**PUBLIC CALL FOR STUDENTS TO PARTICIPATE IN THE SPRING SCHOOL FOR PREVENTION OF CORRUPTION IN HIGHER EDUCATION IN OHRID, MAY 15-18, 2024.**

The Center for Free Elections and Democracy (CeSID), together with the Institute for Strategic Research and Education (ISIE) from North Macedonia and the Institute for Development, Research and Alternatives (IDRA) from Albania, is implementing the project “Corruption Free Universities in Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia”. After conducting research with students at public universities in Albania, North Macedonia and Serbia, successfully organized workshops for building the capacity of faculty teaching staff, as well as meetings with members of parliament who showed great interest in the topic of corruption prevention in higher education, a **Spring School on the prevention of corruption in higher education will be organized in Ohrid, N. Macedonia from 15-18 May 2024.**

A total of 30 students (10 from each country) will be selected for the Spring School. Lectures in Ohrid will be held by national and international experts from all three countries in English language. **Students are expected to participate as agents of change and to implement follow-up activities[[1]](#footnote-1) with the aim of preventing corruption in their environment. Each student will sign a service contract with the Consortium, which will provide him/her with support for the implementation of follow-up activities (month of June) after the Spring School (up to 100 euros gross amount).**

Accommodation costs (3 nights, full board) as well as international transportation costs (bus ticket) will be covered for the participants of the Spring School.

**Who can apply?**

* Students of undergraduate and master's studies of public universities in the targeted countries.
* Students who show interest in this topic and are willing to take an active part in lectures.
* Students who are responsible and ready to implement follow-up activities in their environment after the Spring School.

**How to apply?**

To participate in the Spring School in Ohrid, **students apply by filling out the application form** available at this [**link**](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeUljJJpLC6z14hX90Bw4ucsU9m1pXEmqrxmaNBKBLI-8Fjgg/viewform?usp=sf_link). The deadline for application is **April 10, 2024.**

**What are the criteria for the selection of Spring School participants?**

* The applicant is a student of one of the public universities in the three countries and has an active knowledge of the English language;
* The applicant has successfully filled out the application form including personal data, a motivational letter of up to 200 words and presented an idea for a follow-up activity;
* The applicant actively participates in various student activities;
* The best ideas presented in the application, along with the remaining successfully submitted information, will be the key and only criteria for selecting participants of the Spring School in Ohrid.

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1. Follow-up activity refers to any activity that aims to raise awareness of the importance of corruption prevention in the immediate environment of students. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)