

# 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 Istanbul and Berlin, 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 2016

### ► Seeking security\_in the age of human needs and global necessities

**The topic is directed towards applicants from the fields of politics, economy, the media, civil society, academia and the arts.**

Security is a basic human need and providing this need still presents mankind with new challenges. Our understanding of security has changed in recent decades to become a more comprehensive, overarching idea of "human security". When viewed in conjunction with global challenges such as migration, terrorism, climate change and economic crises, this modern concept of security has come to include humanitarian, environmental, military, and economic dimensions of security, without neglecting the individual and his or her individual need for security in the form of guaranteed human rights.

As part of this year's likeminds programme, we are using current events in Germany and Turkey as a springboard for discussing security. What does security mean in a local context? What security risks are the German and Turkish public actually aware of? What individual and national security interests have come to the fore? We want to discuss which dimensions of security are most important in Turkish and German society, which policies and areas of action are affected and how these two states and societies are dealing with risks from outside their countries.

Likewise, we also want to discuss which security policy interests and strategies are being pursued in view of the interlinked crises in the international arena. How are we responding to regional, European and global crises such as forced mass migration or the blocking of access to water or education? To what extent are climate and the environment security factors?

The initiative provides a unique opportunity to discuss these topics with your peers and, with experts and through our own observations, to expand and engage with them more deeply. As a participant, you can immerse yourself in discourses and political processes and engage at length with this key issue.

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## program's core components

- expert workshop in your home country
  - ▶ March 18-20th, 2016
- tour d`horizon in Germany (Berlin + probably Köln)
  - ▶ May 24-29th, 2016
- tour d`horizon in Turkey (Istanbul + probably Ankara)
  - ▶ October 04-09th, 2016
- full coverage of travel expenses, room & board

## 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, media, civil society and the arts** 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 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 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

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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 31<sup>st</sup>, 2016**. 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'horizon in Germany and Turkey. Participating in all three program components is compulsory. If anyone does not take part in one component of the program, we reserve the right to exclude this person from the entire program. No payment of the 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 14 days of the invoice date. If you need to cancel or defer participation, we ask you to submit your request in writing at least 14 days before the start of the program to receive a full refund. Participants who cancel their participation less than 14 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 heritage of Robert Bosch (1861-1942), whose farsighted political vision, civil courage and many charitable initiatives established the standards governing the activities of the Robert Bosch Stiftung. 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 Hospital, the Dr. Margarete Fischer-Bosch Institute for Clinical Pharmacology and the Institute for the History of Medicine. Since its founding, the Robert Bosch Stiftung has made available 1.3 billion euros for projects. In 2014, approximately 68 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 affiliation, 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.

### Istanbul 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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## 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):

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### 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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**DESCRIBE YOUR PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT (MAX. 4 SENTENCES):**

## EDUCATION

HIGHEST DEGREE ATTAINED \_\_\_\_\_

UNIVERSITY \_\_\_\_\_

YEAR \_\_\_\_\_

NAME OF PROGRAM \_\_\_\_\_

## HOW DID YOU LEARN ABOUT THIS PROGRAM?

PERSONAL CONTACT

WEBSITE EAB

WEBSITE IPM/IPC

WEBSITE ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG

ADVERTISEMENT in "DIE ZEIT"

OTHER PLEASE SPECIFY \_\_\_\_\_

## HAVE YOU ATTENDED OTHER PROGRAMS OF THE ROBERT BOSCH STIFTUNG?

PROGRAM NAME \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

DATE

*I certify that all the information and accompanying material provided in connection with this application are authentic and accurate.*

## BILLING INFORMATION

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
LAST (FAMILY) FIRST MIDDLE INITIAL

TITLE OR POSITION \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

EMPLOYER'S ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

TELEPHONE \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

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## RECOMMENDATION FORM

### APPLICANT INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

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### REFEREE INFORMATION

FIRST NAME

LAST NAME

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CURRENT JOB TITLE

PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT

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WORK PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL ADDRESS

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### 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

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