

Likeminds: german-turkish junior expert initiative

Welcome to an inspiring program!

“likeminds – german-turkish junior expert initiative”, launched by Robert Bosch Stiftung, European Academy of Berlin (EAB) and Istanbul Policy Center (IPC) at Sabanci University, is a binational exchange program in Germany and Turkey. The program aims to strengthen ties between young German and Turkish top performers, also to intensify practical and topic-oriented exchange of ideas, experience, and understanding. In addition, it aims to contribute towards creating a professional and personal network, bringing together young experts, the deciders of the future.

In practical terms, the program is designed to address German and Turkish future experts, ‘high fliers’, young or junior experts, opinion formers, and disseminators from all sectors of society. Participants will enter into current social and political debates and confront cutting-edge issues. “likeminds” consists of three components: a preparatory workshop, held simultaneously in Turkey and Germany, followed by two tours d’horizon in both countries. At the workshop, participants choose different aspects of the year’s focus topic to be elaborated during the program year. At the tours d’horizon, they get the opportunity to discuss their chosen issues with German and Turkish leading experts from politics, economy, academia, and media.

focus topic for 2013

► Trading potentials: Shaping economic life and connecting cultures.

The topic for this year will take as its central focus commercial and business relations and foreign trade between Germany and Turkey. Trade increases prosperity, establishes contacts between people and cultures and is the life blood of every national economy in a world based on division of labour. This year’s programme will explore fully the wide and diverse exchange of commodities, goods, services and resources which is in place between Germany and Turkey and locate it in a larger – European and global – context. It will in addition address the commercial relations which have evolved between the two countries; it will explore in depth how economic life and foreign trade are structured and directed in each of the respective countries, who the protagonists are and what the driving forces in foreign trade are. As free trade also encourages inter-cultural contacts, knowledge and life-style transfer of all kinds and is dependent on forces in civil society, the programme will also be focused on challenges and opportunities which trading and transfer in general hold for the economy and society.

In Istanbul and Kayseri, one of the most important industrial and commercial centres in Turkey, as well as in Berlin and Hamburg, participants will gain information in dialogue with actors in foreign trade about trade and business fields as well as foreign trade policy goals and instruments. Participants will visit trading locations, look behind the scenes in businesses and critically examine questions of competition, trading partnerships and corporate cultures. Following also the traces of historical, architectural and cultural monuments of exchange and trade, we will highlight lines of continuity leading to present conditions for (global) trading.

The topic is directed towards not only applicants from the fields of business, enterprises and (international) trade but in particular also to interested persons from politics, the media, civil society, academia and to creative artists.

program’s core components

- expert workshop in your home country
 - March 22-24th, 2013
- tour d’horizon in Berlin and Hamburg
 - June 25-30th, 2013
- tour d’horizon in Istanbul and Kayseri
 - September 24-29th, 2013
- full coverage of travel expenses, room & board

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key takeaways

- join a network of junior experts & experience productive interaction among participants
- have a learning experience & meet with peers from Germany/Turkey
- engage in open discussions with leading experts on cutting-edge issues
- get involved in an intercultural team of young professionals

requirements

The program is seeking junior experts in the fields of **politics, economy, academia, and media** with **professional achievement** and **organisational responsibility**.

We are looking for **proactive individuals**

- demonstrating their analytical and organisational skills as well as their leadership potential
- with 3-5 years work experience
- with a proven interest in and knowledge of the subject
- committed to public engagement
- proficient in written and spoken English

participation fee

In case of acceptance to the program, we charge a one-time participation fee of 300,00 Euro.

admission procedure

To apply, you may download an application form. You also may request an application form by mail. Applications can be submitted by email, mail or fax. Besides from the application form, applications have to include a separate letter of motivation/statement of purpose and the recommendation form, filled in by a referee. In your letter of motivation, please explain your objectives and goals as they relate to attending "likeminds". Also describe what you think other program participants may learn from you (e.g. perspectives, skills, expertise).

checklist for application

- form "application for admission"
- recommendation form
- statement of purpose
- CV

Applicants from Turkey should apply with the Istanbul Policy Center, German applicants please apply with the European Academy Berlin.

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The respective Admissions Committee must receive your application and all required documents **by February 10th, 2013**. Application does not guarantee admission; an Admissions Committee will review all complete applications. Applications received after the application deadline will be considered on a space-available basis. You will be notified about receipt of your application via email. We maintain all application information in confidentiality.sxi

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need assistance?

For further assistance or if you have any questions regarding the program or admission procedure, Turkish applicants please contact the Istanbul Policy Center, German applicants please contact the European Academy Berlin.

cancellation policy

The program consists of three components: a preparatory workshop and two tours d'horizons in Germany and Turkey. No payment of one-time participation fee is necessary until you have been accepted into "likeminds". After admission notification, we will send you an invoice via email. Payment is due within 30 days of the invoice date. If you need to cancel or defer participation, we ask you to submit your request in writing at least 30 days before the start of the program to receive a full refund. Participants who cancel their participation less than 30 days prior to the start of the program will be refunded 50 % of their payment. We accept payment by bank wire transfer. Details are included on the program invoice.

