed by property owners who want to actively contribute to the development of the island community and the living conditions there in a way that is acceptable to the stakeholders.

As for her education, after History Studies (BA), she went to Community and Civil Development Studies (MA) and got her second degree in Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest, Hungary. Besides different short-term training (like nonviolent communication, community organizing, group dynamics, community planning and facilitating, social hackathon methodology) and mobility programs in the EU, this is the very first time to visit another country for that long period.

In her free time activities, she believes in active relaxation, so in the last year she has started two new hobbies: playing badminton and making jewelry.

Tünde is a Physics teacher in a primary and lower secondary school in Budapest. This is her 4th school year. She joined the Teacher's Union (Pedagógusok Szakszervezete) three years ago. She was elected Vice President in 2023. The union represents the interests of education workers. Its main activities are to fight for better working conditions, better wages, and the union also provides legal assistance for colleagues. She is also a member of the union's Youth Committee. She's an active member of the union, and tries to help her colleagues assert their rights. As a member of the union's Youth Committee she keeps in touch with young teachers from all over Hungary in order to help each other and learn good practices from each other. She is a candidate for union representative as well.

Tünde has three degrees: Physicist (University of Szeged, 2015), Material Scientist (Eötvös Loránd University, 2017), Physics Teacher (Eötvös Loránd University, 2019).

She would like to learn how trade unions work in the US, how they can reach new members, and help them become active to organize their own colleagues at their workplace. She would also like to learn about campaign planning. Her main goal is to develop a long-term education training for Hungarian education workers to help them become more conscious. She would like to coordinate a team that would travel the country and reach as many schools and as many colleagues as they can, not only to educate them, but also to know their local problems and provide solutions for them.

Her hobbies are hiking, exploring nature, visiting museums, and playing board games.



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Genovéva is an active member of several community activist groups in her home country of Hungary. As an activist, she has been developing her organizational skills (building team and network, fundraising, community development, social media management skills etc.). She is devoted, enthusiastic and profoundly convinced about the "issues" she is supporting and advocating for.

Besides that, Genovéva has been the lead vocalist of several bands in the town of Pécs and has been developing her singing and performing skills for almost 20 years. Her main mission and focus is on raising attention to climate issues through music and art.

Genovéva received a university degree in English Humanities and Teaching English at the University of Pécs, Faculty of Humanities (Pécs, Hungary) in 2004. Besides Hungarian and English, she speaks German fluently. She completed her middle schools in Austria (Wiener Neustadt) at the School of Design. Her graduation certificate from this school equals the highest level of language exams in Hungary.

Her main hobby is making music. She also loves creating video clips, YouTube videos (audiobooks) and she is also a volunteer for reading (and recording) articles for the visually impaired people. Currently, Genovéva works as the technical writer.

Washington D.C. October 6-9 , 2023

Friday, October 6, 2023

Travel day / Washington, D.C.

Morning: Travel to Washington, D.C. from internship location on your own

Afternoon: Check-in to downtown Washington, D.C. hotel for 3 nights

Sightseeing and/or time for rest

6:00PM: Meeting with Brianna Dennis and Nadine Thompson at the Hotel lobby

Joint dinner nearby

Small group discussion during and after dinner about the internship experience

Saturday, October 7, 2023

Washington, D.C.

Breakfast in the hotel lobby

**9:00AM-1:00PM: Peer-to-Peer learning from each other's experience in the hotel conference room;
Distribution of Survey Monkey online, Evaluation about the program to be completed by Monday morning;**

Afternoon/Evening: Free time for sightseeing and cultural programs in small groups

Sunday, October 8, 2023

Washington, D.C.

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

Free time for sightseeing and free time activities on your own in small groups;

Monday, October 9, 2023

Washington, D.C.

7:00AM: Breakfast in the hotel lobby

9:30A.M.: Meet with Brianna in hotel lobby

Check out of hotel by 11 a.m. and the rest of your day is free. It is an American Holiday so check to make sure the locations you plan to travel to are open prior to going.

After 4:00PM: Move to the Professional Fellows Congress hotel in Georgetown; Register at World Learning desk to get your information and check-in at the hotel for 4 nights; (Please store your luggage if your room is not ready yet)

Evening: Free time

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Alex Oprita lives in Bucharest — Romania’s capital, for more than 15 years. He grew up in a smaller town, Râmnicu Vâlcea, where playing with the other kids in front of your home was something normal. Saying ‘hello’ to your neighbors was almost mandatory, everyone knew everyone.

After finishing high school, he moved to Bucharest to attend the Technical University of Constructions, where he graduated civil engineering. In 2016, he was already working for several years at one of the top design companies in Bucharest, but felt that something is still missing in his professional life. Truth is that he didn’t really believe in his work and it all became crystal clear when he started getting involved in his neighborhood.

Now, he is part of the Bucharest Community Foundation team, where he coordinates the Environmental Platform for Bucharest. They launched this program in April 2022 and, soon after, started gathering the community of NGOs and local grassroots, as a first step.

