

DCAF Young Faces 2022

Webinars on Cybersecurity Governance for young leaders in the Western Balkans: January -July 2022

Are you passionate about cyber security and policymaking? Do you want to expand your knowledge with real-world examples, best practices and applied theory? Are you looking forward to exchange with experts and researchers in the field?

Join us for the Young Faces 2022 educational program!

We want to share our experience, present regional examples and discuss what good governance in cybersecurity means for European countries today. In order to create space for strong cyber security policy we will organize a series of webinars, mentored policy paper writing and a live event during the summer. You will be able to apply for webinars only or for the full program. Applications are open until 9 January.

Program

Webinars:

25 - 27 January Introduction to Good Governance in Cybersecurity

- Introduction to cybersecurity and good governance
- Case study examples of good governance
- Cybersecurity governance exercises

01 - 03 February Human Rights and Security Online

- Human rights and cybersecurity intro
- Protecting human rights in the State-business nexus (TBC)
- Cybersecurity and human rights defenders

O8 – 10 February Al and Cybersecurity – how do new technologies affect our security and human rights online

- What is AI technology and why do we (not)need it?
- How does AI affect our security online implications and opportunities.
- Deep fakes as an example of emerging AI technology and its impact on human rights (TBC)



Policy papers:

February – June Each participant will write a policy paper under the mentorship of experts.

The best policy papers will be published and promoted through DCAF

website

Live event

Early July Live training seminars with renowned experts on Cybersecurity

Governance and Human Rights; AI and cybersecurity

Timeline:

January - Participant Preparation

Participants will receive a short reading list which they will be required to study in advance of each webinar.

January and February - Online Webinars

A webinar will consist of 3 interactive sessions, of 90 minutes each. The sessions will be held by several different experts and facilitators. Participants are encouraged to actively take part in the discussions.

February – Choosing topic and starting to write policy papers (limited number of participants)

Each participant will have one mentorship session in the end of February during which they will decide on the topic they will be writing on and methods used for writing.

April – First draft

Participants will be expected to submit a first draft of their policy paper in April, which will be followed by another mentorship session discussing comments and the follow-up process.

June - Final policy papers and publication

Sending final drafts and finalizing policy papers. Chosen papers will be published by the end of the month.

July - Live event with renowned experts

The live event will aim to increase networking and advocacy activities of participants in the cybersecurity governance school. It will take place in an attractive location with renowned experts from the field providing trainings.



FAQ:

Who should apply?

Young leaders and interested scholars from the Western Balkans, preferably with some experience working in or researching security, cybersecurity and rights online.

How do I apply?

Please apply via email: cybersecurityeca@dcaf.ch by the 9 January January 2021. You can apply for webinars only or for a full program.

To apply for webinars, you need to send only your CV and email with subject "Application to online webinars".

Should you wish to participate in the entire program, we look forward to receiving your short CV and max 800 words outline of policy paper on the topic in relation to cybersecurity governance and human rights, in an email with a subject "Application to the Young Faces program".

Which parts of the program and how many webinars may I attend?

You are welcome to participate just in webinars or in the entire program. You can participate in just one, or two or all three webinars. Each webinar consists of 3 sessions. Once you have registered for a webinar, we ask that you attend all sessions.

Selected candidates will participate in the entire program, while all applicants will be able to attend webinars.

How much time will I need to invest?

Webinars - Participants are expected to read the webinar reading materials prior to each webinar (reading time: approx. 6h in total) and take part in all three sessions of a webinar (3 x 90 minutes).

Policy paper and live event – policy paper writing will take part in the course of 5 months, with 2 consultation processes. Each policy paper should consist of minimum of 3 and maximum of 7 pages. The live event will last for 1,5 days, travel excluded.

How will the Webinars be held?

The webinars will take place online via Zoom. All sessions will be held in English.

What are the fees?

Both the Webinar series and entire program are free of charge for participants. The program is sponsored by the Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (DCAF) and the United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office.

Can I receive a certificate of participation?

A certificate will be sent to you upon request, after successful completion of a full program (3 webinar sessions, policy paper and live event).