

# Bursaries for Western Balkan students for the 2020 European Drugs Summer School

Professionals, academics and experts from the Western Balkan region will have an opportunity to participate in the European Drugs Summer School ([EDSS](#)) this year, thanks to three bursaries being offered through the EMCDDA Instrument of Pre-accession Assistance 7 project ([IPA7](#)), which kicked off in July 2019.

The aim of the three-year project, running until June 2022, is to ensure that the six IPA beneficiaries <sup>(1)</sup> are able to participate effectively in the activities of the EMCDDA and the Reitox network upon EU accession. Covering drug-related issues in the areas of health and security, it supports methodological work on data collection and provides expert and technical support to drug monitoring at country level. The IPA7 project builds on the results of previous technical cooperation projects between the EMCDDA and the Western Balkans since 2007.

The 2020 EDSS – organised by the EMCDDA and the University Institute of Lisbon (ISCTE-IUL) – will take place from 29 June to 10 July 2020 in Lisbon. EMCDDA scientific experts, leading academics, guest speakers, policymakers and professionals will prepare participants to meet the complex policy challenges in the drugs field – both in Europe and beyond. Under the general theme ‘Illicit drugs in Europe: demand, supply and public policies’, the 2020 EDSS will focus on hepatitis C.

The bursaries will cover flights and EDSS fees. The course is conducted in English and students should have a good written and spoken knowledge of the language.

In order to apply for the bursary click [here](#).

The deadline for applications: **26 February 2020**

Notification of successful candidates: **9 March 2020**

The application should be submitted by e-mail to: [ipa@emcdda.europa.eu](mailto:ipa@emcdda.europa.eu)

Download application form [here](#).