

COUNCIL OF EUROPE SCHOOLS OF POLITICAL STUDIES (SPS)

Calendar of Events 2015

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JANUARY

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| 15 January, Zagreb, Croatia | 2nd Seminar of the Students Programme of the Academy for Political Development's | SPS Zagreb |
| 28 January, Belgrade, Serbia | Re-launch of the informal Green Parliamentary Group | SPS Belgrade |
| 30 January, Montenegro, Podgorica | Workshop with NGOs | SPS Podgorica |
| 31 January, Osijek, Croatia | 1st Seminar of the Academy for Political Development's Local Programme. | SPS Zagreb |
| January/February | Selection of new group for national cycle 2015 | SPS Morocco |

FEBRUARY

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| 1 - 8 February, Istanbul, Turkey | European School of Politics, Winter Seminar, 2015 | SPS Istanbul |
| 1 - 8 February, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey | European School of Politics, Winter Seminar, 2015 | SPS Thessaloniki |
| 4 February, Nis, Serbia | 4th round table: Utilizing the Potentials of Biomass Through the PPP | SPS Belgrade |

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| 5 - 8 February, Lukovit, Bulgaria | National Programme on 'Governing Skills' 2014/2015, Course on ' National priorities and national decisions' | SPS Sofia |
| 7 February, Tirana, Albania | Seminar on 'Political institutions and local self-government' | SPS Tirana |
| 9 - 10 February, Belgrade, Serbia | Belgrade Dialogues (conference) | SPS Belgrade |
| 10 February, Belgrade, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Lecture and a Communication Training | SPS Belgrade |
| 15 - 23 February, Rabat, Morocco | Joint activities of BSoP and ECEP related to the inclusion of political parties in the training programmes of ECEP | SPS Sofia |
| 19 - 20 February, Borjorni region, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 20 February, Rabat, Morocco | Workshop on results of assessment carried out with Moroccan political parties | SPS Morocco |
| 20 - 21 February, Kragujevac, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Seminar on social inclusion and poverty reduction | SPS Belgrade |
| 20-22 February, Skopje | Public Policy in South East Europe | SPS Skopje |
| 20 - 22 February, Pogradec, Albania | National course 1: Political Parties and Elections | SPS Skopje |
| 2nd meeting of the Working Group for the Chapter 15 - Energy | 2nd meeting of the Working Group for the Chapter 15 - Energy | SPS Belgrade |
| 21 February, Kraljevo, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Local study visit (round table and talks with organization Fenomena) | SPS Belgrade |

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| 25 February, Belgrade, Serbia | 1st meeting of the Working Group for the Chapter 15 - Energy | SPS Belgrade |
| 26 February - 1 March, Przno, Montenegro | SEMINAR I - Good Governance in the Western Balkans: Achievements of Democratic Transitions | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 27 - 28 February, Belgrade, Serbia | Green Parliamentary Group - Strategy planning seminar | SPS Belgrade |
| MARCH | | |
| 26 February - 1 March, Przno, Montenegro: | SEMINAR I - Good Governance in the Western Balkans: Achievements of Democratic Transitions | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 5 March, Zagreb, Croatia | 3rd Seminar of the Student Programme of the Academy for Political Development | SPS Zagreb |
| 5 - 8 March, Nis, Serbia | Annual Seminar – 3rd session | SPS Belgrade |
| 5 - 8 March, Vlasic, Bosnia and Herzegovina | 1st National seminar | SPS Sarajevo |
| 6 March, Tirana, Albania | Seminar: Good governance and public policies - Training for the public initiatives | SPS Tirana |
| 6 - 8 March, Pristina, Kosovo* | National Seminar I on 'State and Society' | SPS Pristina |
| 6 - 8 March, Budva, Montenegro | First alumni seminar on 'Local self-government and decentralization - principles and challenges in reforms' | SPS Podgorica |
| 9 March, Subotica, Serbia | Belgrade Security Forum - Follow up event | SPS Belgrade |
| 10 March, Belgrade, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Lecture and communication training | SPS Belgrade |

