

Call for applications:

“Youth for Security and Cooperation in Europe” Model OSCE of the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship

The Swiss OSCE Chairmanship and its Model OSCE project: Switzerland will assume the Chairmanship of the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in 2014. In accord with the leitmotif “Creating a Security Community for the Benefit of Everyone”, Switzerland pursues three overarching objectives:

- ⇒ fostering security and stability in Europe,
- ⇒ improving people’s lives, and
- ⇒ strengthening the OSCE and increasing its capacity to take action.

As part of its third objective, Switzerland wants to strengthen the voice of young people and enhance their involvement within OSCE structures. To achieve this goal, Switzerland will organise a Model OSCE series in which one delegate from each of the 57 OSCE participating States will be invited to participate. The participating delegates will be involved in the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship throughout the entire presidential year: By means of simulations of two specific OSCE decision-making bodies, the delegates will get familiar with OSCE structures and -themes. The participants will have the opportunity to acquire and develop various skills in diplomacy and negotiation, public speaking, communication, problem resolution of international issues, and critical thinking. They will improve their team-work and leadership abilities and meet other young people from the 57 OSCE participating States.

Who should register in the Model OSCE? We strongly encourage young people aged 18-30 to submit their applications. Participants must be citizens of one of the 57 OSCE participating States, fluent in written and oral English, interested in international politics, and ready to engage their time and ideas in the framework of this project throughout the year of the Swiss OSCE Presidency.

- ⇒ **Please visit the [Swiss National Youth Council \(SNYC\) website](#) to submit your application.**