



Invitation

GREEN CITY UNCONFERENCE

“A city that (re)invents itself”

11-12.06.2019, SKOPJE

Dear friends, partners and collaborators,

It is our pleasure to invite you to the first **Green City Unconference “A city that (re)invents itself”** organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Skopje Office in cooperation with City of Skopje. As air pollution is a pressing issue in the city, the aim of this event is to bring together young people and students with creative ideas and make space for sharing innovative approaches and collaborating in the creation of possible practical and green solutions for improving the air quality. For that reason we think that your presence would be of a valuable contribution in reinventing Skopje and making it a sustainable healthy and green city for all of us.

The event will take place over the course of 11-12.06.2019. The first part of the event will be held at the Inno-FEEIT Center within the Faculty of Electrical Engineering & Information Technologies in Skopje, followed by a an interactive and poster presentation part happening at the Skopje Urban Living Lab in the Old Bazaar.

Why an unconference?

The choice of an unconference for this event is due to the facts that we want to give all the participants the freedom to talk and learn from each other, share their perspectives and together co-create solutions to some of the pressing issues in our country's urban areas. In order to do so, the format of an unconference will enable you to have more agency in choosing the topics you want to contribute to in mapping solutions, as well as creating your own agenda, method and plan for work during the event.

What are the topics in focus?

Based on the current situation in most urban areas in the country as well as following the Agenda 2030 and the Sustainable Development Goals, we have identified the following topics as important to address:

- Mobility and transport
- Urban planning and green public spaces
- Waste management and recycling
- Reducing CO2 emissions

At the unconference you will be asked to make a choice about which of these topics you would want to work on, and on that basis a group will be formed that will work together for a possible solution.



Who can apply?

We kindly encourage students and recent graduates in fields relating to the topics of the unconference to apply. However, young people in general with some experience or strong interest in the topics mentioned above are also warmly welcomed.

How to apply?

We kindly ask you to send us your application form on contact@fes-skopje.org no later than 31.05.2019. Please attach a short biography and a letter of interest for one of the topics (from above) with a key problem you can identify in city areas and a possible idea for a solution that you would want to focus and work on together with other participants during the event.

Why is your participation needed?

We think you have the education, experience and most importantly, interest and enthusiasm about being a change actor and pushing for improvements and sustainability in your immediate community.

Therefore, we believe in your capacity to come up with innovative ideas and recommendations which can be applied to solve some of the pressing issues in the country's urban areas.

Other expected guests are fellow inspirational people coming from start-ups, hubs, social innovation labs, student associations and other innovative agencies that could contribute on the topic of sustainable green cities. At the end of the event, you will have the opportunity to meet and talk about the realization of your ideas with decision-makers and representatives from public institutions working specifically in the field.

Logistic information:

Meals for everyone participating will be covered during the event, as well as accommodation for participants outside of Skopje for the period 10-12.06.2019.

We are looking forward to meeting you and hearing your ideas!

Kind regards,

Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Skopje Office