



FEPS Central and Eastern European Programme “Ones to watch”

Outline and call for Nominees for the 2nd cycle 2020 - 2021

OBJECTIVE

The main objective of the FEPS Central and Eastern European Programme “Ones to watch” - which is recognized as a FEPS Flagship Initiative in the FEPS Framework Programme 2020 - is to contribute to a political and organizational renewal of social democracy in the region. That goal is to be accomplished by enhancing the conversation about the future of progressivism in Europe within a hereafter-established network of young elected representatives from within 11 EU Member States.

Consequently, the programme is focused on forging inner-movement generational connections. It aims at creating a platform for the generation of 32 - 42 years old promising progressive politicians from: Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia. It is to serve as a platform for them to meet, to learn from one another and cooperate while working on the formulation of the progressive objectives for the European project.

WORKING METHODS

The FEPS CEE “Ones to watch” is organised cycles, first of which lasted from February 2016 to September 2017.

The new, second cycle is being launched with this call, seeing the nomination process between now and Monday, 23rd March 2020, then the first meeting in late spring 2020 and the round up in the end of 2021. What it means is that the participants, once nominated, are required to remain involved and take part in all the subsequent sessions throughout the entire duration of the cycle.

Ideally, there would be 3 meetings per year – each of them featuring a two-days programme. Each of the meetings would take place in a different EU Member State, enabling the participants to use the gatherings also as an opportunity to explore the specific circumstances of the political and partisan system of the hosting country. It would be relevant to aim at the geographical spread of the meetings’ location, as also mix between the States where social democracy remains in government or is in opposition.

In terms of the agenda, each session would strike a balance between: political debate on a leading theme of the meeting, the political experience of a chosen format and a cultural event.

As for the debate, each country’s *delegation* would be required to prepare a ‘national report’ (following the format distributed by FEPS) and the input that would feed in the debate and hence relate to the leading theme of the respective meeting. The request to indicate specific angles of the respective inputs will be issued together with the invitation to the subsequent event and will include all further information regarding the deadlines.

The organizational aspects of the programme will be dealt with by FEPS with the support of a Member Foundation from the hosting country and in cooperation with the PES.



PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS

FEPS will invite participants fulfilling the criteria described hereunder.

The profile of the participants is:

- age between 32 – 42 years of age
- holding an elected position (at least within the party, however an experience in a public office/of holding a mandate on the local, regional or national level would be favored)
- being seen and considering themselves as “the future” of the center-left in their respective countries
- willing to invest time in the Network “Ones to watch” – contributing to its development content and organizationally-wise

FEPS is foreseeing that there will be 3 places available for each country to fill in, which procedure will abide by the principle of creating gender-balanced representation.

DEADLINE

The deadline for the FEPS Member Foundations to send in the nominations is set on Monday, 23rd March 2020.

The nomination should include:

- the nomination letter from the respective Member Foundation
- the CV of the nominee with contact details (email, mobile phone)
- short motivation letter by the nominee, which in the text would include the indication of the specific contribution the nominee would like to bring in and the field of interest/expertise that she/he would particularly be interested discussing with other members of the FEPS Ones to Watch.

FEPS Member Foundation representative should send the nominations to both:

- Dr. Ania Skrzypek, FEPS Director for Research and Training at ania.skrzypek@feps-europe.eu
- Celine Guedes, FEPS Project Officer at celine.guedes@feps-europe.eu

who are also two FEPS Team Members in charge of the initiative and will be glad to answer any further queries concerning this FEPS Programme.

After closing the nomination procedure, FEPS will contact the nominees directly in order to prepare together with them the 1st meeting of the cycle 2019 – 2020. The location of the first gathering will then also be announced.

In the meantime FEPS Member Foundations from the region are cordially invited to contact FEPS as well, should they wish to host any of the meetings of the new cycle.