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| 11 March, Novi Sad, Serbia | 5th Round table on the sustainable use of biomass | SPS Belgrade |
| 11 March, Novi Sad, Serbia | 2nd meeting of the working group for Chapter 15 - Energy | SPS Belgrade |
| 11 - 13 March, Warsaw, Poland | 2015 Annual Program Warsaw Session | SPS Visegrad |
| 11 - 14 March, Moscow region, Russian Federation | Seminar on Law, Politics, Economy, Mass media | Moscow School |
| 12 - 15 March, Odorheiu, Secuiesc, Romania | First national seminar of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School - Topic: 'Communication in the public space' | SPS Bucharest |
| 12 - 15 March, Serbia, tbc | Towards Employability Of Knowledge: Development Of NQF In Serbia As A Common Language Between Education And Labour (NQFS) – 1st seminar | SPS Belgrade |
| 13 - 15 March, Daruvar, Croatia | 1st Seminar of the Annual Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| 13 - 15 March, Chisinau, Moldova | Seminar One: 'Democracy and Good Governance in Moldova – Current Situation and Main Trends' | SPS Chisinau |
| 19 - 21 March, Vilnius, Lithuania | First Session on 'Belarus in Contemporary World' | EESPS Belarus |
| 20 March, Krusevac, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - local study (round table and talks with the organization Pescanik) | SPS Belgrade |
| 20 March, Tirana, Albania | Seminar: on 'The organisation of state: executive, legislative and the judiciary powers. Drawing the line between state and power' | SPS Tirana |
| 20 - 22 March, Zagoura (South-East region of Morocco) | Training workshop for regional actors (political stakeholders and civil society) | SPS Morocco |
| 22 - 23 March, Vilnius, Lithuania | Seminar on How to foster democratic changes in Belarus | EESPS Belarus |

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| 24 - 26 March, Xhanti, Greece | Practicing human rights protection equals democratic rule of law | SPS Thessaloniki |
| 23 March, Valjevo, Serbia | Belgrade Security Forum – Follow up event | SPS Belgrade |
| 25 - 28 March, Sofia, Bulgaria | Training for a group of Moroccan political stakeholders | SPS Morocco/SPS Sofia |
| 25 - 29 March, Lukovit, Bulgaria | Training for 4 representatives of ECEP - Morocco | SPS Sofia |
| 26 - 29 March, Lukovit, Bulgaria | National Programme 'Governing Skills' 2014/2015 - Course on 'Bulgaria in the European Union: principles of good governance' | SPS Sofia |
| 27 March | Green Chair – Seminar for NGOs | SPS Belgrade |
| 27 - 28 March, Krasnoyarsk, Russian Federation | Seminar on "Russian region in the global world" | Moscow School |
| 28 March, Osijek, Croatia | 1st Seminar of the Annual Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| 31 March, Belgrade, Serbia | Women parliamentary Network communication training | SPS Belgrade |
| 31 March, Belgrade, Serbia | Public Dialogue on the Sustainable Use of Energy in the South East Europe – 1st NGO workshop | SPS Belgrade |
| APRIL | | |
| 5 April, Casablanca, Morocco | Launch seminar for 2015 cycle | SPS Morocco |
| 6 April, Bujanovac, Serbia | Belgrade Security Forum – Follow up event | SPS Belgrade |
| 10 April, Council of Europe, Strasbourg | Participation in Launch seminar of South Programme II | SPS Morocco/ SPS Tunisia |

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| 16 April, Novi Sad, Serbia | 6th Round table on the sustainable use of biomass | SPS Belgrade |
| 16 - 20 April, Croatia (venue tbd) | Local democracy in the Western Balkans' | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 17 April, Kikinda, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Local study (round table and talks with the organization Center for Support of Women Kikinda) | SPS Belgrade |
| 17 - 19 April, Gjirokaster, Albania | National course 2: Leadership, active citizenship and political communication | SPS Tirana |
| 17-19 April, Boge, Kosovo | National Seminar II: 'Economy and Politics' | SPS Pristina |
| 23 April, Zagreb, Croatia | 3rd Seminar of the APDs Student Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| 23 - 26 April, Jahorina, Bosnia and Herzegovina | 2nd National seminar | SPS Sarajevo |
| 16-19 April, Croatia | Seminar II - Local Democracy in the Western Balkans | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 17 - 19 April, Ohrid, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" | Seminar on 'Social justice' | SPS Skopje |
| 28 April, Belgrade, Serbia | Women's Parliamentary Network - Communication training | SPS Belgrade |
| 30 April - 3 May, Goulminme, (South region of Morocco) | Seminar 1 on 'Democratic governance of territories - Local authorities and decentralisation in Morocco' | SPS Morocco |
| 30 April - 1 May, Gudauri, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| April, Yerevan, Armenia (date tbc) | Annual Conference of Civic Education teachers | SPS Yerevan |

