Call For Applications (ISHA sections)

What is this project about?
EUROCLIO (European Association of History Educators), one of ISHA’s oldest partners, is running a project entitled «Learning a History that is not yet History», dealing with the wars of former Yugoslavia. Funded by the European Commission, this project seeks to examine the conflict 25 years on, with a specific focus on how it is being remembered. The aim of this project is to contribute to the field of European remembrance by raising awareness amongst teachers, students and pupils of all nationalities that common approaches to understanding the sensitivities of the past are possible.

How will ISHA be involved in this project?
What is missing from the project at present is a European voice. It will be ISHA’s responsibility to enable the voices of young historians from all over Europe to be heard through the circulation of a common survey which will map the different national perspectives on this specific topic, as well as reflections on how recent history is introduced into the classroom. This survey will be distributed to individual sections by the International Board of ISHA shortly, and the sections will be encouraged to disseminate it amongst their members on a local level.

Additionally, ISHA needs 10 of its sections to organise public events at their home institutions before the end of 2017. It is essential that this public event be visible and promote the aims of the project. As such, ISHA sections are encouraged to go out of their 'comfort-zones' and promote their events through local community groups, associations, city halls, history teachers associations (EUROCLIO can help there), local newspapers, social media, and so on. Of course, the main target group will remain ISHA members, but the event should be as public, visible, and inclusive as possible. EUROCLIO will provide up to 500 € to sections organising local events to cover any costs of such promotion.

What form should a local event take?
The specific form of the event should be creative and locally relevant. It doesn't have to necessarily be about teaching, learning or remembrance – it can also cover a specific local historical issue that is somehow linked to the Yugoslavian wars (e.g. sections from
Hungary can compare the intake of refugees between Yugoslavia and Hungary in 1956 and 1991). The format of the event is of the section's choosing. It could include a round table discussion, a lecture by a relevant historian/researcher, any kind of cooperation between the section and a relevant institution etc. The language of the event is of the section's choosing, but it should allow the participation of whoever may wish to join. The ultimate goal of these events is visibility, cooperation with other institutions, and engaging with the general public, all while tackling sensitive topics and drawing conclusions about the possibility of collective remembrance.

How do we apply to organise a local event?

The application period starts on the 30th of August and ends on the 25th of September 2017. All ISHA sections are eligible to apply, although it is the desire of the coordinators to not unduly overrepresent any one country in selecting successful applicants. Applications will be done through the google form which can be found on ISHA’s website and Facebook pages. Sections wishing to apply need to designate one responsible contact person who will be responsible for contacting the Project Coordinators should any questions arise. This person will also be regularly contacted by the Project Coordinators regarding the progress of the event, as well as its results. In applying to organise a local event, sections should state their intended topic, provide a preliminary format/schedule of the event, and outline a preliminary budget. The instructions for writing the preliminary budget can be found on the application form. Sections will also be asked to detail their plans to promote their event and ensure its maximum visibility in their local communities. Should sections have any questions, ideas or requests during or after the application period, they can contact Lucija Balikić (President of ISHA International), the main coordinator of this EUROCLIO-ISHA cooperation via her email: lucijabalikic@gmail.com or Alexandra Leonzini (member of ISHA council) who is also a coordinator of these local events, via her email alexandra.leonzini@gmail.com

What happens after the application period is over?

Results will be published 5 days after the application period is over on the ISHA website and ISHA Facebook page. If your section is chosen to organise a local event, it is an expectation that the event organisation manual will be consulted by all parties involved. This manual can be found on the ISHA International website. Although primarily
intended for organising international seminars, it may prove very useful to those organising smaller events such as these as well.

**Where will the results of this project be presented?**

EUROCLIO is going to organise a public event in Brussels targeting policy makers at the House of European History. Following their inputs and comments, a European professional development and networking conference is envisioned for January in Belgrade for educators, remembrance specialists and civil society, under the same heading as the project "Learning a history which is not yet History". The local work and results achieved by ISHA sections will be presented and discussed at both of these events.