

To partner organizations in the weltwärts program that send volunteers to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia and Serbia or host volunteers from there.

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## Save the Date: Partner Conference in Southeast Europe from October 2 to 7 2022 in Sarajevo.

Dear representatives of organizations in the weltwärts program who send volunteers to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia and Serbia or who host volunteers from there,

On behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Program Steering Committee (PSA) of the weltwärts program, we would like to announce the first partner conference for the region of Southeast Europe.

This will take place in Sarajevo (Bosnia and Herzegovina) from October 2 to 7 2022, to which members of the partner organizations from the above-mentioned countries will be invited.

Partner conferences intensify the cooperation and networking between partner organizations from the countries of the Global South (PO) and German organizations. They also offer a good opportunity to discuss issues relevant to the program with representatives of the Partners and the PSA.

Partner organizations (PO) can participate in the partner conference independently of the participation of their German partner organization. German organizations are invited to the conference if at least one of their partners takes part. It is recommended that cooperating German organizations attend the Partner Conference together with their partner organizations. For ecological and resource-saving reasons German organizations may if possible combine their participation in the partner conference with intermediate seminars and / or partner visits.

Please note that usually only one person from each organization can attend the conference.

The topics of the conference will include Volunteer Services as a contribution to peace, sustainability, volunteer services in post-pandemic times.

The conference will primarily be held in English. There will be a translation in German.

We kindly ask you to send the enclosed English and German information to your partner organizations in the above mentioned countries.

The official invitation to the conference with registration form and detailed information will follow in July 2022.

We are still looking for a moderator for the event. The person should have the following profile:

- fluent English (C1) and if possible German
- female applicants from the partner region are preferred
- experience in moderating international (large) groups
- good knowledge of the weltwärts program and its stakeholders
- experience in facilitating volunteers, seminars and workshops in the context of international volunteer services
- very good knowledge of process-oriented and participatory methods
- good knowledge of the context of the region
- intercultural competence.

We would be pleased if you forward this information to interested persons in your networks. They are welcome to contact us directly and send us their curriculum vitae.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

With kind regards - on behalf of the inviting organizations.

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