

# **Frequently Asked Questions**

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## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- **Who is eligible to participate in the Summer School?**

The school is addressed to doctoral candidates from the Balkan Region and from the Santander Group member universities. **Only participants enrolled in the universities of the consortium are eligible.** Furthermore, only candidates who submit their **complete application before the deadline (20<sup>th</sup> July 2011)** will be considered eligible.

The consortium is composed of:

<b>Albania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fan S Noli University</li> <li>- University of Shkodra</li> <li>- Polytechnic University of Tirana</li> <li>- University of Gjirokastra "Eqrem Çabej"</li> </ul>
<b>Belgium</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Ghent University *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Liège *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Bosnia-Herzegovina</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Sarajevo</li> </ul>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sofia University</li> <li>- College of Tourism in Bansko</li> <li>- <i>Paisii Hilendarski University of Plovdiv</i></li> </ul>
<b>Croatia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Zagreb</li> </ul>
<b>Cyprus</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Cyprus *</i></li> </ul>
<b>France</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Pau et Pays de l'Adour *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Rennes 1 *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Rennes 2 *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Rouen *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Le Havre *</i></li> <li>- <i>Joseph Fourier University of Grenoble *</i></li> </ul>
<b>FYRO Macedonia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University American College Skopje</li> <li>- SS Cyril and Methodius University</li> <li>- University of St Kliment Ohridski Bitola</li> </ul>
<b>Germany</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Bayreuth *</i></li> <li>- <i>Justus Liebig University in Giessen *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Greece</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Patras *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Italy</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Catania</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Trieste</i></li> <li>- <i>Sapienza University of Rome</i></li> </ul>
<b>Kosovo</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Prishtina</li> </ul>
<b>Malta</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Malta *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Montenegro</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Montenegro</li> </ul>
<b>Norway</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Norwegian University of Science and Technology *</i></li> </ul>
<b>The Netherlands</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Eindhoven University of Technology *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Poland</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Adam Mickiewicz University</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Wrocław</i></li> <li>- PWSZ Leszno, Higher Vocational State School in Leszno</li> </ul>
<b>Portugal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Minho *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Porto *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Romania</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Babeş-Bolyai University</i></li> </ul>

<b>Serbia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Novi Sad</li> <li>- University of Belgrade</li> <li>- University of Kragujevac</li> <li>- University of Niš</li> <li>- University of Mitrovica</li> </ul>
<b>Slovenia</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- University of Ljubljana</li> </ul>
<b>Spain</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Cantabria *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Las Palmas Gran Canarias *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of León *</i></li> <li>- <i>University of Valladolid *</i></li> <li>- <i>Rovira I Virgili University *</i></li> <li>- <i>Polytechnic University of Valencia *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Sweden</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>University of Gothenburg *</i></li> <li>- <i>Malmö University *</i></li> </ul>
<b>Ukraine</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Uman State P.G. Tychyna Pedagogical University</li> </ul>

\*Universities marked with an asterisk: a registration fee of 160 Euros will be applied because these are non-CEI countries, and therefore, a contribution is asked to cover the participants' costs which will not be paid by the CEI.

*Italics:* Santander Group Universities.

## REGISTRATION PROCEDURE

- **How to submit an application?**

Each candidate must **submit his candidacy directly to the Santander Group Secretariat** via email to [sgadmin@sgroup.be](mailto:sgadmin@sgroup.be) before the deadline (20<sup>th</sup> July 2011) **with CC: to the International Relations Office of their University.**

The registration procedure is explained in detail in the guidelines available on [www.sgroup.be](http://www.sgroup.be)

## SELECTION PROCEDURE

- **How are candidates selected?**

The Santander Group will set up an evaluation committee to select the strongest candidates. The selection will be mainly based on the quality of the **motivation letter**. However, criteria such as **geographical balance** of the participants and the **order of registration** will be taken into account.

All applications will be evaluated as they are received by the SG Secretariat. **All results will be known by 20<sup>th</sup> July 2011.**

## FINANCIAL CONDITIONS

- **Who must pay a registration fee?**

**A registration fee of 160 Euros will be applied to only participants coming from universities in non-CEI countries.** These universities are signalled in the list above by an asterisk. Universities that are not marked by an asterisk do not need to pay a registration fee.

The universities from the following countries **SHOULD NOT** pay a fee: **Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, FYRO Macedonia, Italy, Kosovo, Montenegro, Poland, Romania, Serbia, Slovenia and Ukraine.**

The universities from these countries **MUST** pay a fee: ***Belgium, Cyprus, France, Germany, Greece, Malta, Norway, The Netherlands, Portugal, Spain, Sweden.***

- **What expenses are covered during the Summer School?**

The CEI and Santander Group will cover the following expenses during the event: **accommodation, meals, and local transportation throughout the duration of the School for all participants.** Participants from non-CEI countries will have to pay a registration fee of 160 Euros but will not have any further expenses for the above-mentioned costs on location.

Participants will have to pay their travel to and from Sofia (Bulgaria) where they will be picked up and dropped off at the beginning and end of the School.

## **DEADLINES**

- **11<sup>th</sup> July 2011** – deadline for submission of travel grant application. This grant only applies to Universities that are members of the Santander Group (marked in italics in the list above). For more information, click here: <http://www.sgroup.be/data/files/summer-school-2011-guidelines-for-grants.pdf>
- **20<sup>th</sup> July 2011** - deadline for registration of the candidates
- **30<sup>th</sup> July 2011** – deadline to send proof of payment for participants who must pay a registration fee