

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Future European Leaders Forum 2021

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 a unique opportunity to learn how to shape policy.

What is FELF?

To inspire, connect, and empower. That is the motto of the Prague European Summit's Future European Leaders Forum (FELF). Connecting young people with experienced experts and decision makers, FELF creates a space for meaningful, open and inspiring conversations about solving Europe's most pressing issues. It offers a variety of learning activities such as teambuilding exercises, workshops, simulations, mentoring, panel discussions and networking events.

At FELF, 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. You will sharpen not only your professional knowledge but also your skills in policy drafting, negotiating and communicating, as well as analytical thinking and creative problem solving. This will inspire you, the "young leader", to be a more active citizen, connect you to like-minded individuals and, thus, empower you to achieve your goals. Be in on the local, national, or European level, FELF will make influencing public policy much easier for you.

This year's FELF is an official part of the Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE)!

CoFoE aims to give the citizens a greater say on what the EU does and how it works for them. Young people in particular are encouraged to take part and share their ideas. FELF participants from different corners of the EU will have an opportunity to be involved in the discussions on topics such as environmental challenges, social issues, the security environment and digital opportunities (see below for more). So, the policy proposal you and your colleagues will put forward will be presented at the Conference!

This means that our proposals must be particularly sharp this year. To help you achieve the best possible outcome, FELF will include policy writing workshops and skills training to help you get your message across more effectively. Once accepted, you will be put in touch with your colleagues who share a similar interest so that you can start developing your ideas even before coming to Prague. Later, in the Czernin Palace, you will have the opportunity to network with decision-makers and experts taking part in the Prague European Summit (PES), discuss your ideas with them and adapt your proposals according to their feedback. All the while, you will be forming a unique network of contacts that will be useful for your future projects and other endeavours.

We are closely following the developments regarding the COVID-19 situation including restrictions on travel and assembly, and assessing the situation to ensure that the upcoming Future European Leaders Forum takes place in a safe environment. We strongly hope this year's FELF will take place in Prague in person, however we are also prepared for the online form of the event. If the Forum will be offline, the organizers will provide the foreign participants with accommodation. Some participants may be eligible for additional support. In such a case, recipients of such a support will be selected on an individual basis. The selection process is always at the discretion of the organizing staff.

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 the Conference on the Future of Europe discussions
- A willingness to participate in any other related activities, preceding the meeting

Dates 12 - 16 July 2021: Five days of Future European Leaders Forum and Prague European Summit debates

Applications

Please send us your CV (including your date of birth and full contact details) coupled with a short essay on the topic tackled by the Conference on the Future of Europe. You are to choose **one** of the CoFoE's following topics – listed below - and elaborate an essay of up to **2000 characters (not more)**. The essay should briefly present the problem and should mainly offer possible solutions. You are expected to build on the essay during preparatory workshops and on-the-spot policy sessions. Working jointly with other participants, you will be creating a real **policy brief** which will then be presented to relevant stakeholders.

Please, send both attachments in a **PDF format** titled in the following way: **lastname-CV.pdf** and **lastname-essay.pdf**

Topics of the Conference on the Future of Europe to be discussed:

1. Climate change and the environment
2. Health
3. A stronger economy, social justice and jobs
4. EU in the world
5. Values and rights, rule of law, security
6. Digital transformation
7. European democracy
8. Migration
9. Education, culture, youth and sport
10. Other ideas

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The final deadline for applications is 10 June 2021, 23:59 CET.

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