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EUROPEAN YOUNG LEADERS (EYL40)

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FOR A NEW GENERATION

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INTRODUCTION

EUROPEAN YOUNG LEADERS (EYL40) PROGRAMME



The European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme led by Friends of Europe* is a unique, inventive and multi-stakeholder programme that aims to promote a European identity by engaging the continent's most promising talents in initiatives that will shape Europe's future.

The European Young Leaders represent a promising European leadership from all over the continent and with a wide variety of backgrounds including politics, business, civil society, academia, arts, science and the media.

From trailblazing biochemists to budding political leaders, and 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.

Every year, they meet during two 3-day seminars that take place in symbolic European cities, joined by decision-makers, stakeholders and key European actors, to discuss issues of common concern and develop concrete proposals and recommendations to tackle the challenges facing Europe and its citizens.

The relaxed tone and out-of-the-box nature of the European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme have brought about salient and open discussions that have facilitated the development of a strong network of committed Europeans.

From two meetings a year to a year-round engagement, this programme also turns ideas into actions. That means ongoing interactions between young leaders, alumni and outside participants to boost innovative ideas and have a bigger impact on the European stage by forwarding projects that matter to the community.

Building on the success of past editions of the EYL40 programme, the Tallinn seminar marks the first step in the programme's outreach to Young Leaders from the Middle East and North Africa to meet and discuss with their European counterparts. The aim is to create synergies, promote structural dialogue and foster better mutual understanding between established leaders from the three regions and develop an inter-regional, multidisciplinary network of alumni to support the leaders of tomorrow

**The programme was initially conceived in partnership with EuropaNova, a Paris-based think-tank.*

ORGANISER

FRIENDS OF EUROPE



Friends of Europe is a leading think tank that connects people, stimulates debate and triggers change to create a more inclusive, sustainable and forward-looking Europe.

CONNECT

Friends of Europe is an independent think tank with a difference – we believe innovation is a mindset, behaviour and action. We aim to be catalysts for change and believe that real solutions come from transforming mindsets through the confrontation of ideas and the breaking down of silos between politicians, businesses and civil society.

Believing that change is achieved through inclusive policies and action, we reach out to and work with a wide network of policymakers, international organisations, civil society representatives, business leaders, academics, the media and citizens across Europe and beyond.

We have no national or party political bias and ensure that all viewpoints are represented in our activities and publications.

DEBATE

We foster open, insightful and provocative debates to stimulate fresh ideas and creative thinking.

Our portfolio of events and reports means that Friends of Europe contributes ideas and leads the debate on a wide range of EU-related issues, including:

Energy and Climate | Health and Wellbeing | Asia, Africa and Emerging Economies | Peace, Security and Defence | International Development | Education and Skills | Migration and Integration | New Economic Models | Citizens' Europe.

Our European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme connects Europe's most promising talents, and our Board of Trustees brings together the knowledge and experience of European leaders who include Presidents, Prime Ministers, European Commissioners and Presidents of the European Parliament.

The Development Policy Forum (DPF), the Asia programme and the Europe-China Forum build bridges to foster global partnerships.

Europe's World, our policy journal, is the only pan-European publication which offers a unique insight into the views of leading policymakers and opinion-makers on European and global challenges.

Our online platform Debating Europe encourages citizen-led debates with policymakers. In less than five years, it has built up a 1.6m-strong community of citizens across Europe and over 240,000 social media followers who put their questions to high-profile decision makers.

CHANGE

We offer Europe's citizens an opportunity to take an active transformational role in shaping their environment. We use ground-breaking online brainstorming to bring different stakeholder groups together from all over the world and constantly innovate in how we convene and shape discussions. Through our debates, conferences, working groups, reports and recommendations we provide bold and ambitious but practical solutions for a more inclusive, sustainable and forward-looking Europe.

Friends of Europe in figures:

- 5000+ senior participants and speakers
- 60 events, 50 publications and over 200 op-eds every year
- 2m unique visitors to its websites
- 365,000-strong social media community
- 95,000+ database of contacts including senior decision-makers from the EU, national governments and international institutions, NGOs, think tanks, universities, business and the media

JOHN S. LATSIS PUBLIC BENEFIT FOUNDATION



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The John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in 2005 with the mission of preserving and perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of John Latsis.

The Foundation plans, manages, and funds programmes across a wide range of issue areas, such as education, science, health, social welfare, culture and the environment, in collaboration with civil society partners and key players within these areas. An additional, diversified branch of activities is the operation of the Neraida Floating Museum, which, by offering visitors free access and organising various events, seeks to highlight the maritime and entrepreneurial history of Greece, familiarise youth with the maritime profession, and protect the environment.

The Foundation's approach to grant-making prioritises the emergency relief of citizens in need, infrastructural improvement, NGO capacity building and community development, academic and research output reward, and highlighting the cultural wealth of Greece.

The Foundation seeks to remain in sync with and respond to current social needs. The framework the Foundation uses to evaluate any proposal it receives includes criteria such as its relevance to the problem and its effectiveness, the sustainability of the proposed action and of the organisation, as well as its impact.

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Fondazione Cariplo is an Italian grant-making foundation that operates with the sole purpose of pursuing the social good and promoting economic development.

2016 marks a milestone anniversary: 25 years of philanthropic support to the non profit sector in the fields of Arts & Culture, Environment, Scientific Research and in the Social realm.

