



Tibet Lobby Day 2020 16-19 March 2020 – Brussels

Are you a young Tibetan residing in Europe? Are you interested in European Union's policy on China and Tibet, and in contributing to raise awareness about Tibet within European circles? Then you may be one of our next Tibet Lobby Day participants!

This spring, the International Campaign for Tibet (ICT) will bring together its members, Tibetans and Tibet groups to lobby for Tibet on both sides of the Atlantic. ICT's Tibet Lobby Day 2020 will take place in Brussels, headquarters of the European Union, March 16-19 and Washington, DC, March 23-24. This joint effort will emphasize Tibet's crucial role in global affairs by bringing Tibet supporters face-to-face with EU and US officials.

The Lobby Day Training in Brussels is directed at Tibetans residing in Europe, and aims at motivating and giving them the tools and knowledge to become effective advocates of the Tibetan cause at the European level and in their respective countries of residence. At a time when awareness in the West about the situation inside Tibet is decreasing, and following this year's European elections, it will be a unique opportunity to deliver first hand testimonies on the situation in Tibet and send a strong message to the European Union that EU action is still needed!

Program

The programme will start with a training on EU policies towards China and Tibet, human rights, recent developments in Tibet, advocacy and communications techniques; participants will have the opportunity to engage in discussions with professionals working in these different fields, and will expand their understanding of the role of activists, lobbyists, NGOs and the media in influencing foreign policy at European level. They will then be able to get a direct exposure to the EU political scene by taking part in lobby meetings with various EU officials and members of the European Parliament, focusing in particular on the lack of access to Tibet and the violations to the religious freedom of Tibetans, including the Chinese interferences in the succession of the Dalai Lama.

Practical Information

Dates: 16 March - 19 March 2020

Eligibility: Applicants must be citizen or permanent residents of one of the European Union Member States, and be available for the full duration of the program. As the program will be conducted in English, proficiency in this language, at least at a conversational level, is required.

Cost: ICT will cover the costs of the travel of the participants to and in Brussels, as well as their accommodation in Brussels from Sunday 15 to Friday 19 March (4 nights).

Deadline for application: **1 March 2020.**

Application Process

Interested Tibetan activists, and in particular (but not limited to) those with a background in Political Science, European Studies, International Relations, Human Rights or another relevant discipline are encouraged to send their application (CV and brief statement of interest) by midnight on Sunday 1 March 2020 to Mélanie Blondelle at melanie.blondelle@savetibet.eu, together with their complete contact information, including address, phone number and email.

More information about the Lobby Day is available in ICT's press release at: <https://www.savetibet.eu/tibet-lobby-day-joint-us-eu-efforts-this-spring/>