

Deadline: February 14, 2010

Countries: Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia

Applications are being accepted for the 2010 programme for Balkan journalists, 'Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe' jointly run by Robert Bosch Stiftung and Thomson Reuters Foundation.

To foster quality analysis and reporting on economic issues, enhance coverage on topics that are central to the region's economic and political development and encourage regional networking among journalists, the Robert Bosch Stiftung and the Thomson Reuters Foundation initiated the programme 'Economic and Political Reporting from Southeast Europe' in 2007.

Fifteen journalists from the Balkans are competitively chosen to participate in the programme, run by experienced ex-Reuters journalists. The programme includes two 10-day courses in the UK (10-24 April) and in Germany (20 September-2 October). Participants will also travel to Brussels and Berlin to meet policy-makers and journalists covering European financial and political affairs.

Applicants must be able to speak English and be full-time professional journalists who have been working for at least two years with a recognised publication, website, radio or television station. Applicants must have a portfolio that includes experience in economic journalism or must otherwise demonstrate a strong interest in economic and political issues.

Applying journalists must be citizens of Albania, Bulgaria, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Kosovo, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, or Slovenia. They must have permission from their employer to take part in the programme. The full Call for Applications as well as a downloadable application form is available on ReutersLink (www.reuterslink.org) and also at the Robert Bosch Stiftung website (www.bosch-stiftung.de/economic_reporting).