The Foundation does not act in lieu of others: since its establishment, it has played a crucial catalyser role, convening, leveraging resources and fostering a participatory and collaborative approach among key stakeholders from the civil society, the private and the public sector.

Inspired by the principle of subsidiarity, the Foundation fosters the analysis and anticipation of social needs, supports the development, testing and scaling of innovative, more effective and higher impact solutions, as well as the dissemination of successful practices.

Ranked among the most important philanthropic institutions in the international arena, Fondazione Cariplo has enabled the accomplishment of over 30,000 projects of nonprofit organizations providing over €2.8 billion in grants since 1991.



Since July this year, Estonia has held the presidency of the Council of the European Union. The EU needs to act as a team at this time. Only in those circumstances can we come together, successfully tackle all the challenges, and make the most of all the possibilities. There is so much more that unites us than divides us. We all want to feel safe, we all want to live well. Our role as the member state holding the presidency is to find a balance between all the views, traditions and interests in Europe today to achieve the best possible outcome for European citizens.

AN OPEN AND INNOVATIVE EUROPEAN ECONOMY

The European economy has to be open and innovative to stay competitive. An economy, whether large or small, can only be successful if it is open – to opportunities, change, trade, and new ideas. The single market is one of the EU's greatest assets; the free movement of goods, services, people, and capital benefits us all. Regulation must be smart and simple. An economy thrives when the business environment is predictable, clear, and transparent. The spirit of entrepreneurship should not be weighed down by bureaucracy. Dynamism needs to be balanced by stability and necessary safeguards – be it in the banking sector, the energy markets, or elsewhere. The search for new growth must take into account Europe's traditional strengths, for example our industrial base, and the way we protect our workers.

A SAFE AND SECURE EUROPE

The European Union began as a project of peace. Today, once again, protecting our citizens, and ensuring peace and stability in the world, are items at the top of the EU agenda. The migration crisis, international terrorism, and organised crime are all sources of instability and risk. Member states have to be able to trust each other's and the EU's ability to protect its borders. Solutions to these challenges include making the financing of terrorism more difficult, facilitating cooperation between police and security forces in different countries, and creating databases and IT solutions that allow for swift exchange of information when needed. Our resilience against external threats has to increase. Commitments made regarding military spending need to be fulfilled, our military capabilities strengthened, and the use of military resources better coordinated. Nothing can be achieved in isolation. NATO will remain a key partner and strong transatlantic ties continue to be essential. It is important to develop existing

partnerships further, build new ones, and promote stability and prosperity in the immediate neighbourhood (including through a continued enlargement policy), both to the east, south, Middle East and across Africa.

A DIGITAL EUROPE AND THE FREE MOVEMENT OF DATA

The future of the world is digital. A prosperous and sustainable Europe embraces technological transformation by boldly seizing the opportunities offered through digitalisation. At the same time, rapid change and new technologies always create vulnerabilities: our task will be to

balance these risks and benefits fairly. The free movement of data is something that concerns all European policy and fundamental freedoms. We need to find ways to ensure that data is used in a secure way for our individual and collective benefit. Our presidency is focusing on advancing a digital single market, on the increased use of e-solutions and data, and on the development of cross-border e-services. A digital society can mean greater engagement, transparency and inclusion, rather than less. We need to seek a sustainable balance between innovation and tradition.

AN INCLUSIVE AND SUSTAINABLE EUROPE

Europe must re-examine the ways in which it can offer equal opportunities for people who want to live and work across the EU, keeping in mind that there is true strength in diversity.

We need to adjust to changes in the labour market and in working life. Labour mobility within the EU is an opportunity rather than a threat. The term 'equal opportunities' also signifies fair mobility when moving across borders, - the right to go abroad to study, work or stay without being discriminated. Natural ecosystems and their vital resources are under pressure from urban sprawl, intensive agriculture, pollution, invasive species and climate change. We believe a balance between economic growth and protecting the environment is not only possible, but necessary. The 'circular economy' offers us an opportunity for economic reinvention, bringing improved sustainability and increased competition. Technology and nature are not opposites; we can use the first to protect and ease pressure on the latter. We must be smart and do more with fewer resources, reducing waste and increasing recycling.

The European Young Leaders meet amidst a series of significant elections that will give a better sense of the state and future direction of Europe – and of people’s concerns, fears and hopes.

Decision-makers are waking up to the realities of a certain kind of people power, and a certain attitude to politics. In recent years, events such as the unexpected election of Trump, the shock Brexit vote and the unprecedented scale of the Arab Spring are demonstrative of citizenries that are no longer satisfied with the status quo, taking to the streets and to the voting booths to express their ongoing frustration with the governing classes; citizens that feel left behind and out of control, having taken for granted global improvements in education, health, wealth and consumer choice. Solutions to these feelings of frustration and powerlessness are hard to find – but ignoring the problem or over-simplifying the causes will not lead to answers.

In Europe, both the defeat of Wilders and Le Pen provide a sense of hope and optimism that voters continue to believe in common good, equality and fairness. But come with a warning that there is a need for a genuinely different kind of politics: one that is not just the same old approach with a new look and new language.

Yet, in a world in which the improbable has been realised, the impossible no longer seems out of reach. This creates endless opportunities for a new generation of Young Leaders to steer the world in a direction which reflects a positive renewal of the modern social, economic and political climate.