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| April , Minsk, Belarus | Round Table "Belarus in Contemporary World" | EESPS Belarus |
| MAY | | |
| 30 April - 1 May, Gudauri, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 6 - 9 May, Zagreb, Croatia | ACYPL Study Visit | SPS Zagreb |
| 14 May, Bucharest, Romania | Conference on fiscal evasion in Romania | SPS Bucharest |
| 12 May, Uzice, Serbia | 3rd meeting of the Working Group for Chapter 15 - Energy | SPS Belgrade |
| 15-17 May, Durres, Albania | National course 3: 'The EU and the integration process. Perspectives for WB countries and Albania' | SPS Tirana |
| 19 May, Bucharest, Romania | Conference concerning Israeli politics after the 2014 elections | SPS Bucharest |
| 19 May, Belgrade, Serbia | Public Dialogue on the Sustainable Use of Energy in the South East Europe – round table with decision makers | SPS Belgrade |
| 22 May, Tirana, Albania | Seminar on 'Civil society and groups of interest' | SPS Tirana |
| 15 - 17 May, Croatia (venue tbd) | 2nd Seminar of the Annual Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| Mid-May, Montenegro (venue tbd) | Second alumni seminar on 'Responsible institutions' | SPS Podgorica |
| 21 May, Croatia (venue tbd) | 5th Seminar of the APDs Students Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| 22 - 24 May, Mitrovica, Kosovo* | Overview of Youth Employment Policies – 1st seminar | SPS Belgrade |

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| 27 - 29 May, Prague, Czech Republic | 2015 Annual Program Prague Session | SPS Visegrad |
| 29 - 30 May, Mestia, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 30 May, Croatia (venue tbd) | 3rd Seminar of the APDs Local Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| May (date tbd), Sofia, Bulgaria | Conference on 'Models and good practices for legitimate civic representation' | SPS Sofia |
| May, Tsaghkadzor, Armenia (date tbc) | YSPS National Seminar on 'Characteristics of the Current Situation of the Developments of the Democratic Institutions and Society in Armenia' | SPS Yerevan |
| May (date tbd), Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina | Alumni meeting | SPS Sarajevo |
| May or June, Budapest | Second Session 'Transformations in Countries of Visegrad 4: Lessons for Belarus' | EESPS Belarus |
| May/July, Rabat | Training workshops in the run up to the regional and local elections in Morocco to take place in September 2015 | SPS Rabat |
| JUNE | | |
| 3 June, Belgrade, Serbia | Public Dialogue on the Sustainable Use of Energy in South East Europe – Public hearing | SPS Belgrade |
| 3 - 6 June, Sofia, Bulgaria, tbc | Participation in the 2nd Summer Academy of alumni of Moroccan, Bulgarian and Tunisian Schools | SPS Morocco/SPS Tunisia |
| 5 June, Tirana, Albania | Seminar on 'Freedom of expression and the role of media' | SPS Tirana |
| 5-7 June, Chisinau, Moldova | 3. Seminar Two on 'Effective Democracy, Efficient Governance, and Functional Market Economy – The Outcomes of Successful Transition' | SPS Chisinau |

