

Summer School - Let's de-fake it!

Call for applications

Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA), Mariánske námestie 31, Žilina

June 25 – 30, 2018

If you are a high-school student, who is active and interested in the foreign and security policy issues, then we would like to invite YOU to join other high-students from Central Europe in an interactive 6-day long summer school focused on the disinformation and critical thinking.

Summer school main goal:

Information warfare, disinformation campaigns, conspiracy theories and hoaxes are a new phenomenon, which have occurred in last few years. From a long-term perspective, disinformation campaigns are able to influence foreign policy orientation of whole states and alliances, As many researchers have shown, one of the most vulnerable groups are young people. Unfortunately, educational systems in Central Europe do not offer the development of crucial skill for young students, which will make them resilient towards disinformation campaigns, conspiracy theories and hoaxes. Therefore main goal of the **Summer school – Let's de-fake it!** is to develop these missing skills. Summer school will be focused on following areas:

- verification of information
- enhancement of critical thinking
- how to recognize relevant and irrelevant source of information
- theory of hybrid and information warfare
- explanation the role and influence of social media on the society
- you will learn the process of radicalisation
- how to protect yourself against disinformation campaign
- new approaches and methods how to define/analyse fake news
- how to discuss fake news with and opponent

Participants will have the chance to meet representatives from ministries, academia, media and NGO sector.

Application process:

To apply, please send **your CV** and **motivation letter** (max 550 words), to the following email address: turayova@cena.org (put the word “application_surname” into the mail subject). The **deadline** for receiving your application is **May 31, 2018**. You will receive the information on your acceptance within one week after this deadline. In the acceptance of your application, you will be provided with complete details regarding the summer school.

The deadline for submitting applications is May 31, 2018.

Application should be submitted to: turayova@cena.org

CERTIFICATION

At the end of the summer school, participants will be presented with a diploma of participation, which will be signed by the Director of the Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs.

The Course will challenge you in many ways, test your leadership skills and expose you to cross-cultural experiences. We hope the course will be an educational experience you will never forget!

ELIGIBILITY to participate

High-school students and young leaders from the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovakia.

We are looking for active, open-minded and creative people. The working language of the School is English, so good communication skills in English are essential.

The organizers will provide:

- educational programme and materials
- accommodation and board
- travel costs



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The aim of CENAA is to play an active role in the strategic discussions in Slovakia and in the Euro-atlantic area, to participate in the education process of future foreign and security policy professionals, and to contribute to the stability and sustainable development in partner' countries where we are present through our educational and training programmes.

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