



## CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

### Future European Leaders Forum 2020

Are you interested in EU affairs and 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 backgrounds? Apply now for an exceptional opportunity to learn how 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 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. 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 will have an opportunity to be involved in discussions on topics such as environmental challenges, social issues, the security environment and digital opportunities. 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 them 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 foreign participants with accommodation. In the event of a successful funding opportunity provided by an ERASMUS+ grant (pending), some participants may be eligible for travel grants; the participants who are to receive these grants are selected on an individual basis, and the final decision is to be issued by the organizers.



### Applicant Requirements

- Between 21 and 30 years of age (participants from 31 to 35 years of age may be considered as well, but they may not be eligible for a fully funded stay)
- 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 1 - 5 June 2020:** Five days of Future European Leaders Forum and Prague European Summit debates

### Topics to be discussed

Environment, Security, Digital and Emerging Technologies, Society, Advocacy, Politics, The EU in General, Participatory Methods, Youth Opportunities

### 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: **How would you tackle the challenges (environmental, social, technological or security) that the EU currently faces?** The essay may have a length of up to **2000 characters (not more)**, and the participants are expected to build on the essay during the workshops, while working jointly with other participants in creating a final policy memo that will then be presented to the relevant stakeholders. To learn more about how we comply with GDPR regulations please visit [bit.ly/PES20GDPR](https://bit.ly/PES20GDPR).

**The final deadline for applications is the 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2020, 23:59 CET.**

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