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| 5 - 7 June, Albania (venue tbd) | Seminar on 'Foreign Affairs and National Security' | SPS Pristina |
| 7 June, Geoagiu, Romania | Second national seminar of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School | SPS Bucharest |
| June (date & venue tbd) | Third National seminar | SPS Sarajevo |
| 11 - 14 June, Paltinis, Romania | Second national seminar of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School on 'Politics and Diversity in a European Democracy' | SPS Bucharest |
| 12 - 15 June, Oujda (East region of Morocco) | Seminar 2 on 'Participatory democracy and decision process in Morocco - New participation mechanisms for citizens.' | SPS Rabat |
| 22 - 26 June, Warsaw, Poland | 2015 Visegrad Meet the Eastern Partnership – I session | SPS Visegrad |
| 25 - 26 June, Sarajevo, Bosnia & Herzegovina | 2nd International Seminar of SPS Alumni | ALL SPS |
| June, Sofia, Bulgaria (date tbd) | Conference on Sustainable Development | SPS Sofia |
| June, Kaliningrad, Russian Federation | Seminar on "Russian region in the global world" | Moscow School |
| June, Armenia (date & place tbc) | Training for Youth Wing Members of the Political Parties of Armenia | SPS Yerevan |
| June, Sarajevo | Second Annual Seminar for SPS Alumni | CoE/SPS Sarajevo |
| JULY | | |
| 1 - 3 July, Bratislava, Slovakia | 2015 Annual Program Bratislava Session | SPS Visegrad |

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| 2 - 3 July, Gudauri, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 2 - 5 July, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" | RAD - 3rd Seminar - 'The Role of the Media and Status of Media Freedom in Contemporary Balkans' | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 2 - 3 July, Gudauri, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 3 July, Tirana, Albania | Seminar: Governance, development and globalisation | SPS Tirana |
| 16 July, Mahmudia, Romania | Third national seminar of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School | SPS Bucharest |
| 20 - 24 July, Warsaw, Poland | 2015 Visegrad Meet the Eastern Partnership – II session | SPS Visegrad |
| 23 - 26 July, Mahmudia, Romania | Third national seminar of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School on 'The challenges of the crisis for Europe' | SPS Bucharest |
| 23 - 26 July, Safi (South-East Morocco) | Seminar 3 'Public policies in Morocco : Analysis and Case study - Monitoring mechanisms - Assessment» | SPS Rabat |
| 31 July, Skopje and Bitola, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" | Milton Friedman Legacy for Freedom Day 2015 | SPS Skopje |
| July, Belarus (date & venue tbd) | Summer Reunion of the EESPS Alumni (team building event) | EESPS Belarus |
| July, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina | Alumni meeting | SPS Sarajevo |
| AUGUST | | |
| 31 August - 9 September, Istanbul, Turkey | European School of Politics, Autumn Seminar, 2015 | SPS Istanbul |

30 August - 5 September, Irakleio, Greece

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SEPTEMBER

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| 31 August - 9 September, Istanbul, Turkey | European School of Politics, Autumn Seminar, 2015 | SPS Istanbul |
| 31 August - 9 September, Boğaziçi University, Istanbul, Turkey | European School of Politics, Autumn Seminar, 2015 | SPS Thessaloniki |
| 4 - 5 September, Bakhmaro, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 4 - 5 September, Chisinau, Moldova | Inter-school regional Meeting/Conference | SPS Chisinau |
| 7 - 11 September, Warsaw, Poland | 2015 Visegrad Meet the Eastern Partnership – III session | SPS Visegrad |
| 11 September, Tirana, Albania | Seminar: The global financial crisis | SPS Tirana |
| 18 - 20 September, Pristina, Kosovo* | Seminar on 'Political Parties and Political Communication' | SPS Pristina |
| September, Yerevan, Armenia, (date tbc) | Opening ceremony of 2015-2016 study year and one-day seminar | SPS Yerevan |
| September, Yerevan, Armenia (date tbc) | Celebration of YSPS 10th Anniversary | SPS Yerevan |
| 21-22 September, Podgorica, Montenegro | Region energy conference 'Energy - Development - Democracy' | SPS Podgorica |
| 25 - 27 September, Sinaia, Romania | Alumni conference of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School on 'Role of youth in the future of Europe' | SPS Bucharest |

