

Call for Applications

Youth Climate Fellowship Program

You are a young leader, thinker or campaigner committed to climate action? Whether you are taking part in an initiative, are active in the arts, or in a youth organization, we welcome your application for our non-resident Climate Fellowship Program!

Young people have been at the forefront of the climate movement, demanding action from policymakers and driving change in their communities. To mitigate the impact of climate change, urgent action is needed. The **goal of the fellowship is to empower 25 young leaders, thinkers or campaigners in their commitment by offering trainings, workshops, and access to an expert network** in preparation for the upcoming **COP 28**. During the seven-month program, we will offer a variety of need-based trainings (communication, media and organising skills) as well as exchange and networking opportunities. Our aim is to enhance the next generation's skills and capacity to tackle climate change effectively. Climate change is a global issue with specific regional challenges and requires diverse perspectives and solutions. This program specifically targets Central and Eastern Europe as well as the Western Balkans and will thereby contribute to the global conversation on climate change.

Overview

Who are we looking for?

- Young leaders, campaigners, creatives, and thinkers
- between 18 and 26 years
- from the Western Balkans, Central and Eastern Europe or Germany
- who are passionate about climate and environmental protection

What do we offer?

We offer a unique opportunity to **build up skills and capacities** through different **trainings and workshops** in order to enhance the impact of your actions.

With two **in-person meetings** and **digital workshops**, as well as a **climate policy study trip**, we help you build a strong network of like-minded peers and experts. The seven-month fellowship is compensated with €1,350.00. All costs for travel and accommodations during the program will be covered.

How to apply?

Fill out the application form, including two short texts on your interest and motivation to join the fellowship, **by 30 April 2023**. The eligibility criteria for the application can be found below.

How long is the fellowship?

The non-resident Fellowship starts in May 2023 and ends at the end of the year.

We especially encourage applications from persons belonging to groups or minorities that are structurally discriminated against. In case of identical qualifications, applicants from such groups or minorities will be favored.

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Eligibility criteria

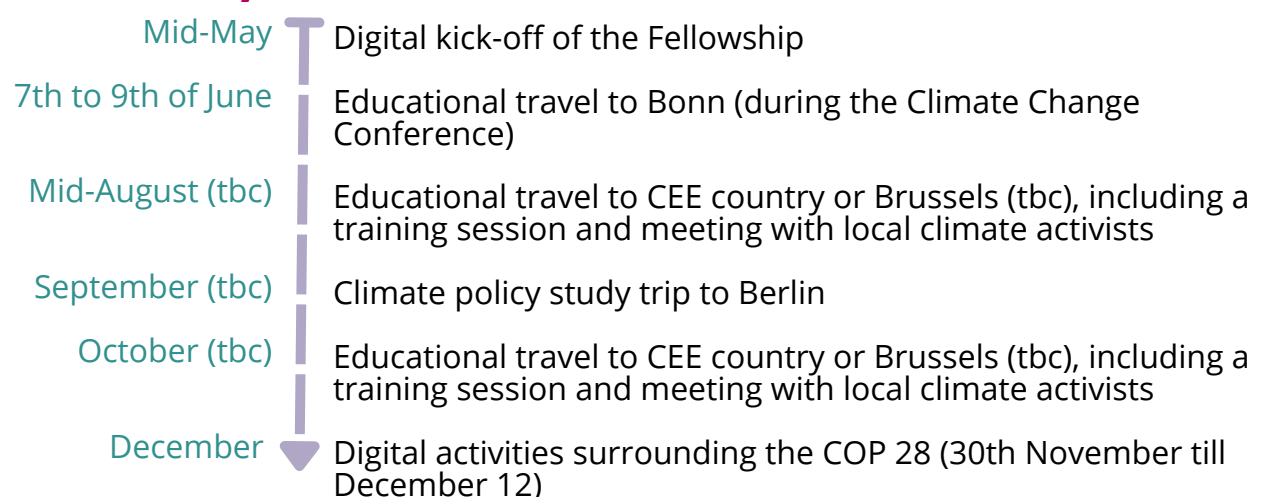
- ✓ You are **acting on climate change issues** as a volunteer, a student, an individual, or a young professional in, among others, a grassroots initiative, a political party (or its youth organization) or in the media, arts & culture sphere.
- ✓ You are **18–26 years old** and a **citizen or resident of one of the following countries**: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Germany, Hungary, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Poland, Romania, Serbia.
- ✓ You can **commit to a seven-month Fellowship** that will include virtual work, three educational travel trips and a climate policy study trip in Europe (for more information see the preliminary timeline below).
- ✓ You have good command of the **English language** as well as strong communication skills.

Project background

The Climate Fellowship Program offers young climate leaders opportunities to grow, develop skills and make connections across Europe. Through study trips, training and networking formats, this fellowship has the goal to amplify their voices in the public sphere and to ensure that their perspectives are taken into account to shape the direction and priorities of climate action. The project Climate Connection by Das Progressive Zentrum is funded by the German Foreign Office.

Das Progressive Zentrum is an independent and non-profit think tank based in Berlin that strives to stimulate ideas for societal progress, provide guidance for decisive political debates, and facilitate collaborative networks for progressives from across Germany and Europe. Our goal: making the just transformation a reality. We are keen to encourage young talents and tomorrow's thinkers to make their voices heard in shaping this progress.

Preliminary timeline



Contact

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