



CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS

Green Horizons Academy: THE GOOD STORY

Belgrade, 15 - 17 October 2021

Organization for Political Ecology POLEKOL

DEADLINE 5TH OF OCTOBER

The Green European Foundation and the Organization for Political Ecology POLEKOL are announcing the call for participants for the first Green Horizons Academy, under the title The Good Story. The event will take place in Belgrade, Serbia, from 15th to 17th of October 2021.

We are looking for participants that are active in environmental movements, civic initiatives, academic institutions and/or political organizations with green policy agenda.

If you are interested in:

- Learning about political ecology and the green political idea in Europe
- Putting forward green agenda into practice in South-East Europe
- Improve your green values communication skills
- Creating an affirmative green narrative on sustainability, alternative to the populist one
- Networking with potential green allies

Please apply by filling the online form [here](#) by the end of Monday, October 5th. If you have any questions, please contact us at organizacija.polekol@gmail.com.

All applicants will be informed about the selection results by October 6th.

As we are still in the middle of the pandemic, as a safety precaution, **all participants will be Covid tested at the spot, right before the event starts.**

The programme will be held in a hybrid model, where selected participants are in physical space, and evening sessions are live-streamed for the public. Language of the event is BCS and English, and translation will be provided.

The Green Horizons Academy is an educational programme that aims to expand the imaginary of the broad green movement towards the alternative livable future across Europe. This year's Green Horizons Academy's main topic is **building a successful narrative around green values that resonates with broad public, therefore its title - THE GOOD STORY.**

Addressing the climate crisis and environmental issues is a home ground for the greens, still, we need to be better equipped for the forthcoming battles of narratives, where everyone is "playing the green card". Populists and conservative authoritarians, especially in countries with a weak green opposition, are casting a long shadow over every social movement, easily appropriating and incorporating environmentalism. Europe's narrative of openness and solidarity has been put to the test amid the pandemic. The Academy is a space for theory and practice that can serve both for political actors to step into closer communication with the people, and for citizens to politicize the growing environmental struggles.

During three days of lectures, debates, and workshops, we hope to inspire European green actors and raise the capacities of citizens from South-East Europe in their approach to presenting green values and agenda. GHA will also examine the resilience of the existing Green political organizations in the region, and offers the space for authentic policy debates designed for and from the region. The time has come for green-minded actors to create a cultural uprising, painting our views as possible, tangible, and popular! From the academic field of political theory to the environmental activists and new movements, the Green Horizons Academy will present, discuss, and articulate democratic, feminist, sustainable and just alternatives.

The 3-day event consists of two interlinked parts of educational programme:

1) **Closed daily sessions** (registered participants only, in physical space) with workshops where we will try to answer: What is political ecology? How do we practice green values? How do we communicate green ideas? Who are the green allies with whom we can design the green agenda?

2) **Public evening sessions** (online) with lectures and panels covering topics: building green narratives, green-left answer to right wing environmentalism, affirmative-positive political culture, relations between green movements and green parties, European solidarity in the times of pandemic crisis.

Please share this call with your contacts that might be interested in a GOOD STORY!

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