

EUROPEAN YOUNG LEADERS (EYL40) PROGRAMME 2017

Outreach to Young Leaders from North America and the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)

What is it about?

The European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme, led by Friends of Europe, brings together talented people under 40 years of age who have made their mark in a wide range of activities and who are headed for senior leadership in fields such as politics, science, business, media, NGOs, the arts and civil society.

From trailblazing biochemists to budding political leaders, from dot.com entrepreneurs to NGO 'stars' who are shaping the social and environmental policies of tomorrow, the European Young Leaders are a unique community that crafts innovative responses to European challenges and positively affects the lives of future generations. They form a powerful and tightly-knit group that meets each year for two seminars hosted in cities across Europe.

Building on this success, Friends of Europe is now inviting 20 Young Leaders from North America and 20 Young Leaders from the Middle East and North Africa to meet and discuss with their European counterparts in Tallinn on 14-16 September. The aim is to create synergies, promote structural dialogue and foster better mutual understanding between established leaders from the three regions.

In Tallinn, Young Leaders will discuss how people, politics and power interact in the early part of this century, and the effect of the relationship between the three on communities and citizens in Europe and globally. The seminar will provide an opportunity to consider how to remake Europe, what its relationship to the wider world and its close partners should be, and how digital is reforming democracy, geopolitics and the economy.

What are we looking for?

Friends of Europe is seeking nominations for established Young Leaders from the following countries:

North America

Canada
United States of America

Middle East and North Africa

Algeria	Iraq	Lebanon	Palestine	Tunisia
Egypt	Israel	Libya	Saudi Arabia	Turkey
Iran	Jordan	Morocco	Syria	

We would appreciate if you could send your suggestions by email by 27 March to:

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If you would like to discuss your nominations or would like further information before making a nomination please don't hesitate to get in touch with us.

What kind of leaders do we have in mind?

- Candidates must be between 30 and 40 years old;
- Candidates must be citizens from one of the countries listed above;
- Candidates are evaluated based on their potential to attain the highest levels of their chosen profession;
- Candidates must have a record of important achievements and outstanding professional experiences;
- Candidates are evaluated based on their ability to contribute to the enrichment of the programme as a whole;
- Candidates must be committed to serve society at large through noteworthy contributions;
- Candidates are required to be fluent in English as it is the working language of the programme.

Timeline

27 March	Close of nominations period
April	Friends of Europe shortlists candidates for further review
May	The selection committee selects 40 candidates
June	Friends of Europe announces the results of the selection