Digital is key to this new global reality: a new-found superpower. It is disruptive and unpredictable in ways we still cannot fully understand, transforming politics, behaviour, systems and the economy. It will determine how we are governed, offering transparency, accountability and the possibility of ‘e-democracy’, but possibly at the expense of confidence and trust. It will impact our security. And it will increasingly be the foundation of work and education, driving the automation, artificial intelligence and augmented reality that will become the new mainstays of our lives through the 4th Industrial Revolution.

Young Leaders will debate how the interaction between civil society, technology, business and politics is rapidly changing in the early part of this century, and the effect that this will have on citizens and communities in Europe and around the world. For the first time, European Young Leaders will be joined by Young Leaders from North America, and the Middle East and North Africa, to expand the conversation and exchange experiences with their regional counterparts.

11.45 For those already in the hotel, meet in the lobby for bus transfer to the venue

OVER LUNCH

12.00 - 14.00

Welcome lunch and introduction to the Tallinn seminar:

Geert Cami, Co-Founder and Managing Director, Friends of Europe

Klen Jäärats, Director for EU Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister of Estonia

PLENARY SESSION

NAVIGATING A NEW WORLD ORDER

14.00- 15.15

Re-thinking Neoliberalism

Chief among criticisms of neoliberalism is that placing too much faith in free markets as the sole means to improving living standards has been counterproductive, widening the inequality gap rather than addressing it.

So far, neoliberalism has failed to convincingly address these shortcomings, and without a concrete vision for the future, many citizens dissatisfied with the status quo have reverted to the past for solutions, resulting in the resurrection of conservative populist movements throughout Europe and North America. But if neither populism, nor neoliberalism offers a new vision for the future, then there is a distinct opportunity to build one from scratch: one whose organising principles are restructured around inclusive and sustainable growth, rather than economic profit alone.

Special Guests:

Steve H. Hanke, Co-Director of the Johns Hopkins Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, & the Study of Business Enterprise; former White House senior advisor

Jason Hickel, Anthropologist, The London School of Economics

Moderator:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Strategy at Friends of Europe & Lead Moderator

SIMULTANEOUS GROUP ACTIVITIES

GROUP A

15.30 - 16.15

ESTONIA'S DIGITAL SUCCESS STORY

They may be more modest than those of North America, but Europe has many success stories in the digital era. Estonia, in particular, has punched above its weight, promoting the use of electronic solutions for a range of public and other services, and incubating new businesses such as Skype and Transferwise.

This visit will cover the underlying mechanisms of digitising a society, including the development of necessary infrastructure, e-solutions and services, as well as providing an overview of the main policy challenges.

16.30 - 16.45

Short break

16.45 - 17.45

GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER

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GROUP B

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EVENING PROGRAMME

19.50 Meet in hotel lobby for bus transfer to dinner venue

20.30 "TRASH-COOKING" DINNER

Hosted by renowned chef Peeter Pihel

According to the European Commission, approximately 33% of all food produced globally for human consumption is lost or wasted each year.

Chef Peeter Pihel invites you to participate in a « Trash-Cooking » dinner to learn more about his low-waste approach to high-quality meals, including how to better understand "best before" markings, the differing characteristics of various raw foods, and economical ways to practice sustainable consumption.

Special Guest:

Jüri Ratas, Prime Minister of Estonia

PLENARY SESSION

09.30- 10.15

WHAT THE 'CHIEFS' SAY

This conversation with a top defence official will focus on navigating the complexities of the modern geopolitical system, and policing an increasingly dangerous divide between a nervous West and a resurgent Russia.

Special Guest:

Kristijan Prikk, Undersecretary for Defence Policy, Estonian Ministry of Defence

10.15- 10.30

Short break

PLENARY SESSION

10.30- 12.00

THE FUTURE OF WORK IN A DIGITAL AGE

Digitisation and automation are changing the world of work. They may offer chances to enhance skills and boost productivity; they may also threaten jobs that can be more easily and quickly carried out by robots.

These fears are not unique to the so-called '4th Industrial Revolution'. Previous industrial revolutions, such as coal-powered manufacturing in the 19th century and mass production in the 20th caused upheaval and dislocation yet they eventually created new types of jobs. But this requires action: a focus on digital skills and offering the kind of educational opportunities that enable people to adapt to rapid changes in the world of work.

Will it be the technical skills to work with intelligent machines? Or nurturing creativity and innovative thinking, to fulfil the roles that robots cannot? With increased automation, how do we avoid creating the type of "jobless society" in which an ever-growing percentage of the population finds itself not just without an income, but without a "stake in society"?

Special Guests:

Mike Feerick, Founder & CEO of Alison

André Loeseckrug-Pietri, Founder & Managing Partner of ACAPITAL and EYL40 alumnus

Maive Rute, Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission

Moderator:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Strategy, Friends of Europe

12.00- 13.00

Lunch

PARALLEL SESSIONS

13.00 - 14.30

PARALLEL SESSION I – REACHING NEW AUDIENCES THROUGH THE ARTS

Whether it be dance or theatre, music, film or poetry, the arts are frequently used as a lens through which civil societies examine their beliefs and experiences. But while these cultural aspects of society are accessible to the many, politics is often perceived as being reserved for an elite few, which has contributed to a widening gap between governments and their citizens in many countries around the world.

