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The essays should address one or more of the following topics:

- Young People in Macedonia as Active and Socially Responsible Citizens: exploring new approaches in youth activism

- Creating an Inclusive Society: building bridges for democratic change, tolerance, dialog and multicultural coexistence

- New Perspectives for Macedonia: creating a country of citizens with European perspectives and understanding of European Values

Technicalities about the essay:

» The author should not be older than 35 years

» Length of 3-5 pages (single spaced)

» Submissions in Macedonian or English, preferably in both languages

The best essays will be published and the very best authors will be invited for a 5-day-visit to Berlin, Germany. The visit will take place 13-17 October 2014. This trip will include meetings and discussions on young civic activism as well as visits to political institutions and cultural events. The participants of the visit to Berlin must be fluent in English. Interviews of the candidates will take place in early September.

Please send your CV and essays by e-mail: contact@fes.org.mk, subject: Open call for Essays. Please e-mail us for any further questions. **The deadline for submitting the essay is 20th August 2014.**