



Research and observation on mapping CEE states` success and failures of reforms in key policy areas related to EU accession criteria

Call for Applications is now open!

Deadline 13 December 2015

Herewith University of Tartu European College is pleased to announce an open call for applicants in research topic “**Mapping Estonian and Lithuanian success and failures of reforms in key policy areas related to EU accession criteria**”. The objective of the research is to map the character and results of CEE pre-accession process from the beginning of their accession negotiations until the accession in 2004/2007. Focus should be on critical variables in **reform process**: which decisions and choices eventually led to faster convergence and which decisions slowed it down. Critical areas of harmonization and transformation is to be selected. Attention should be also given to **specific circumstances** of the CEE pre-accession process compared with previous practice of the EU and possible strategies for **Georgian** pre-accession negotiations.

The research is to be presented as a detailed overview based on Progress Report structure and accession partnership agreement chapters. Work package should build a basis for the following work packages in terms of empirical data: actual progress and Commission evaluation.

Working language: English.

Eligible candidate: The CfA targets doctoral students and post-doctoral researchers of Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University.

Consortium partner institutions: European College of University of Tartu; Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University, Vilnius University, Moldova State University.

Funding: Monthly subsistence allowance for scholarships is 1600€ per month. This grant is a contribution to the travelling and accommodation costs related to the mobility to one of the consortium partners. The minimum duration of the mobility is one month and maximum is 6 months. The scholarship recipients will sign an agreement including the terms of the scholarship and they will present a report on grant activities after the mobility is completed.

Call is open for the duration: 1 November – 13 December 2015

Application and submission: Potential candidates are requested to submit a motivation letter and *curriculum vitae*. The motivation letter should describe how the participation in the above-described mobility contributes to the research. The application should be sent by e-mail to tea.gergedava@tsu.ee.

Deadline for application: 13.12.2015

The mobility grants will be awarded on a competitive basis. The academic team of the European College will evaluate the applications. The applicants will receive notification by email on 21 December 2015. The mobility could be started from 1 February 2016. After approval of the application from the hosting organisation, an applicant should book the travel tickets and start visa procedure if necessary. The payment will be done on arrival to the researcher bank account or in cash as a scholarship. Exceptionally, Georgian researchers arriving to UT will be paid an honorarium on a contractual basis.

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