

To partner organizations in the weltwärts program that send volunteers to Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Moldova, Montenegro, Northern Macedonia, and Serbia or host volunteers from there.

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Invitation to the weltwärts Partner Conference in Southeast Europe from October 2 to 7 2022 in Sarajevo

Dear representatives of organizations in the weltwärts program,

on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Programme Steering Committee (PSA) of the weltwärts program, we are pleased to invite you to the first partner conference in Southeastern Europe. This will take place from 2 to 7 October in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Arrival: Sunday, 2.10.2022 at 14.00 h

Start of the Conference: Monday, 3.10.2022, 9.30 h

End of the Conference: Friday, 7.10.2022, 12.30 h
(possibility to have lunch until 14:00 h)

Departure: For participants who cannot have a travel connection on the same day, there is the possibility of another overnight stay.

The conference will primarily be held in English. There will be a translation in German.

We kindly ask you, as a German organization, to send the enclosed English and German information and the registration form to your partner organizations in the countries mentioned above.

With this first regional partner conference in Southeastern Europe, the partner organizations in the weltwärts program will be able to exchange, network and meet again in presence. The support and further development of the weltwärts program in times of war and pandemic raises many questions, challenges, and opportunities. Furthermore, the focus is on the concerns of the participants as well as on current developments in weltwärts. The Partner Conference intensify the cooperation and networking between partner organizations from the countries of the Global South (PO) and German organizations (TO). They also offer a good opportunity to discuss program-relevant issues with representatives of the Program Steering Committee (PSA). Topics of the conference

will include volunteer services as a contribution to peacekeeping, sustainability, and volunteer services in post-pandemic times.

POs may attend the Partner Conference regardless of their TO's participation. TOs are as well invited to the conference if at least one of their POs attends. It is recommended that collaborating TOs and POs attend the Partner Conference together. For environmental and resource-saving reasons, it is appreciated if TOs combine their participation to the Partner Conference with intermediate seminars and/or partner visits.

Please note that usually only one person from each organization can attend the conference. The number of participants is limited. Therefore, a ratio for the distribution of participants has been worked out and will be used for the allocation of commitments. A precondition to participate is a direct connection of the individual participants to the weltwärts program.

Note on the hygiene concept: Due to the Corona pandemic, a negative test is to be shown or must be done on arrival to take part in the conference. There are no entry restrictions for Bosnia and Herzegovina so far. Please note possible changes in time before you start travelling. The costs incurred by performing the test can be covered during the conference upon submission of the invoice receipt. Rapid antigen testing will be performed during the conference for all participants. In addition, applicable hygiene regulations will be considered on-site. Currently, there is no mask requirement for events in the country. Masks will be provided during the conference.

The costs for meals, accommodation: Testing, travelling, and visa costs, if applicable, will be covered by BMZ. We, as the conference organization, will book the flights in accordance with the Federal Travel Expenses Act. The booking of other travel costs (bus and train costs) is done independently and can be reimbursed with original receipts (receipts, tickets etc.) via the conference organizer. If the trip is combined with a partner visit, etc., an itinerary should be submitted to the organizer. Accommodation is in single or twin rooms, as you choose, either where the conference takes place or nearby. There will be a shuttle-service. Travel costs are refundable up to two days before and after the conference. If your travel activities are related to the weltwärts program, you can also exceed this duration. Accommodation will only be provided and granted for the duration of the conference.

Steps for Registration

To register, please complete the registration form attached and the online form no later than August 15, 2022 (new deadline):

1st Step

For PO: Fill out the attached document "registration form" and send it by E-Mail to your German Organization, that will then forward it to us.

For TO: Send us the registration form of your partner organizations and fill in the missing data if necessary (e.g.: EP number and quality association). In addition, you can also register via your PO's registration form if you would like to participate. Please E-Mail the sign-up sheets to: Kornelia Bodach: conference@freiwilligendienst.de

2nd Step:

For All participants: fill in the online form at this link:
<https://forms.office.com/r/LGq6peEVFk>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us by E-Mail phone.

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Kind regards - from the inviting organizations

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