# LETTER OF MOTIVATION

**The SI Academy for Young Professionals 2025-2026**

**Eastern Partnership**

The letter of motivation is a personal enclosure to your application for participation in the SI Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP). The choice of thematic module(s) to attend, as well as your answers in the questions below should reflect your professional background and interests and should also indicate your ambition to work with issues that, within your context and field of expertise, contribute to regional development in general, and development of your organisation in particular. The letter of motivation is your possibility to explain why you qualify for participation in the programme, and elaborate on driving forces, issues and topics that inspire you.

Your application, including your personal data, will be shared evaluated by Halmstad University (Sweden), Democracy Development Foundation (Armenia) and Swedish Institute (Sweden). You may apply if you are a citizen of or resident in one of the following countries: Armenia, Azerbaijan\*, Belarus\*, Georgia, Moldova, Ukraine (\*’- restrictions apply). For full information about eligibility criteria, kindly visit the website si.se/sayp.

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| **LAST NAME** |  | |
| **E-MAIL** |  | |
| **CITIZENSHIP** |  | |
| **COUNTRY OF WORK/RESIDENCE** |  | |
| **CITY** |  | |
| **DATE OF BIRTH (YYYY-MM-DD)** |  | |
| **GENDER (female/male/other)** |  | |
| **ORGANISATION** |  | |
| **POSITION** |  | |
| **CATEGORY OF OCCUPATION** | Choose one | SHOULD BE politics, administration, civil society or business |
| **LEVEL (local/regional/national etc)** | Choose one |  |
| **SAYP ALUMNI (no/yes programme year)** |  | |

**MODULE SELECTION PRIORITY**

Please choose below, which of the training programmes that you would like to participate in, and in what

preferred order/priority. Remember that you can only be selected for participation in one of the training

programmes. The recommendation is to apply to maximum two programmes that corresponds with your

interest and professional role. You need to submit a separate application with a unique letter of motivation

for each programme you have chosen. More information can be on the SI website.

Thematic modules within the SAYP Eastern Europe framework:

* **Halmstad University**: Policy Integration and Transparency Practices in a Digital Era
* **Södertörn University**: Cooperation Beyond Borders - Transnational Public Administration and Organizing
* **University of Gothenburg**: Migration and Integration: Challenges and Good Practices for the Development of Inclusive Societies
* **Lund University**: Green Transition for Low-Carbon and Resilient Societies
* **Linköping University**: Sustainable and Democratic Digital Governance.
* **Lund University:** Perspectives on multi-level governance, Decentralisation and Human Rights
* **Stiftelsen Fryshuset**: Inclusive leadership and youth work in the Eastern Partnership

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| **PRIORITY** | **MODULE** |
| 1 | Choose one |
| 2 | Choose one (optional) |
| 3 | Choose one (optional) |

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| 1. **Describe a current challenge, important for your home country and/or region to address, connected to cross-sectoral policy coordination and/or transparency/data sharing practices.** *[Max 200 words, indicate your word count at the end of the text]* |

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| 1. **Describe your organisation and the opportunities and challenges facing it, connected to cross-sectoral policy coordination and/or transparency/data sharing practices.**   *[Max 200 words, indicate your word count at the end of the text]* |

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| 1. **Evaluate and describe your driving forces and possibilities (e.g., position, role, and mandate) to influence and develop work carried out within your organization. Include the importance of European Union practices in your profession.**   *[Max 200 words, indicate your word count at the end of the text]* |

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| 1. **Explain how SAYP will empower you to address the above mentioned opportunities and challenges in your current organisation.**   *[Relate your answer to a concrete suggestion for activity/action or process that you wish to commit to. Max 300 words, indicate your word count at the end of the text]* |