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Scuola di politiche europee
per il governo del territorio

SELECTION NOTICE

AKADÉMEIA

"SCHOOL OF EUROPEAN POLICIES FOR LOCAL GOVERNMENT"

Session 2027 (February - March 2027)

Introduction

The "School of European Policies for Territorial Governance," aims to enhance skills and invest in a new generation of young elected officials and local leaders capable of addressing, with foresight and vision, the increasingly complex challenges that cities and territories face across Europe, including the need for strengthened democracy and social justice. This edition of the School is organised in partnership with Eurocities, the network of major European cities, through the Eurocities Academy.

Concretely, the School aims to organize educational programmes with a broad cultural and scientific scope for local elected officials under 40 years of age, residing in Italy or in other European countries. It is crucial not only to combine a local vision with a European and global perspective, bringing citizens and local communities closer to European opportunities, while strengthening expertise and knowledge, building peer network and exchanging tools and best practices, and support young local leaders in developing the skills needed to act effectively in the European context.

The goal is to support them in developing their ability to work effectively in teams, to share and solve problems concretely, to interpret the needs of local communities to improve policies, to design better policies that respond to citizens 'needs, and to contribute meaningfully to public life.

All this through the involvement of leading Italian and international figures from the political, cultural, economic and social fields who will share their experience to inspire and support the next generation of democratic leaders; enhancing their political capital by giving them political and civic visibility, and safeguarding the importance of territorial representation and the trust-based relationship between citizens and their elected officials, based on principles of responsibility, competence and democratic consensus.

Article 1 – Call for Applications

1.1 The "School of European Policies for local government" hereby launches a selection reserved for young local elected officials aimed at the admission of 50 participants for the Session 2027

Article 2 – Eligibility and Selection Criteria

2.1 Eligibility applies to all local government elected officials from all EU

countries and Mediterranean area, in office at the time of submission of the application, who hold a bachelor's degree, have English proficiency at the C1 level and are under 40 years of age.

2.2. The School's Supervisory Board will select candidates based on the evaluation of academic background, political-administrative experience, and motivation. The selection process will take into account the criteria of diversity and inclusion (gender, territorial, political culture, academic background, etc…).

2.3 The outcomes of the selection will be communicated to participants by 20/12/2026 and published with notification value on 20/12/2026.

2.4 It is understood, however, that the Supervisory Board reserves the right not to activate the course due to any unforeseen needs, and that prospective participants, even if selected, may not make any claim, expressly waiving as of now any action against the School.

Article 3 – Application Procedure and Deadline

3.1 To participate in the selection, candidates must duly fill out the appropriate FORM, through this link: https://forms.gle/o3a4cKzTq9HyUX4i6

3.2 It is necessary to enclose: copy of a valid identification document, an updated curriculum vitae, a motivation letter and a short (45 second max) video presentation;

3.3. Applications received by other means or submitted after 20/12/2026 will not be considered valid.

Article 4 – Educational Offer

4.1 Session 2027 session will consist of 8 working days to be held in February - March 2027.

4.2.
- 5-6 February (in person, in Florence)
- 19 -20 February (online)
- 5-6 March (online)
- 19-20 March (in person, in Florence)

Session 2027, macro-themes will be:
I. Energy Crisis & Environment, Sustainability
II. People's Mobility and Transportation Policies
III. Healthcare and Welfare Policies
IV. Democracy and Participation in the era of AI

For each macro-theme, training moments that may include keynote speakers, talks by national and international speakers, practical exercises, simulations, and best practices sharing
In addition, a cross-cutting module on EU engagement for cities will be delivered

by Eurocities throughout the programme.

4.4. The final schedule and detailed course program will be announced by 05/01/2026. The Supervisory Board of the School reserves the right to postpone or vary the dates of the activities mentioned in 4.1. based on its own organizational needs and on any restrictions that may be necessary.

Article 5 – Registration, Attendance, Deposit and Scholarships

5.1 Upon enrolment, a symbolic fee of 100 Euro must be paid; this fee ensures continued commitment throughout the duration of the programme.
5.2 School attendance is guaranteed through scholarships. For selected candidates, the Supervisory
Board of the School reserves the right to make available scholarships to cover travel, board and lodging expenses incurred during in-person class days, as well as the registration fee;
5.3 Participation in the School entails a firm commitment to the obligation to attend and actively participate in all work sessions for their entire duration.
5.5 A certificate of attendance will be issued at the end of the course to those who have attended at least 80% of the scheduled hours;

Article 6 – Data Protection

6.1 For the purposes of Legislative Decree No. 196 of June 30, 2003 and the GDPR (EU Regulation 2016/679), we inform you that the Association is responsible for processing the personal data of candidates in accordance with the provisions therein.
6.2 The data provided by participants in the selection will be processed by the Association exclusively for purposes related to the selection. The data processing will be based on the principles of correctness, lawfulness and transparency and will take place in compliance with