



**SEGRETERIA DI STATO
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**CALL FOR APPLICATIONS FOR THE AWARD OF THE SCHOLARSHIP "DIETER
SALCH"
TO BE ADMITTED TO A MASTER'S DEGREE AT
THE COLLEGE OF EUROPE IN BRUGES (KINGDOM OF BELGIUM) FOR THE
ACADEMIC YEAR 2018-2019**

The Government of the Republic of San Marino pays great attention to the training of people competent in international relations, European Union (EU) law, European institutions and policies and in legal and economic matters, as resources suitable to support professional growth in public and private sectors in the process of internationalisation, greater integration with the European Union, development and strengthening of bilateral and multilateral relations of the Republic of San Marino. In the light of the above, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs informs of the availability, thanks to the generous contribution of Senator e.h. Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Dieter Salch of the University of Würzburg, of a scholarship for the training of San Marino young people at the College of Europe in Bruges (Kingdom of Belgium) for the academic year 2018-2019. The scholarship will totally cover registration and attendance fees for the following prestigious post-university study programmes: Master's degree in European Economic Studies; Master's degree in EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies; Master's degree in European Legal Studies; Master's degree in European Political and Governance Studies.

With a view to guaranteeing San Marino young people the exercise of the right to study and allowing all of them to have access to the highest level of training and an adequate specialisation to enter the labour world, this scholarship will be awarded in compliance with Art. 9 of Law no. 5 of 21 January 2004, "*Law on the right to study*".

Art. 1 - Requirements for the submission of applications

The scholarship "Dieter Salch" is reserved to those who, at the date of expiry of the deadline for the submission of the application, are:

- a) San Marino citizens or residents in the Republic who are citizens of a country with which San Marino has concluded conventions envisaging reciprocity in similar cases, provided that the requirements under the above-mentioned conventions are met;
- b) are not older than 40 years of age;

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- c) have already obtained the qualifications and credits required for admission to the College of Europe; the conditions to access the specific master's degrees can be consulted in the appropriate sections of the official web site: www.coleurope.eu .

Art. 2 - Procedures and deadlines for submitting applications

To participate in the call for applications for the award of the scholarship covering registration and attendance fees for the master's degree selected at the College of Europe for the academic year 2018-2019 it is necessary to submit an application for admission both online through the official website www.coleurope.eu (following the instructions on the website), and in paper form by registered letter or delivered by hand to the **Evaluation Commission for the award of the Scholarship "Dieter Salch"** at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs - Palazzo Begni, Contrada Omerelli, 31 - 47890 San Marino (RSM), not later than **3 April 2018**. The applications in paper form must be received by the Evaluation Commission for the award of the Scholarship "Prof. Dieter Salch" not later than **2.00 p.m.** of 3 April 2018.

The application for admission, to be submitted in paper form as indicated, will have to be drawn up on unstamped paper and contain the following data: name, surname, date and place of birth, social security number (ISS), contact telephone number and email address for the delivery of communications relating to the application process. It should also be supplemented by the following documents:

- a) certificate of citizenship
- b) certificate of residence
- c) general criminal certificate
- d) certificate of pending charges
- e) certificate attesting the enjoyment of civil and political rights
- f) master's degree certificate with exams
- g) any additional academic courses and qualifications, publications, attestations
- h) letter of reference of at least two professors of the university of origin and of other people supporting the candidature
- i) motivational letter regarding the choice of the training master's degree.

The certificates referred to in letters a), b), c), d) and e) can be replaced by a specific statement, which must be drafted and signed by the interested person in accordance with Art. 12 of Law no. 159/2011. The master's degree certificate referred to in letter f) and any additional certificates and academic or professional attestations can be submitted in original, certified copy or with

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declaration of conformity to the original, drawn up and signed by the interested person in accordance with Art. 12 of Law no. 159/2011.

The certificates above may be submitted exempt from stamp duty, as envisaged by Delegated Decree no. 56 of 28 April 2015.

Art. 3. Evaluation Commission

The **Evaluation Commission for the award of the scholarship "Dieter Salch"** is composed of the Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs (who presides over and summons it), an official in the diplomatic service indicated by the Director of the Department of Foreign Affairs and a delegate of the Department of Education.

The Commission is responsible for verifying the requirements of applicants, as well as the regularity, completeness and correctness of the documents accompanying the application for admission to the master's degree of the College of Europe. Incomplete or in any case inadmissible applications, which do not meet the requirements established, will be immediately discarded and candidates not admitted will be timely informed thereof with an indication of the reason for exclusion.

Art. 4. Selection procedure

The selection of candidates will take place as follows:

1. the Evaluation Commission will examine the applications received and verify the requirements; subsequently, it will send the list of admitted candidates to the College of Europe;
2. the College of Europe will individually interview the admitted candidates. The interview will take place via Skype at the premises and in the presence of the Evaluation Commission. The interview will be aimed at verifying the linguistic, academic and aptitude skills and will take place in the two official languages of the College of Europe, i.e. French and English, starting from 14 May 2018.

The College of Europe will draw up the final ranking, which will be notified to the Evaluation Commission for the award of the scholarship "Dieter Salch", entrusted with awarding the scholarship to first in the ranking. It will be the task of the Evaluation Commission to notify the final ranking to the applicants.

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The judgement of the College of Europe is unquestionable.

Art. 5 - Mode of delivery of the scholarships

The scholarship, amounting to € 25,000.00 (twenty-five thousand/00), exempt from tax under Art. 7, letter h) of Law no. 166/2013, will cover the cost of enrolment in the master's degree selected, attendance, board and lodging - in accordance with the modalities provided for by the College of Europe. The amount of the scholarship will be paid directly to the College of Europe by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Any other expenses (stay visa for Belgium, health insurance, any preparatory or language specialisation courses, etc.) will be borne by the selected candidate.

The scholarship will be governed by a specific agreement signed by the selected candidate and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs upon admission to the College. This agreement will also contain the clauses relative to termination and refund of the amount paid, which the beneficiary candidate must return to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in case of non-achievement of the master's degree.

In the above-mentioned case (termination for failure to obtain the qualification and return of the sum allocated) or in case of non-awarding of the scholarship for the academic year 2018-2019, the same amount will be newly allocated for the next academic year and the selection will be made through the issuance of a new call for applications.