



# Perspectives on Multi-level Governance, Decentralisation and Human Rights

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The Swedish Institute Academy for Young Professionals (SAYP) is a training programme financed and initiated by the Swedish Institute. The SAYP programme Perspectives on Multi-level Governance, Decentralisation and Human Rights was developed to build new networks, knowledge and practices for increased transparency, efficiency and resilience in public administration in the Baltic Sea region and the EU Eastern Partnership countries. It aims to strengthen the capabilities of young professionals to meet the requirements of a modern governance structure.

## PROGRAMME CONTENT

This programme focuses on the division of power at different levels of the Swedish public governance structures and how human rights is protected by the system on national, regional and local level. The programme combines theory with practice, which gives the participants a deeper insight in public administration, and enables the exchange of experiences regarding the systems in their respective countries.

SAYP 2024 at Lund University will be conducted both on site in Lund, Sweden, and online. The programme set-up is varied and interactive with a mixture of seminars, workshops, case studies, group discussions, project work, study visits and networking opportunities.

The programme will start in August with an online preparatory module, before continuing to the main module on-site in Lund, Sweden, in September. After completion of the main module there will be a voluntary follow-up event.

By participating in SAYP at Lund University you get new skills and knowledge within the field of human rights and decentralisation, and the opportunity to build new networks, both with other young professionals in your country and geographic region, and with lecturers at Lund University and practitioners in Sweden.

You will discuss and learn from highly qualified lecturers and researchers from Lund University – consistently ranked among the world's top 100 universities in world university rankings.

Upon completion of the programme participants receive a certificate from Lund University, and will be part of the extensive alumni networks of both Lund University, the Swedish Institute, and the SAYP programmes.

## TEACHING AND COORDINATING STAFF

The main lecturers in the programme are from the [Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law \(RWI\)](#), which is affiliated with the Faculty of Law at Lund University, and [Lund University School of Economics and Management \(LUSEM\)](#).

RWI is a leading hub for inter-disciplinary and policy-oriented human rights research and education.

The lecturers from LUSEM are part of the research group Public Management Research (PUMAR).

The programme is delivered with the support of [Lund University Commissioned Education \(LUCE\)](#), which is Lund University's department for competence development aimed at working professionals.

## OBJECTIVES OF THE PROGRAMME

- Gain insights into the role of public administration.
- Concrete knowledge and skills applicable in decentralised public administration.
- Understanding and practical implementation of Human rights law.
- Opportunity to work with modern approaches on management and organisation of public administration.
- New Public Management (NPM) from a Scandinavian perspective.
- Human rights promotion and protection.
- Equality and gender mainstreaming according to international law.
- International networks and global understanding of public sectors.

## YOU CAN APPLY IF YOU

- are a citizen of Armenia, \*Belarus, Estonia, Georgia, Latvia, Lithuania, Moldova, Poland, Ukraine or Sweden. Applicants do not need to currently reside in their country of citizenship in order to apply.

- have strong skills in written and spoken English.
- have relevant higher education (at least three years)
- are between 25-40 years (born between 1984-1999)
- are employed in one of the following groups: i) Policymakers (politicians, government officials, employees of political parties; ii) Public servants (non-political civil servants working at government agencies); iii) Civil society workers (CSO/NGO employees); or iv) business organizations that have relevant points of contact with the public institutions.

**Please note:** The programme builds on a co-creative process and requires active participation.

SAYP alumni may apply but do not have priority in the selection of candidates.

\* Due to the current situation in Belarus, SI took the decision that, as of 1 October 2020, financial support will not be provided to Belarusian state employees for on-site activities within SAYP. As a consequence of the Russian invasion of Ukraine and Belarus' active cooperation in it, it is no longer possible for state employees from Belarus to participate in the online activities within SAYP either.

## PRACTICAL INFORMATION

**Pre-module (online):** 15 Aug - 20 Sept 2024

**Main module (on-site):** 23 Sept - 3 Oct 2024

**Follow-up workshop:** 18 - 20 Mar 2025

**Number of participants:** 30

**Costs:** Participation in this programme is free of charge. It includes travel to and from Sweden. Meals and accommodation onsite in Sweden are covered. (Costs might arise in the visa process and in connection to local transportation to and from the airport in the participant's home country. These are not covered by the programme.)

**Application period:** 27 February - 5 April 2024

**Apply here:** [dinkurs.se/SAYP2024EaP](https://dinkurs.se/SAYP2024EaP)

**More information:** For more information visit [the Swedish Institute's webpage](#).

**Questions about the application process or about the programme at Lund University:** Contact the project team at Lund University, [contact@education.lu.se](mailto:contact@education.lu.se)