CONCEPT NOTE FOR ESTABLISHING OF EFB ALUMNI NETWORK

BACKGROUND

Over the last 12 years, hundreds of professionals passed through EFB programs. There have been 7 generations of Leadership Development Programme, 11 generations of Fellowship Programme for Government Officials from the Western Balkans, and several other EFB programs which are part of what is known as EFB community. During the years EFB alumni, mostly young professionals, have grown and are now successful individuals in the prime of their career path. Alumni expertise varies from academia, finance, politics, innovation, start-ups, civil, public and business sectors. In 2021, EFB Community will formalize its work by establishing EFB Alumni Network. EFB Alumni Network will bring together members of EFB programs and initiatives with the aim to connect network members with common interests but different backgrounds and to foster cross-sectoral exchange and international collaborations.

EFB ALUMNI NETWORK SCOPE

EFB Alumni network is not an independent legal entity. EFB will provide funding and administrative support to the network and its governing bodies. Setting up of the Alumni Network will enable EFB communication channels and approach update, community’s own strategy for further functioning, and members will be provided with space and funds to design and implement different activities of their interests with their fellow community members.

GOVERNING STRUCTURES

Governing structures of the network will be made by following principles which aim to achieve good representation of different EFB programs and good territorial coverage. In this way the community will have structures which are cross-generational, topic broad and territorially covered representation.

Criteria:
- Completing this and previous EFB surveys
- Participating at EFB community events
- In contact with at least 11 alumni members
- Willingness to support EFB community expressed through letter of interest
EFB Alumni Board

EFB Alumni Board gathers up to 8 devoted community members covering the countries with EFB community presence.

EFB Alumni Board is responsible for creating a Development Strategy for strengthening the EFB community network in cooperation with EFB Alumni Assembly and EFB Office. They are contracted by EFB and are responsible for achieving strategic goals set by the Development Strategy.

To be selected for EFB Alumni Board candidates should meet minimum 3 of the above mentioned criteria.

EFB Alumni Assembly

EFB Alumni Assembly is composed of representatives coming from EFBs major programmes / generation.

EFB Alumni Assembly are in charge for mobilising community members from their respective generations and programmes, communicating activities & supporting the Board in implementation of Development Strategy and its action plans. Thus, they will have an opportunity to lead on different initiatives and small projects. They closely cooperate with EFB Alumni Board and contribute to the implementation of activities and the results set by the Development Strategy.

To be selected for EFB Alumni Assembly candidates should meet minimum 2 of the above mentioned criteria.

ACTIVITIES DUE UNTIL JUNE 2020:

- Selection of the members of EFB Alumni Board and EFB Alumni Assembly
- Constitution of the governing structures
- Development of TORs for the EFB Alumni Board and Alumni Assembly
- Event for creating and adopting Development Strategy and Action plan (EFB Alumni Board, EFB Alumni Assembly and EFB Office)