**I N V I T A T I O N**

Dear Collaborators,

Hereby we would like to invite you to our partner conference **“Strengthening our network of weltwärts organisations in the Balkans”** from 21st to 26th of May 2017 in Popova Sapka, Tetovo, Macedonia, organized by Center for Education and Development – Macedonia and Friedenskreis Halle – Germany, funded by weltwärts programme.

At the last partner conference various objectives were set and work assignments for further improvement of our jointly implemented voluntary services were made. For the upcoming conference we aim to create a trustful, open and appreciating atmosphere, and initiate a critical dialogue about perspectives, needs and obstacles within the cooperation among the sending and hosting organizations.

Specific goals of the conference include:

* Reflection upon the status quo of the processes and agreements that have taken place since the last conference, including an analysis of supporting and inhibiting factors and detailed conclusions for the future common processes;
* Strengthening the cooperation by encouraging ownership in a participating orientated network of Weltwärts organizations in the Balkans;
* Design, decision and implementation of detailed action plans for future cooperation related to: working with returned volunteers/follow-up; Voluntary Services as Peace Service – what does it mean to us; pre-departure trainings; selection process; info materials; communication channels; new target groups; and mission statement of Friedenskreis.

The program envisions open slots foreseen for any potential matters that you might find as important for our further cooperation. The program will be sent before the conference.

Some technical information:

The conference will be facilitated by Jovana Skrijelfrom Serbia.

We expect around 20 participants. The working language will be English. Proposed representatives from sending organizations should fulfil the information requested on the link below, until **20th of March 2018.**

LINK: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1DN5Bdm28eHfUcCW_gf6Pw2aNkqU7Q_KAygrDoi34aTA/edit>

The participation fee is **30 Euros** to be paid in cash at the conference.

You will be provided with detail Information about the travelling and the venue, as soon as we confirm final arrangements.

We are looking forward to seeing you again!

Best regards,

Marina and Astrit