



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Future European Leaders Forum 2023

If you ever dreamed of amplifying your influence in EU affairs, now is your chance! Apply now for an exceptional opportunity to learn how to shape policy.

The mission of the Prague European Summit's Future European Leaders Forum (FELF) is to inspire, connect, and empower politically-minded young professionals and academics. The aim is to create a space for meaningful, open and thought-provoking leadership adventure. By facilitating both formal and informal conversations with politicians, decision-makers thought leaders and fellow EU enthusiasts, FELF provides a space to learn via different formats, such as workshops, panel discussions, simulations and networking receptions.

Join 15 exceptional young people with diverse professional and academic backgrounds to discuss and debate many aspects of EU affairs in a learning-based and constructive environment. By mingling this group with policy experts, we aim to provide an intellectually stimulating and rewarding experience for all involved.

FELF interconnects young people with experienced experts and decision-makers on a European level and enhances 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 that you will use not only in your future working life but also in your daily life in general. This new knowledge 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 from different corners of the EU will have an opportunity to be involved in discussions on topics such as **economic resilience, political resilience, forward resilience and more (see below)**.

Further, FELF will include policy writing workshops and skills training. 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. Before the meeting, participants are expected to build on their admission essays in a structured and guided way with experienced lecturers. Starting with preparations prior to FELF and during the FELF itself, they will produce a joint policy statement (academic research poster) with suggested policy changes which will then be discussed with relevant stakeholders.

The opportunity to attend FELF will be given to 15 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. The Future European Leaders Forum 2023 is supported by our partner International Association for the Exchange of Students for Technical Experience (IAESTE).

Applicant Requirements

- Between 21 and 30 years of age (participants from 31 to 35 years of age may be considered as well)
- Active in politics, state affairs, business, media, arts, sports, science, a non-profit environment etc.
- Interest in EU affairs, its political and economic development, security, and/or any other fields of relevance to European affairs
- Fluent in English
- To be considered for this program, candidates must submit the application form **by the 30th of September 2023, 23:59 CET to felf@praguesummit.eu**

* Please note that recruitment will be conducted on a competitive basis.

Dates

13 - 16 November 2023: Four days of Future European Leaders and Prague European Summit debates We advise you to travel during the weekend prior to FELF. We would also love you to stay for Friday, 17.11.2023, after FELF, when the unofficial programme will take place.

There is no participation fee for the programme. FELF will not cover accommodation and transportation costs. However, some participants may be eligible for travel costs and additional support. In such cases, recipients will be selected on an individual basis and only up to the price decided by the organisers. The selection process is always at the discretion of the organising staff.

Topics to be discussed

Economic resilience (the twin transformation of the European economy), political resilience (the future of European governance), forward resilience (the EU as a geopolitical actor), security, green and digital transition, society, advocacy, politics, media, EU reform, participatory democracy, and youth opportunities.

Applications

Please send us your CV (including your date of birth and full contact details) coupled with a short essay (max 150 words) on the following topic: **How would you tackle the challenges that the EU currently faces?** You are to choose **one** of the topics - **Economic Resilience (the twin transformation of the European economy)**, **Political Resilience (the future of European governance)** and **Forward Resilience (the EU as a geopolitical actor)**. You are expected to build on the essay during preparatory workshops and on-the-spot policy sessions. Working jointly with other participants, you will create a real **policy memo** which will then be presented to relevant stakeholders at the Prague European Summit panel.

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