How can the arts help wider audiences to better understand the current political climate? How important is representation of minority, female and LGBTQ experiences and perspectives in the arts in terms of affecting mainstream social attitudes and influencing political change? What lessons can be learned and what role should the arts play in our societies in the 21st century?

Featuring:

Monica Byrne, US American Author & Playwright

Tishani Doshi, Poet and EYL40 alumna

Alma Selimovic, Sculptor and Development manager at Bunker

Chair:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Strategy, Friends of Europe

PARALLEL SESSION II – CLIMATE LEADERSHIP AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

The USA's pending withdrawal from the Paris climate agreement highlights the question as to whether any country can be relied upon to lead the fight against climate change. Both scientists and political observers have warned that combatting climate change is simply too urgent and complex to entrust to the leadership of any single global actor, but is a multilateral approach, such as that of the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), the best way forward?

Do the environmental pillars of the SDG framework provide adequate means of managing cross-border climate challenges? How can international cooperation on marine issues be improved to mitigate damage caused to shared ocean and polar ecosystems? With some governments already predicted to miss their national targets, what is needed to ensure that the climate change commitments of the Paris Agreement are met by the 2030 deadline?

Featuring:

Lisa Hanle, Senior Fellow at the Greenhouse Gas Management Institute

Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Oceans, Fisheries and the Canadian Coast Guard and North American Young Leader 2017

Carole Dieschbourg, Minister for the Environment, Luxembourg, European Young Leader 2017

Chair:

Kirsten Brosbøl, Member of Parliament, former Danish Minister of the Environment and 2017 European Young Leader

14.30- 15.00 Coffee Break

PUTTING THINGS INTO PRACTICE

15.00 - 17.00 Working Group I – Stimulating entrepreneurship

WORKING GROUPS

Entrepreneurship has been democratised. Through digital technologies, crowdfunding, 3D printing and other innovations, turning a good idea into an economic success is possible for a greater number of people than ever before. Still, old barriers to entrepreneurship linger, whilst the changing economic and regulatory environment creates new hurdles for the next generation of entrepreneurs to overcome.

What role should our education and vocational training systems play in encouraging innovation? How do we ensure that new companies – their approach to markets, products and services – maintain a wider social benefit beyond profit?

Guest Expert:

Kaidi Ruusalepp, Founder and CEO of Funderbeam

Chair:

Malcolm Byrne, Head of Communications at the Higher Education Authority of Ireland and EYL40 alumnus

Rapporteur:

Claire O'Sullivan, Senior Programme & Development Manager at Friends of Europe

Working Group II – Effectively managing human migration

With 65 million refugees and displaced people worldwide, existing migration systems and processes have been tested almost to breaking point. The challenge: how to feed and house large numbers of people arriving, to integrate them and find them work and a purpose? One possibility is to develop a centralised database for highly-skilled refugees to facilitate matching host countries with particular skills deficits with qualified migrant candidates, thus freeing up positions for less-skilled migrants to be integrated into the economy.

Would this help to ease the strain on competition for blue-collar positions amongst domestic and migrant populations? What level of screening should be applied, especially in times of acute need? And how do regions such as the Middle East and North Africa - the source of many refugees arriving in Europe - ensure that a 'brain drain' does not irreparably impact its economy and security?

Testimonial:

Maadh Alsammarrainen, Market Analyst at Fortum Charge and Drive

Chair:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Strategy at Friends of Europe

Rapporteur:

Jean-Yves Stenuick, Programme Manager at Friends of Europe

Working Group III – Security for the 21st century

Security challenges are evolving, encompassing not only long-standing threats (such as conventional warfare and nuclear proliferation) but new threats like cyber-security, asymmetric warfare, climate change and space. The evolving global landscape is further complicated by challenges to the existing world order: the changing purpose of military alliances such as NATO, the uncertain role of global bodies such as the United Nations, the rise of new powers, especially in Asia, and the wide-ranging impact of security challenges in the Middle East and North Africa.

As the world turns towards bilateralism and away from multilateralism, how do we rethink security in the 21st century and address the serious and cross-border threats we face?

Guest Expert:

Leo Michel, Non-resident Senior Fellow at the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security

Chair:

Derek Johnson, Executive Director of Global Zero and 2017 North American Young Leader

Rapporteur:

Paul Ames, Journalist and Lead Rapporteur

Working Group IV – Redesigning education in an ever-faster changing world

It is well recognised that quality education is a key element of prosperous societies, and increasingly so in an ever-faster changing world. Jobs are already rapidly evolving as a result of the impact of technology on labour markets, leading to a skills mismatch in the present and uncertainty as to which skills will be most demanded in future.

Meanwhile, increased participation, collaboration, and delegation is required to improve our democracies, necessitating a shift in the kind of education which is essential to developing the citizens of the future. Yet in many regions, including the European Union, there is little-to-no in-depth reconsideration of our education systems, nor does a redesign, driven by our future societal and economic needs, seem to be an urgent item on the agenda at any level of governance.

Future education models need to pay increasing attention to: the role and training of teachers; teaching methods; the relationship between technology and education; diversity and inclusive education policies; fostering widespread entrepreneurial spirit.

How should these dimensions be accounted for and prioritised? Should cross-border coordination aim to define educational standards? Where is innovation and investment most needed in education? Which countries are leading the way on education, and why? To what extent can those lagging behind be motivated to invest in replicating successful education models?

