Call for Applications

European Union Visitors Programme – EUVP 2015

The European Union invites young Afghan leaders to apply for the European Union Visitors Programme - EUVP a unique opportunity to experience Europe from within, gaining a first-hand appreciation of the European Union's institutions, its achievements, goals and prospects, increasing mutual understanding between professionals from non-EU countries and their EU counterparts.

The European Union Visitors Programme - EUVP was launched in Afghanistan in 2004. Since then, it has provided study tours to Europe for seventeen young Afghans leaders.

What is EUVP?

The EUVP was established in 1974 by the European Parliament and the European Commission. The EUVP is jointly sponsored and administered by the European Parliament and the European Commission. An EUVP visit consists of an individual 5 to 8 day programme of meetings with EU officials at the EU institutions in Brussels and/or Strasbourg. All programs are coordinated and arranged by the EUVP Secretariat rather than by individual participants. EUVP will cover the participants' travel, accommodation expenses and health insurance throughout the trip.

Who is eligible to participate?

Those eligible to participate are politicians and members of parliament, government officials (at central or provincial level), journalists, trade unionists, academics and educators, officials of non-profit, non-governmental organizations and other professionals aged in their mid-30s to mid-40s with career-related interests in the European Union. Please note that the EUVP is not designed as a programme for students, its participants are required to have completed their university education or equivalent training and to have been employed for several years in their chosen career field.

EUVP candidates are selected from a large number of non-EU countries throughout the world. The total number of visitors worldwide is generally about 160. Non-Afghan applicants should contact the Commission Delegation in the country in which they reside.

How are participants selected?

EUVP participants are selected by a committee chaired jointly by the European Parliament and the European Commission. One to three visitors from Afghanistan are selected each year.

What is the application process?

The Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan is responsible to deal with applications from Afghans, living and working in Afghanistan.
Applications should be addressed to:

**EUVP Coordinator**
Delegation of the European Union to Afghanistan
Charahi Sedarat, Shahr-e-Naw (opposite Ministry of Interior), Kabul

Please apply using the dedicated form downloadable from the Delegation website.

Application form can be found at:

The **deadline** for applications is **15 April 2014**, 16:30 hours Kabul time. Emailed applications are accepted at delegation-afghanistan@eeas.europa.eu but must be followed by originals in hard copy.

**EU – EC Background**

The Delegation of the European Union is one of the major donors providing both development as well as humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan. The Delegation opened in early 2002 and since it has committed almost 3 billion euro of financial aid. Agriculture and Rural Development, Governance and Rule of Law, and Health are the EU identified focal areas for support. Other areas supported during this period include Social Protection, Mine Action and Regional Cooperation.

EU development assistance for Afghanistan is aligned with the Afghan Government's priorities as set out in the Afghan National Development Strategy (ANDS) and particularly with the National Priority Programmes relevant to the focal areas above.

In Tokyo (2012) the EU has committed to continue to support Afghanistan throughout the decade of transformation at the same levels as during the past decade.

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