

## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### **Workshop on the role of journalists and the media in conflict prevention and peace-building in Kosovo, Athens, 9-12 March 2011**

The Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP) in partnership with the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence and the Foreign Policy Club (Prishtina) will organize a three-day workshop on the conflict prevention and peace building role of Albanian Kosovar and Serb journalists (both from Serbia and Kosovo) in the on-going Kosovo conflict. This is a programme included in the Early Warning Project coordinated by International Alert and supported by the EU Instrument for Stability, and organizes similar actions in Nepal, Sierra Leone, Timor-Leste and Liberia.

**Applications are invited by Kosovo Albanian and Serb journalists, with very good oral and written English language skills, who are up to 40 years old.**

The overall aim of the workshop is to increase understanding among journalists coming from both sides of the Kosovo conflict with reference to mass media - related factors that have catalyzed violence. Such factors have periodically turned fragility into open violence in Prishtina, Mitrovica and other Kosovo areas and have contributed to the spread of irreconcilable attitudes among the wider population in Kosovo and Serbia.

#### **Successful applicants will be invited to fulfill two tasks:**

First, to actively participate in face-to-face interaction among journalists of both sides in thematic sessions, led by area experts, academics and independent journalists, which will take place during the workshop in Athens;

and, second, to team up with one or two journalists of the 'other side', so that upon returning in their home towns to start a common field research project on the Kosovo conflict (e.g. joint interviews on a topic of common interest, joint fact-finding, co-authoring of a report on a political or economic or social problem in Kosovo). The final product of this joint project should be disseminated and also submitted back to the host and partner organizations of this workshop.

The travel costs to and from Athens and accommodation expenses (including meals) of all participants, will be covered by the host organization.

#### **Application files should include the following items:**

- a) an English language CV
- b) a short, two-paragraph long statement outlining their experience and familiarity with the Kosovo conflict and explaining why they are interested in this workshop.

Applications should be sent electronically to Dr. George Tzogopoulos, Bodossakis post doctoral fellow at ELIAMEP, at [tzogopoulos@eliamep.gr](mailto:tzogopoulos@eliamep.gr) Dr. Tzogopoulos can also be contacted by telephone at ELIAMEP at ++302107257119 and by fax at ++302107257114.

**Deadline for applications: Monday 31 January 2011 (extended)**