

DCAF Young Faces 2024

Learning together about Cybersecurity Governance in the Western Balkans: December 2024 – March 2025

Are you passionate about cybersecurity and policymaking? Are you eager to deepen your understanding through real-world case studies, best practices, and applied theory? Do you want to engage with leading experts and researchers in the field?

If so, join us for the *Young Faces 2024* educational programme! This unique opportunity will allow you to explore the link between cybersecurity governance and cyber violence, focusing on regional examples, gender equality, and what good governance means for European countries today.

The programme includes a series of interactive webinars, mentored policy paper writing, and a live event in the spring. You can choose to participate in the webinars only, or you can enrol in the full program.

Applications are open until October 31, 2024. Don't miss your chance to be part of this exciting initiative organised in the context of the DCAF project, 'Resilient and Responsive Cybersecurity in the Western Balkans (2024-2025)', sponsored by the United Kingdom's Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office.

Programme and timeline

Webinars:

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| 3-5 December 2024 | The Intersection of Cybersecurity Governance, Cyber Violence, and Cyber Crime: A Comprehensive Overview |
| 10 – 12 December 2024 | Cyber Violence and Cybercrime: Impacts on Human Rights |
| 17 – 19 December 2024 | Platform Responsibility in Addressing Cyber Violence: International Standards and Regulations |

Policy papers:

January – March 2025 Each participant will write a policy paper with the on-going mentorship of experts. Three spotlighted policy papers will be published and promoted through DCAF's website. An online session on policy-paper writing will be organized at the beginning of the programme.

In-person event:

March 2025 Live training seminars with renowned experts on cybersecurity governance.

Further details

December 2024 – Online Webinars

A webinar will consist of three interactive sessions of 90 minutes each. Each session will be held by a different expert and facilitator. This will also include a cyber incident response simulation exercise.

Participants are encouraged to actively take part in the discussions.

Participants who choose to write policy papers will have an additional session on research methodologies and policy paper writing.

January 2025 – Choosing topic and starting to write policy papers (limited to 15 participants)

Each participant will have one mentorship session in the early January during which they will decide the topic they will be writing on, and methods used for writing.

March 2025 – First draft and a Capstone in-person event with renowned experts

Participants will be expected to submit a first draft of their policy paper in April, followed by individual and group mentorship sessions.

The Capstone in--person event will also aim to increase networking and advocacy activities of the participants. It will take place in an attractive location with renowned experts from the field providing trainings and mentorship.

March 2025 – Final policy papers and publication

Sending final drafts and finalizing policy papers. Spotlighted papers will be published by the end of the process.

FAQ:

Who should apply?

Young leaders and interested scholars from Southeast and Eastern Europe, preferably with some experience working in or researching security, cybersecurity, rights and governance.

How do I apply?

Please apply via email: cybersecurityeca@dcaf.ch by the 31 October 2024.

You can apply for webinars only or for the full programme. To apply for webinars, you need to send only your CV and email with subject "Application to the Young Faces online webinars".

Should you wish to participate in the entire programme, we look forward to receiving your CV and a short motivation letter (350-450 words) in an email with a subject "Application to the Young Faces programme".

Which parts of the programme and how many webinars may I attend?

You are welcome to participate just in webinars or in the entire programme. If you wish to participate and are selected for the entire programme, please note that we will expect you to attend all webinars.

How much time will I need to invest?

Webinars - Participants are expected to read the webinar reading materials prior to each webinar (reading time: approx. 6h in total across all nine webinars) and take part in all three sessions of each webinar (3 x 90 minutes), for all three series of webinars

Policy paper and live event – policy paper writing will take part over the course of four months, with two consultation processes. Each policy paper should consist of 3-7 pages. The Capstone live event will last for 1,5 days, travel excluded.

How will the Webinars be held?

The webinars will take place online via Zoom. All sessions will be held in English.

What are the fees?

Both the Webinar series and entire programme are free of charge to participants. It is sponsored by DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance and the United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office.

Can I receive a certificate of participation?

A certificate will be sent to you upon request, after successful completion of the full programme (three webinar sessions, policy paper and live event).