The Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS) is pleased to announce the call for applications for the *Tbilisi Transformational Leadership Forum (TTLF) 2016.*

**Open to:** young professionals between 24 and 35 years old from Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries and the following EU member states: Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland.

**Dates:** 13-17 March, 2016, Tbilisi, Georgia and mid-April, 2016, Stockholm, Sweden.

**Description**

The Georgian Institute for Strategic Studies (GISS), with funding from Swedish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, is implementing a project titled: *Tbilisi Transformational Leadership Forum (TTLF) 2016.* TTLF 2016 is the second consecutive international transformational leadership forum organized by GISS.

The purpose of the project is to design a leadership program for young leaders from the EaP and EU member states to share the experience and knowledge about the EU integration processes and related transformations that took place in the EU member states as well as in some of the EaP countries.

The program provides a unique forum for emerging leaders to connect, exchange experiences, and obtain practical training to advance their knowledge and skill set. Guest speakers from foundations, think tanks, government, businesses and international organizations will provide practitioners viewpoint on important issues related to transformational processes in EU member states as well as EaP countries.

The project consists of the following components:

Component A –forum that will be hosted by GISS in Tbilisi, Georgia

Component B - a study trip to Stockholm, Sweden.

During the study trip participants will have a chance to interact with local opinion-makers and practitioners in order to get a first-hand exposure to the best practices associated with this country. Participants from EaP countries will be invited to participate in the study trip..

For the information regarding the past event please visit the project’s webpage: <http://tbilisileadersforum.com/>

**Eligibility**

The program is designed for practitioners (young leaders) with demonstrated leadership achievements and interest in transformational leadership. Applicants can be working as policy-makers, government employees, academics, as well as professionals in private sector or civil society representatives.

**Selection Criteria**

Participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

* Demonstrated leadership record in the following sectors: government, business, civil society and academia
* Demonstrated potential and interest to play important roles in their country’s political, economic and social development
* Interest in playing a leading role in transformational processes as well as desire to connect/network with peers
* Citizenship one of the following countries: Ukraine, Moldova, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Armenia, Sweden, Estonia, Lithuania and Poland
* Fluency in English
* Age between 24 and 35 years old

**Costs**

The program will cover participants’ travel and accommodation costs for the duration of the program

**Application**

To apply for the program, please send a single page letter outlining your motivation for the program together with your CV in English to the following e-mail address: [office@giss.org.ge](mailto:office@giss.org.ge) by January 15, 2016. Please, include the following text in the e-mail subject: “TTLF 2016 - Application.” You are required to include two references in your CV. Please note that only selected applicants will be contacted.