Guest Expert:

Raffaella Carro, Researcher at INDIRE

Chair:

Alessandro Fusacchia, Former Head of Cabinet to the Italian minister of Education
Strategic Advisor of H-Farm and EYL40 alumnus

Rapporteur:

Antonio Aloisi, Former aide at the Italian Ministry of Education

17.30 - 18.30 Free time

EVENING PROGRAMME

18.30 - 19.30 Walking tour of Tallinn's Old Town

19.30 - 20.00 Concert "Vox Clamantis"

20.00 Dinner

OVER BREAKFAST

10.00 - 11.00

BEHIND THE SCENES

Peer-learning roundtables

Short conversations in an informal roundtable setting with Young Leaders on issues that matter to them, to gain expertise from this resourceful network.

10.00 - 10.30

1 - International finance & shared value frameworks - Lessons from emerging economies

by **Edvard Glücksman**, Senior Environmental Specialist, Wardell Armstrong LLP & EYL40 alumnus

2 - How to game an auction. Think high stakes poker on steroids

by **Silvia Console Battilana**, Founder of Auctionomics & European Young Leader 2017

3 - Sharing is caring: How music can bridge a social divide

by **Nabeel Abboud-Ashkar**, Polyphony Foundation & MENA Young Leader 2017

4 - To be announced in Tallinn

5 - To be announced in Tallinn

10.30 - 11.00

1- Social entrepreneurship and social impact investing: What is it about and why should we care?

by **Yuriy Vulkovsky**, Country Manager at Reach for Change & EYL40 alumnus and **Markus Freiburg**, Founder and Managing director of FASE& EYL40 alumnus

2 - Driving global change through digital advocacy

by **Sabrina Hersi-Issa**, CEO of Be Bold Media & North American Young Leader 2017

3 - Republican women for Hillary and a way forward for the Grand Old Party

by **Meghan Milloy**, Co-Founder of Republican Women for Progress 1 North American Young Leader 2017

4 - To be announced in Tallinn

5 - To be announced in Tallinn

11.00 - 11.15

Coffee break

A CONVERSATION WITH **JAAN TALLINN ON ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND EXISTENTIAL RISK**

11.15- 12.15

The theoretical computer scientist Alan Turing, widely viewed as the father of artificial intelligence (AI), voiced concerns about potential risks of the technology from as early as 1951. Yet the development of AI has progressed largely unchecked, with any discussion on AI safety being underfunded and confined to the fringes of research. Many look enthusiastically towards AI as an existential opportunity, one which will have untold benefits for humankind, but without the appropriate ethical controls in place, could it also be the greatest threat to our future?

Special Guest:

Jaan Tallinn, Co-Founder of Skype, Kazaa, and of the Centre for the Study of Existential Risk

Interviewer:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Strategy at Friends of Europe

12.15 - 12.30 Coffee break

12.30 - 13.30 **MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR NETWORK**

Young Leaders will discuss and commit to ways to connect, collaborate and change – with the support of the European Young Leaders’ programme.

Presentations by:

Alberto Alemanno, Founder of “The Good Lobby” and EYL40 alumnus

Alessandro Fusacchia, Former head of cabinet to the Italian minister of Education Strategic Advisor of H-Farm and EYL40 alumnus

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 End of seminar

SATURDAY 16 SEPTEMBER

Depart at 15.00

Organised Visit to the Ämari Air Base

For those staying for the full weekend, Friends of Europe offers a visit to the Ämari Air Base, a military airbase situated southwest of Tallinn (subject to final confirmation of pre-clearance).

The bus for the Airbase will leave the hotel at 15:00 sharp on Saturday afternoon and the full round-trip to the Airbase will take approximately three hours in total.

WANT TO SEE MORE OF TALLINN?

We highly recommend the following activities to the lucky ones who are spending some additional time in Tallinn following the seminar:

Visit Seaplane Harbour

One of the most exciting maritime museums in Europe, the Seaplane Harbour is a great place to spend a few spare moments. The historical seaplane hangar displays over 200 items, including: a submarine called Lembit, a century-old icebreaker, known as Suur Tõll, a seaplane called Short 184, the remains of the oldest ship found in Estonia, and much more.

Opening hours: Mon-Sun from 10.00 to 19.00.

Vesilennuki 6 in Kalamaja neighbourhood, Estonia. Bus No. 73 will bring you there. The stop is called Lennusadam.

Discover the Occupation Museum

The Museum of Occupations provides a comprehensive overview of Estonian society during three periods of occupation: the first Soviet occupation 1940–1941, the German occupation 1941–1944, and the second Soviet occupation 1944–1991.

You can also visit the former KGB headquarters in Tallinn. The building has long been a symbol of the former Soviet oppression in Estonia.

Opening hours: Mon-Sun from 10.00 to 18.00.

You need to book in advance if you want a guided tour of the prison cells.

Become a time traveller with a trip to the Kiek in de Kök cannon tower

The 15th-century artillery tower Kiek in de Kök and the tunnels of Ingrian and Swedish bastions built in the 17th century form a part of Tallinn's historic fortifications. The six floors of the tower present the history of the city defences through centuries.

The tower also let you visit the catacombs under the old town.

Opening hours: Tue-Sun from 10.30 to 18.00.

