

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 2012

► Mobility today

Mobility is a very diverse and highly topical subject in our times and one which needs ‘young’, progressive dialogue and debate. On the one hand, mobility may be understood as movement or motion and dynamism as applied to individuals and their respective ways of life or their lifestyles; on the other hand, topics such as transport, traffic and ‘smart’ infrastructure systems in metropolises and greater-area regions may also be subsumed under this heading. Linked thus into the over-arching concept there could also possibly be questions of social mobility, that is, shifts or movements in the social spectrum, demographic change, structures in towns and cities (human settlements) or also demands on and challenges to modern societies and urban life or living in general (in major conurbations / agglomerations such as for example Berlin and Istanbul).

In Germany, both physical (spatial) and social aspects of mobility or movement play a major part in political, economic and in general or overall social debate. On the Turkish side, too, it may also be contended that in view of a number of urban development and infrastructure projects – which have in some cases a model or exemplary character for German programmes and designs – mobility is seen just as much as a requirement for economic growth and innovation as it is in this country/in Europe. In the next few years there are gigantic construction projects in the planning pipe-line: In order to relieve pressure on the Bosphorus or Istanbul Strait, the Turkish government is planning to construct a second canal. Also on the drawing board are a third bridge crossing the Bosphorus and a third airport serving Istanbul.

Thus it may be said that there are common challenges: these lie in elaborating or working out modern or contemporary mobility provision services and concepts, in intelligent designs with the aim of sustainable mobility, appropriate or suitable security and environmental standards, workable organisational forms designed with the needs of people in mind for urban societies and communities and heterogeneous regional / human settlement structures for a country. Also of mutual interest would be opportunities and latitudes in social mobility (for example, societal hierarchies, economic and commercial structures, mentalities, educational opportunities, sexual orientation etc.), as well as how these aspects may be influenced and regulated.

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program's core components

- expert workshop in your home country
 - ▶ March, 23-25th, 2012
- tour d`horizon in Berlin and Hamburg
 - ▶ June 24-29th, 2012
- tour d`horizon in Istanbul and Bursa
 - ▶ October 7-12th, 2012
- full coverage of travel expenses, room & board, tuition

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 a 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 January 31st 2012**. 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.

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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partner

Robert Bosch Stiftung

The Robert Bosch Stiftung is one of the major German foundations associated with a private company. It holds 92 per cent of the share capital of Robert Bosch GmbH. 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. In Stuttgart, the foundation maintains the Robert-Bosch-Krankenhaus (Robert Bosch hospital), the Dr. Margarete Fischer-Bosch Institute for Clinical Pharmacology, and the Institute for the History of Medicine. Between 1964 and 2010, the foundation has made available approximately 1027 million euros for projects. In 2010, approximately 63 million euros were spent on project funding.

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
