



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Future European Leaders Forum 2019

Interested in EU affairs? Passionate about debating issues with opinion leaders and fellow EU enthusiasts? Do you want to join 30 exceptional young people with diverse professional and academic background? Apply now for an exceptional opportunity to shape policy.

To inspire, connect, and empower. The mission of the Prague European Summit's Future European Leaders Forum (FELF) is to create a space for meaningful, open and inspiring formal and informal conversations and learning via different formats - for instance, teambuilding, workshops, simulations, training, panel discussions and networking receptions. FELF will interconnect young people with experienced experts and decision makers on European level and thus will enhance not only your professional knowledge but also your skills in policy level negotiations or organisational, communicational, analytical and creative solution thinking. You will acquire a practical set of skills and competencies which you will use not only in your future working life, but also in your daily life in general. These new knowledges and enhanced transferable skills will help to empower you, the "young leaders", to be more active citizens at the European, national or local level and thus will contribute to the achievement of your personal fulfilment.

FELF participants will have an opportunity to be involved in discussions on: the results of the European parliamentary elections, the formation of the new European Commission and the future of Europe. Further, FELF will cover economic and social innovation themes as well. You will have the opportunity to network with decision-makers and experts taking part in the Prague European Summit (PES), and also with fellow young leaders. This will provide you with a unique possibility to elevate your ideas, which you would not be able to execute alone. Also, with further shared knowledge and contacts, FELF participants will form a network through which they will be able to create meaningful projects together in the future. During the meeting, participants are expected to build on their admission essay in a structured and guided way with experienced lecturers, and by the end of the meeting they are to produce a joint policy statement with suggested policy changes which will then be discussed with relevant stakeholders.

The opportunity to attend FELF will be given to 30 exceptional future leaders between the ages of 21 and 30 (though participants up to the age of 35 may be considered) with diverse professional and academic backgrounds, and with a proven track record as opinion leaders in their fields of activity, including, but not limited to: politics, science, business, media, the arts, and civil society. We are looking for candidates who are creative, committed and passionate about reshaping the future of Europe. Thus, our Future European Leaders Forum is an integral part of the Prague European Summit. The organizers will provide the participants with accommodation, the participants are expected to take care of their travel arrangements.



Applicant Requirements

- Between 21 and 35 years of age
- Active in politics, state affairs, business, media, arts, sports, science, a non-profit environment, etc.
- An interest in EU affairs, its political and economic development, security, and/or any other fields of relevance to European affairs
- Fluent in English
- A willingness to actively engage in FELF debates and the Prague European Summit discussions
- A willingness to participate in any other related activities

Dates 26 - 29 May 2019: Four days of Future European Leaders and Prague European Summit debates

Topics to be discussed

Rule of Law; Cybersecurity and Defence; Populism and Demagogy; The Labour Market; Perception of the EU by Citizens; The Future of the EU; The EU-US Relationship; EU Enlargement; Cohesion Policy; European Defence Cooperation; The EU's Global Role; Brexit, Social and Gender Inequality; Climate Change; Lack of Youth Participation

For nominations

Please send the full name, date of birth and full contact details of the candidate that you wish to nominate, together with a short biography consisting of their professional background and achievements, and a letter explaining why you believe that they should be considered for the programme. To learn more about how we comply with GDPR regulations please visit www.bit.ly/PES_GDPR

For personal applications

Please send us your CV (including your date of birth and full contact details). Applicants are required to send a short essay on the following topic: **What is the greatest challenge that the EU currently faces?** The essay may have a length of up to **2000 characters**, and the participants are expected to build on the essay during workshops, while working jointly with other participants in creating a final policy memo that will then be presented to the relevant stakeholders.

The final deadline for applications is the 15th of May, 2019, 23:59 CET.

Applications are considered on a rolling basis with limited availability, and the application process will be closed once all 30 places are filled, so please apply as early as possible.

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