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Polyphony Foundation**

ISRAEL

A gifted violinist and visionary champion for youth and community development, Nabeel has led and inspired people from all walks of life across Israel, Europe and the U.S. He performed with, and was a spokesperson for, the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra for a decade as well as performing as a soloist with the Jerusalem Camerata and the Haifa Symphony orchestras. In 2006, Nabeel gave up his music career and returned to his hometown, the Arab-Israeli city of Nazareth, where he founded and led the Barenboim-Said Conservatory—now known as the Polyphony Conservatory—to answer the need he saw in the community for quality music programming. Nabeel has been awarded the Yoko Ono Award for Courage in the Arts for his lifelong-commitment to fostering a sense of community between young pan-Arab and Jewish musicians.



**SEIF
ABOU ZAID**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Founder & Chief Executive Officer
Mavericks International School**

EGYPT

Seif is a social and policy entrepreneur, passionate about education and its relationship to governance. Seif co-founded the Agency for Development and Enhancement, which provides training for young people, and the Nabadat Foundation, a non-profit which aims to use technology to improve education to fight poverty and enhance political awareness. Seif is also the former CEO of Tahrir Academy, a blended learning platform that creates intellectually-stimulating learning experiences for more than 160,000 registered Egyptian and Arab learners. In 2015, he founded the Mavericks International School, which seeks to leverage innovative teaching methods and technology to develop the unique potential of its students.



**ALBERTO
ALEMANNO**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Professor of EU Law & Risk Regulation
HEC Paris, Founder of The Good Lobby**

ITALY

Alberto is one of the leading experts in the areas of EU law and policy, risk regulation and global health, teaching EU Law and risk regulation at HEC Paris. He founded ElabEurope a civic start-up, lobbying for the European public interest by filling the gap between academic thinking and reality and also “The Good Lobby”, a pro-bono network. Previously, he clerked at the Court of Justice of the EU and at the European General Court. Alberto received the prestigious Chauncey Starr Award from the Society for Risk Analysis (SRA) in 2011 for outstanding achievement by a young risk analyst in science and public policy. He received the 2013 ECTA Award for the Best Paper in Trademark Law.





**INES
AMRI**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Deputy Secretary-General
Maghreb Economic Forum**

TUNISIA

Ines has been the Deputy Secretary-General of the Maghreb Economic Forum since November 2015, as well as being a founder and the current Vice-President charged with fundraising and projects of the Organisation Volonté et Citoyenneté, a Youth-led NGO in Tunisia that seeks to promote human rights and social entrepreneurship projects. A passionate social entrepreneur, Ines is also co-founder and team leader of an initiative called Med Voices, a free, independent platform for creative voices from the banks of the Mediterranean, working for social justice and social change. Ines served as a member of the International Jury of the Plural+ Video Festival, hosted by the United Nations Alliance of Civilizations (UNAOC) and the International Organization for Migration (IOM) in 2013, and was nominated by the US Embassy in Tunisia to represent Tunisia in the 2014 International Visitor Leadership Program : The Role of NGOs in Promoting Global Women’s Issues.



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**ELENI
ANTONIADOU**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Co-Founder
Transplants without Donors**

GREECE

Eleni has been working on artificial organ technology and regenerative medicine in hospitals in Greece, the United Kingdom and the United States. After graduating in biomedicine, she participated in the first successful artificial trachea transplant operation on a late-stage cancer patient. In 2009, she co-founded the London-based start-up Transplants without Donors, the aim of which is to develop tissue-engineered organs that are transplanted into sick patients. Eleni also studied the effects of changes in atmospheric pressure on the nervous systems of astronauts at the NASA Mars Exploration Lab and trained NASA astronauts in biomedical experimentation for the International Space Station. She is the recipient of multiple prestigious awards and is part of the 2015 Forbes 30 under 30 for healthcare and the BBC’s 100 Most Powerful Women.



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**INÉS
ARRIMADAS-
GARCÍA**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Leader of the Opposition
Catalan Parliament**

SPAIN

Inés started her career in the private sector working for an industrial services company. In 2010, she attended a Ciudadanos rally with a friend and joined the party shortly afterward as the youth section spokesperson. In 2012, she was elected to the Catalan Parliament as deputy spokesperson. She sat on the Committee on Business and Employment where she focused on socio-economic issues, such as the fight against inequalities and unemployment. Throughout her mandate, she was actively involved in different programmes at local, regional and national level. In 2015, she was appointed Leader of the Opposition as Ciudadanos climbed to second place in the Catalan parliamentary election.



Inés Arrimadas García



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Painter & Graphic Artist

SYRIA

**TAMMAM
AZZAM**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

Born in Damascus, Tammam started his career in Syria as a painter and a graphic designer and has since participated with his works in solo and group exhibitions around the world. Following the start of the uprising in Syria, he turned to digital media and graphic art to create visual composites of the conflict that resonated with international viewers. These widely distributed works are informed by his interest in the interventionist potential of digital photography and street art as powerful and direct forms of protest that are difficult to suppress. In early 2013, Tammam made worldwide headlines when his Freedom Graffiti print went viral on social media.