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| 30 September - 2 October, Budapest, Hungary | 2015 Annual Program - Budapest Session | SPS Visegrad |
| September/October, Berlin, Germany | RAD International Study Visit | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| September, Khabarovsk, Russian Federation | Seminar on "Russian region in the global world" | Moscow School |
| September, Neum, Bosnia and Herzegovina (date tbd) | 4th National seminar | SPS Sarajevo |
| September/October, Berlin, Germany | RAD International Study Visit: | SPS |
| September/December | Social Project 'Freedom of Information Through Social Networks for Older Women in Small Towns' | EESPS Belarus |
| OCTOBER | | |
| 30 September - 2 October, Budapest, Hungary | 2015 Annual Program Budapest Session | SPS Visegrad |
| 2 - 4 October, Croatia (date tbd) | 3rd Seminar of the Annual Programme | SPS Zagreb |
| 5 - 9 October, Warsaw, Poland | VSPS Meets Russia - I session | SPS Visegrad |
| 8 - 11 October, Marrakech, Morocco | Seminar 4 'New regionalisation in Morocco - Political Strategies and challenges to economic and social development' | SPS Rabat |
| 15 October, Bucharest, Romania | Conference concerning the economic perspectives for the EU | SPS Bucharest |
| Mid-October, Montenegro (venue tbd) | Third alumni seminar on 'Human Rights in Montenegro - Between standards & practice' | SPS Podgorica |
| 16-18 October, Chisinau, Moldova | 3rd Seminar: The Global Challenges to Democracy and their Influence on the State of Democracy in Moldova | SPS Chisinau |

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| 22 - ?? October | VSPS Western Balkans Initiative | SPS Visegrad |
| 22 - 23 October, Georgia, Gudauri | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 23-25 October, Dojran, "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia" | EU/NATO enlargement and the Balkans | SPS Skopje |
| 26 - 30 October, Warsaw, Poland | VSPS Meets Russia - II session | SPS Visegrad |
| October/November, Rabat, Morocco | Training workshops following regional and local elections in Morocco | SPS Rabat |
| October, Lviv, Ukraine | Alumni Conference | EESPS Belarus |
| October, Lviv, Ukraine | Third Session on 'Belarus: Opportunities for Modernisation' | EESPS Belarus |
| October, Lukovit, Bulgaria (date tbd) | National Programme on 'Governing Skills" 2015/2016, course „Leadership, Organization, Communication' | SPS Sofia |
| October (date tbd), Jermuk, Armenia | YSPS National Seminar on 'Integration Vectors of Armenia: European Vision for the Country' | SPS Yerevan |
| NOVEMBER | | |
| 18 - 20 November, Council of Europe, Strasbourg | World Forum for Democracy, Council of Europe | All SPS |
| November, Moscow, Russian Federation | Seminar on "All-Russian Civic Forum-2015" | Moscow School |
| November, Yaroslavl, Russian Federation | Seminar on "Russian region in the global world" | Moscow School |

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| 27 - 30 November, Serbia | RAD - 4th Seminar of the Regional Academy for Democracy 'State and Non-State Actors in Effective Policy Implementation and Oversight' | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| DECEMBER | | |
| 1 December, Serbia | RAD Alumni Conference, 1 December, Serbia: Democracy and Regional Cooperation in the Western Balkans | **RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy |
| 9 - 12 December, Moscow region, Russian Federation | Seminar on Law, Politics, Economy, Mass media | Moscow School |
| 10 - 11 December, Gudauri, Georgia | Seminar | SPS Tbilisi |
| 18 December, Bucharest, Romania | Diploma Ceremony for the 2015 edition participants | SPS Bucharest |
| 18 - 19 December, Chisinau, Moldova | Third EISPM Alumni Assembly on 'Building European Democracy in Moldova' | SPS Chisinau |
| December, Minsk, Belarus | Christmas EESPS Alumni Reunion | EESPS |
| December, Lukovit, Bulgaria (date tbd) | National Programme on 'Governing Skills' 2015/2016, course 'Regional Development and Local Self-Government' | SPS Sofia |
| December, Tsaghkadzor, Armenia (date tbc) | YSPS Second Seminar on 'The New Challenges in the World: Armenia and the South Caucasus within Global Developments' | SPS Yerevan |
| December, Tsaghkadzor, Armenia (date tbc) | YSPS Alumni Conference | SPS Yerevan |
| December | Closing Seminar to Programme 2015 and Launch of applications for the 2016 Cycle | SPS Rabat |

OTHER DATES TO BE DETERMINED

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***RAD – Regional Academy for Democracy – Lead organisation: Belgrade SPS; Implementing Partners: SPS Tirana, Sarajevo, Zagreb, Skopje, Pristina - 2015 topic 'Building Democratic Institutions*

