



## COVER LETTER

Dear IFLRY members,

Within the rows following, we will try to bring you closer the concepts of the „Youth Forum Naša stranka“, our motivation and willingness to become a member of IFLRY organization. Hence, the “Youth Forum Naša stranka” is the organizational part of the party „Naša stranka“ („Our party“, in the following: “*Naša stranka*”). Naša stranka is a social - liberal party founded in Sarajevo, the capital city of Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was founded in 2008, as the opposition to the leading parties and system in Bosnia and Herzegovina, which is mainly consisted of ethno -nationalist and centre - right parties. The political situation in our country has been the same for more than 20 years now, and proudly, we can say that - at the moment, Naša stranka is the only liberal parliamentary party in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

**The main principles** of Naša stranka are:

1. Naša stranka is a civil party
2. Naša stranka achieves its goals with legitimate, democratic and non - violent methods of parliamentary and public action
3. Naša stranka is a political organization of social - liberal political orientation, which recognizes the highest level of equality of citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina
4. Naša stranka operates and works on the principle of achieving equal rights and equal opportunities for all citizens of Bosnia and Herzegovina, in accordance with the Law on Prohibition of Discrimination of Bosnia and Herzegovina

5. Naša stranka takes concrete steps in its activities, in order to encourage dissatisfied and discriminated people and groups on political participation. Naša stranka will provide the mechanisms necessary to increase the representation and participation of women and youth in political organizations/parties and political life, in general.

Considering the fact that all the principles of Naša stranka are the principles of “Youth Forum Naša stranka” too, we strongly support and agree all of them. We strongly believe in equality of every citizen of Bosnia and Herzegovina, and all the people of the world. Everyone has equal rights to freedom, regardless of ethnicity, gender, heritage, culture, religion, or sexual orientation. By this said, we mean that every individual should have a freedom of choice, and no state with its' system, constitution, laws and other acts should interfere in rights of individual, to pursue its own goals. Therefore, one of the main goals of ours is to fight for liberal and civil society.

As mentioned previously, in Bosnia and Herzegovina the political situation has not been changed for more than 20 years now – the leading parties are centre or right parties, meaning that our country is mainly functioning on the principles of ethnical division. Therefore, we can say, without any doubts that we are strongly motivated to fight for liberal principles. We were founded as the opposition to system like this one, and every act of ours is for the purpose of promoting **liberal ideas**. We believe in need for support and cooperation of liberals in Europe and the world, in the way of connecting relations that can help in growing the liberal idea.

Since the International Federation of liberal Youth (IFLRY) in its' manifesto shares the same liberal ideas, in which we strongly believe, we would be honored to become a member of such organization. We are convinced that there is, at the moment, nothing important than making connections between (primarily) young people from all around the world, that are sharing liberal ideas. Creating a strong network of young liberals that are cooperating, sharing ideas, solutions and making an action is crucial for creating a **better future** in the world. We are more than ready to meet all the principles of IFLRY, as well

as to contribute to its work in the best way we can. Therefore, we are submitting this application, in hope and request for IFLRY to approve it.

Liberal regards,

“Youth Forum Naša stranka”