The organisation “Council of International Fellowship Austria” (German name: “Council of International Fellowship Austria (CIFA) - Verein zur Förderung des internationalen Austauschs im sozialen Bereich”) is a private and non-profit, politically and religiously independent organisation, which organises in Austria the International Professional Exchange Programme (PEP) from March 22nd – April 9th, 2017

Its general goal is to promote professional, cultural and educational exchange for social workers and professionals working in human services. The programme combines practical and theoretical training about the social and cultural environment of Austria. Another important goal is the cross-cultural exchange as the participants come from different countries.

- **GENERAL PROGRAMME - for all participants** (in Vienna, one weekend will be in the country side)
  - Introduction to Austria and the social system
  - Social welfare office
  - Visit to a Member of Parliament
  - Austrian Association of Social Workers (OBDS)
  - Various counselling centres concerning main fields of social work
  - Regular meetings, evaluation

- **INDIVIDUAL PROGRAMME – governmental and non-governmental organisations**
  (mainly in Vienna, some participants will spend a few days in the province)
  The individual programme (mainly agency visits) is connected to the professional background of every participant. Usually there are two appointments every day.
  
  The programme will be in **CLOSE COOPERATION WITH THE UNIVERSITY OF APPLIED SCIENCES**, Department for Social Work (www.fh-campuswien.ac.at). There will be lectures on social work, social policy and the social system in Austria. Beside that participants will meet students during various events.

- **LANGUAGE**: English

- **FINANCIAL CONDITIONS**: there is no registration fee for Austria. Participants pay their travel expenses from their country to Vienna and back.

- **SUPPORT**: Domestic travel and room and board (host families) within Austria.

- **NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS**: 6 persons

- **DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION**: Dec. 1st, 2016, application should go through the national branch. (www.cifinternational.com), if there is no branch in your country, please contact CIF Austria directly.

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