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**Counsellor
Ministry of Foreign Affairs**

DENMARK

**JENS OLE
BACH HANSEN**

European Young
Leader
2014

Jens is Counsellor at the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to his current role, He was posted at the Permanent Mission of Denmark to the United Nations in New York, in charge of Danish relations and strategic interventions with the UN Development System. Having worked and studied in the United States, France, Palestine, Israel, Denmark and Jordan, Jens Ole defines himself as “a dedicated internationalist and multi-lateralist”. Following 10 years of experience in international relations, he is now focused on the changing international architecture and the role of the United Nations in addressing global challenges. Jens Ole is a graduate in International affairs from the dual degree programme between Columbia University and Sciences Po, Paris and a BA in Public administration from Roskilde University.

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**Member of Parliament & Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for
Oceans, Fisheries and the Canadian Coast Guard**

CANADA

**TERRY
BEECH**

North American
Young Leader
2017

Terry is an accomplished and experienced entrepreneur and advocate for access to education and the expansion of entrepreneurship. He entered public service in 1999 when he was elected to the Nanaimo City Council, becoming British Columbia’s youngest-ever elected official. A former Adjunct Professor at Simon Fraser University and the University of British Columbia, Terry is the author of *The In-Credibility Factor*, which highlights his desire for Canada to become a global leader in innovation and entrepreneurship. Terry was the founder and CEO of HiretheWorld.com and of Twinbro, a non-profit organisation that has helped over 25,000 students obtain millions of dollars in scholarships and financial aid. He is a past board member of Lift Philanthropy and worked with entrepreneurs to launch and grow businesses at Beech Partners.

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**IMEN
BEN MOHAMED**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Member of Parliament
Assembly of the People's Representatives**

TUNISIA

Imen Ben Mohamed is a Tunisian politician representing the new face of the moderate Islamist party Ennahda (“Renaissance” in Arabic) in both the Maghreb Shura Council and the Assembly of the People’s Representatives where she holds a seat in the Rights, Freedom and Foreign Affairs Committee. Her education in Italy, where her family lived in exile, and strong commitment to youth and family policies have made her a rising political star in a country still struggling to define itself in the increasingly turbulent landscape of the MENA region. Ben Mohamed is a strong supporter of dialogue between cultures and religions.



Imen Ben Mohamed



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**AHMED
BEN MUSSA**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Chief Commercial Officer
Tatweer Research**

LIBYA

Ahmed Ben Mussa is an energy expert with ten years of experience in operations and business development of the oil service industry in the United States, Egypt and Libya. Most recently, Ben Mussa was nominated as the Chief Commercial Officer at Tatweer Research, a leading Libyan technological organisation with a focus on nurturing the country’s young potential, supporting entrepreneurs and attracting international expertise and investment. Prior to that, he worked with the UN World Food Programme in Libya where he conducted food security assessments on the field.



Ahmed Ben Mussa



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**CHAIMA
BOUHLEL**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**President
Al Bawsala**

TUNISIA

Chaima Bouhlel serves as the President of Al-Bawsala, a non-profit Tunisian NGO operating to bring transparency to political processes and engage ordinary citizens in a region wracked by government crackdowns. Chaima joined Al-Bawsala in 2014 to start and lead “Marsad Baladia” project, an observatory that monitors all municipalities across the country, and was elected as president in October 2016. Since 2016, she has also been co-hosting a weekly radio show on the National Radio discussing public policy and public institutions’ performance. Prior to joining the Al-Bawsala, Chaima worked in the micro finance sector, and in building the capacity of journalists in post-revolutionary Tunisia. During her studies at Harvard University, she was president of the Society of Arab Students, and co-organized the Harvard Arab Weekend in 2011, the biggest pan-Arab conference in North America.



Chaima Bouhlel



Chaima Bouhlel



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**KIRSTEN
BROSBØL**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Member of Parliament & former Minister for the Environment
National Parliament of Denmark**

DENMARK

Kirsten has represented the Social Democrats in the Danish Parliament since 2005. She was a rapporteur on research and higher education as well as on gender equality and food. She was appointed as Denmark’s Minister of the Environment in 2014, during the government of Helle Thorning-Schmidt. As Minister of the Environment, she facilitated the development of sustainable solutions and contributed to the development of industrial growth and workplaces in Denmark. In the 2015 general election, she was re-elected to the Danish Parliament. Kirsten is also the co-founder of the Bilateral Network for Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights. The network operates across party lines in the Danish Parliament to promote sexual and reproductive health and rights at a national and international level.



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**ALEX
BUDAK**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Executive Director
University of California Berkeley Center for Reinventing Leadership**

USA

Alex Budak is a serial social entrepreneur, Executive Director of the UC Berkeley Center for Reinventing Leadership, and a firm believer that anyone can be a changemaker. Alex co-founded, and now advises, StartSomeGood.com which has helped 700+ social impact organizations in 50+ countries raise \$7M+. He is a mentor, coach and adviser to social entrepreneurs around the world, most recently running Scandinavia’s leading social impact incubator, Reach for Change, in Stockholm, Sweden. Alex has given talks on the topics of leadership and social innovation in venues ranging from Ukraine to Cambodia; LA to the Arctic Circle; and at both the World Bank and White House. His writing has been published in FastCompany, The Guardian and Huffington Post.



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**HALA
BUGAIGHIS**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Co-Founder
Jusoor**

LIBYA

Hala Bugaighis is a lawyer and co-founder of Jusoor, a non-governmental organisation committed to independent policy research and human development projects for women with focus on the economic and social empowerment. As a lawyer with 15 years of experience, Hala focuses on commercial, banking, civil and investment laws, and has a sound understanding of law practice in an international context. Through her private companies, Hala has worked as a consultant to many international companies as well as Libyan private and public entities, focusing on development and capacity building. In 2015, Hala was nominated a UN Women Champion for Women Economic Empowerment – an initiative that aims to improve women’s economic standing and potential around the world.