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partners

Robert Bosch Stiftung

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. Established in 1964, it represents the philanthropic endeavors of Robert Bosch (1861-1942), focussing on the fields of science, health, international relations, education, society, and culture. Its headquarters are located at Robert Bosch's former home in Stuttgart. In addition, the foundation has a representative office in Berlin Mitte. The foundation comprises the Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus (Robert Bosch hospital), the Dr. Margarete Fischer-Bosch Institute for Clinical Pharmacology, and the Institute for the History of Medicine. In 2011, around 68 million euros were used to fund projects. Since its founding, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has made available approximately 1.1 billion euros for projects.

European Academy Berlin

The European Academy Berlin is a non-profit organisation, with no religious or party political affiliations, for continuing adult education in Europe and for international gatherings. It has the formal legal structure in the Federal Republic of a registered 'eingetragener Verein'. Seminars, conferences, symposia and lecture series organised by the European Academy Berlin deal almost exclusively with European topics. Participants to the events come from all over the world. The European Academy Berlin tailors its services in great measure to journalists, teachers and lecturers, academic personnel and politicians, i.e. to disseminators - those who form and influence public opinion.

International Policy Center

Istanbul Policy Centre (IPC) at Sabanci University, was founded with a view to improving the quality and effectiveness of public policymaking in Turkey and the region. The Center works to establish a network of cooperation with universities, think tanks, and other similar research institutions both in Turkey and abroad, in order to engage in broad participation of distinguished thinkers, scholars, experts, and practitioners to produce independent research as well as generate policy recommendations on issues of current relevance and significance. Through its university connection, the Center aims to enhance the educational effects of its activities and contribute to the formation of tomorrow's leaders by offering young researchers and graduate students an opportunity to participate in the research projects it sponsors.

The program "likeminds – german-turkish junior expert initiative" adheres to principles of non-discrimination against any person on the basis of race, color, sex or sexual orientation, gender identity, religion, age, national or ethnic origin.

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APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

PLEASE ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS. APPLICATION MUST BE FULLY COMPLETED AND SIGNED BEFORE REVIEW BY THE ADMISSIONS COMMITTEE. PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

LAST NAME _____ FIRST NAME _____ PREFIX (MR./MRS) _____

MALE

FEMALE

COUNTRY OF CITIZENSHIP _____

DATE OF BIRTH/PLACE OF BIRTH _____

TITLE OR POSITION _____

CURRENT EMPLOYER _____

DIVISION (IF APPLICABLE) _____

EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS _____

EMPLOYER'S TELEPHONE _____

EMPLOYER'S FAX _____

EMPLOYER'S EMAIL _____

EMPLOYER'S WEBSITE _____

YOUR HOME ADDRESS

STREET _____

POSTAL CODE _____

CITY _____

COUNTRY _____

MOBILE _____

EMAIL _____

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CURRENT FIELD OF ENGAGEMENT (ONE ONLY)

- BUSINESS
 POLITICS
 ACADEMIA
 MILITARY
 MEDIA
 OTHER

PLEASE SPECIFY: _____

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2. WORK INFORMATION

WHAT IS YOUR FUNCTION IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION?

PLEASE PROVIDE A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF YOUR ORGANISATION/EMPLOYER AND/OR BUSINESS UNIT (MAX. 3 SENTENCES):

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR CURRENT RESPONSIBILITIES, INCLUDING YOUR LEVEL IN THE ORGANISATION (MAX. 3 SENTENCES):

WORK EXPERIENCE

PLEASE LIST IN REVERSE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER.

1. NAME OF EMPLOYER

TITLE OR POSITION

FROM MONTH/YEAR

TO MONTH/YEAR

2. NAME OF EMPLOYER

TITLE OR POSITION

FROM MONTH/YEAR

TO MONTH/YEAR

TOTAL YEARS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

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RECOMMENDATION FORM

APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

REFEREE INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

CURRENT JOB TITLE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

EMAIL ADDRESS

WORK PHONE NUMBER

QUESTIONS

PLEASE DESCRIBE YOUR RELATIONSHIP TO THE APPLICANT.

PLEASE ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S LEADERSHIP SKILLS BASED ON YOUR PERSONAL EXPERIENCE WITH HIM OR HER.



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PLEASE ASSESS THE APPLICANT'S COMMITMENT TO, AND INTEREST IN, INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS, WITHIN THE CONTEXT OF HIS OR HER SPECIFIC DISCIPLINE OR CAREER (BUSINESS, JOURNALISM, POLITICS, ETC.).

WOULD YOU DESCRIBE THE CANDIDATE AS OUTGOING AND PROACTIVE? PLEASE ELABORATE WITH EXAMPLES.

PLACE/DATE

SIGNATURE