Apart from environmental activism and community organizing, Alex likes urban gardening, the ocean and the sun, animals (he owns a dog), culture (street art, music, movies), traveling and sports (he practiced handball for 15 years). He is also very fond of the Spanish and Latino culture, speaks Spanish fluently and already got to use and develop this skill during his Erasmus scholarship (Barcelona, 2011) and IAESTE internship (A Coruna, 2013). He would like to be able to put into use again during this fellowship and have a grassroots experience in Latino community from the USA.

Anca works as a Guide Dog for the Blind Program Manager for about 9 years at Light Into Europe Charity located in Bucharest, the capital of Romania. Light Into Europe aim to support Romanian people with a visual or hearing impairment to improve their lives, to expand their possibilities and help them become accepted members of the Romanian society. As a Guide Dog Program Manager she is working both with dogs, preparing them to become qualified guide dogs to help blind people but also with visually impaired/blind people through orientation and mobility sessions, independent living skills plus the whole process of matching them with their future guide dogs. She is also coordinating and training the volunteers involved in the Program and take part to various actions that involve promoting and supporting the inclusion and the rights of the blind people in the community.

Anca has a Master’s in Management and Business Communication from the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration and also a University Degree in Environmental Economics, both degrees finished in Bucharest, Romania. Environmental protection was her first love and is still one the actively dedicates free time to.

When Anca is not involved in volunteering activities she loves to go in the mountains, spending time in the nature, or doing different cultural activities. She enjoys traveling and nothing makes her happier than discovering new cultures, going in adventures and dancing, She even has a little tango dancer inside. Anca is passionate and in love with all the diversity and beauty the world has to offer.



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Maria Cezar has been working with Expert Forum, a Bucharest-based think tank, since the beginning of 2019 on projects focused on active citizenship, non-formal education, and civic engagement. She has been actively involved in EFOR's School for Democracy program, working with teachers from Romania and the Republic of Moldova. In her work with teachers, Maria has designed several activities for teachers that are interactive and inclusive. These activities help teachers approach topics of democracy, human rights, and rule of law with their students. She is very passionate about utilizing these tools to help teachers, students, and schools create opportunities for youth to actively involve themselves in their communities and be change-makers.

In 2020 she co-created the Let's talk about YOU(th)! program, dedicated to empowering young people in Romania and the Republic of Moldova to make their voices heard on issues important to them and their community. Maria is now the program coordinator of Let's talk about YOU(th)! and a youth trainer on active citizenship, and democracy.

In the LTY! program Maria offers students the tools, information, and support they need to make their voices heard on issues of great importance to them such as women's discrimination and abuse, LGBTQ+ discrimination, Roma discrimination, climate change, mental health, and the outdated educational system.

Maria has a Master's degree in International Public Affairs from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest, and holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Relations and European Studies from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Bucharest.

This will be Maria's first time traveling to the US. She is looking forward to learning from like-minded professionals and US mentors about community organizing, citizen engagement, and community-led development.

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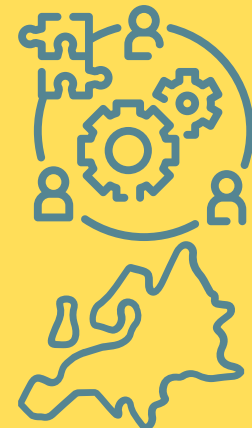


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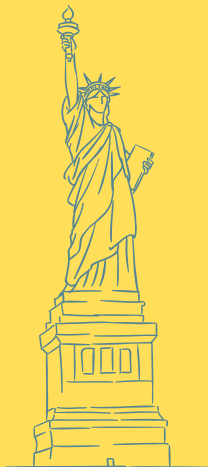
Adriana Školeková has been working at the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Roma communities, on the national project Community services in cities and towns with the presence of marginalized Roma communities as a manager for monitoring, evaluation, information and communication since 2020. At the same time, she is a member of the non-profit organization ARA ART, which as the only one in Europe dealing with the Roma LGBT minority and the issue of its multiple discrimination. She has been working there as a lecturer and mentor of the organization since 2021. Last year she worked as a volunteer for the project "Smarter Together", where she tutored Roma children in the community center in Plavecký Štvrtok.

Adriana Školeková studied sociology at the Comenius University in Bratislava, where she was interested in the Roma topic during her studies. During college, she applied for an internship at the Office of the Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities, where she was selected, and after graduating, she started working there as a manager for monitoring, evaluation, information and communication. The goal of the national project is to increase the financial literacy and employment of clients of community centers.

In organizations, she acts as a mentor who guides participants through the entire leadership academy. She also works as a lecturer in organizations and lectures on communication, leadership and project management.

Adriana likes to influence public opinion, destroy prejudices, myths and stereotypes against the Roma, and she wants to keep improving because it is a long-term and demanding job.

In her free time, Adriana likes to spend her free time with her family, friends, trips and traveling. She loves dancing, music and positive and active people.



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