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**MALCOLM
BYRNE**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Head of Communications
Higher Education Authority**

IRELAND

Malcolm is Head of Communications with the Higher Education Authority, the Irish state agency that advises government on higher education and research and funds the higher education institutions. He is also a councillor and former mayor for the centrist Fianna Fail party. He has previously served as Vice-President of the National Youth Council of Ireland, as Education Officer with the Union of Students in Ireland, as an Executive member of the European Students Union and as Youth Spokesperson for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of Europe. He previously worked as commercial manager of myhome.ie, Ireland's most successful property website and as chief executive of a national children's organisation. A graduate in law and arbitration from University College Dublin, Malcolm is currently completing a Doctorate in Governance at Queen's University Belfast. He has completed 26 marathons.

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**EDOARDO
CAMILLI**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Co-Founder & CEO
Hozint**

ITALY

A young entrepreneur and security expert, Edoardo started working as a political and security risk consultant after graduating from the University of Bologna. In 2010, he established the International Security Observer, a web-based think tank seeking to foster the next generation of security experts. At the time, he was also working as a research analyst at the Italian Institute of Strategic Studies Niccolò Machiavelli, where his activities focused on insurgency, intelligence, national security policies and organised crime. Edoardo is the co-founder of Hozint (Horizon Intelligence), a consulting firm providing location-based media and social media monitoring services on political, safety and security risks. He is frequently interviewed on security issues by media in Italy and across Europe.

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**SILVIA
CONSOLE
BATTILANA**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Co-Founder & CEO
Auctionomics**

ITALY

Silvia is a young economist and entrepreneur specialising in game theory and interest groups. She has extensive experience as a strategist in auction design. In 2008, she co-founded Auctionomics, a high-stakes auction consulting and software firm with clients ranging from governments to Fortune 500 companies. Silvia has acted as project manager on several high-stakes auctions in Australia, Canada and the United States, in many European countries, and in Africa and Latin America. She is also the co-founder of xSwan, an interactive version of eBay that allows charities to raise more money via online auctions. Silvia frequently speaks at major universities both in the United States (including Berkeley and Harvard) and around the world.

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**CAROLE
DIESCHBOURG**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Minister of the Environment
Government of Luxembourg**

LUXEMBOURG

Carole served as a municipal councillor in Echternach from 2011 to 2013, when she was appointed to the government as Minister of the Environment. At the time she was the youngest member of the cabinet and the only Green Minister of the Environment in Europe. Carole represented the European Union during the United Nations Conference on Climate Change (COP21) in Paris, which coincided with Luxembourg's Presidency of the EU Council. Her role was to ensure that the EU had a coordinated position during the conference. In the run-up to the COP21, she also represented the EU at many bilateral meetings and high-level conferences such as the Petersberg Climate Dialogue and the Major Economies Forum on Energy and Climate (MEF).



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**TISHANI
DOSHI**

European Young
Leader
2014

Poet, Writer & Dancer

UK

Tishani is an Indian-Welsh dancer, poet and freelance writer. Currently based in Madras, India, Tishani divides her time between dancing for one of India's leading choreographers, Chandralekha, and writing pieces for publications such as The Guardian, Corriere della Sera, The New York Times, The Hindu, The National, India Today, Outlook, Tricycle, Vogue and Elle. Her written work has garnered her various awards such as the prestigious Forward Prize (UK) for Best First Collection (2006) for her debut collection of poems, and she was selected to represent India at the 2012 Poetry Parnassus Cultural Olympics in London. Her first novel, *The Pleasure Seekers*, was published to critical acclaim in 2010, and has been translated into multiple languages. Her latest book is a collection of poems, *Everything Begins Elsewhere*, and has been published in India, the UK and the USA.



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**LUKASZ
DZIEKONSKI**

European Young
Leader
2015/2016

**Member of the Management Board
Marguerite Fund 2020**

POLAND

Lukasz is a Senior Manager responsible for European structured finance at the Warsaw-based PKO Bank Polski, where he works on projects related to energy, transport and the environment with budgets ranging from €50 million to €1 billion. He is also a member of the management board for the Marguerite Fund 2020 for Energy, Climate Change and Infrastructure in Luxembourg. There, Lukasz oversees the formulation of financial and operational strategies. He is also on the supervisory board of Pomeranka Development, InvestGas and Energa Operator in Poland, and of PZU Ukraine Insurance Company and Kredobank, also in Ukraine. Lukasz began his career as an adviser in the European Parliament, focusing on energy policy and security as well as EU relations with Russia and Ukraine.



Lukasz Dziekanski



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COLUM EASTWOOD

European Young Leader 2017

**Leader, Social Democratic & Labour Party (SDLP)
Northern Ireland Assembly**

UK

Colum has been at the heart of the post-conflict success story in Derry, the second-largest city in Northern Ireland. He was only 27 years old when he was elected as the city’s mayor in 2010. In this position, he championed Derry as a city of culture and transformed its image. Throughout the years, Colum continuously stood against dissident republican violence and steadfastly called for an end to terrorist activities by armed groups. Following his election to the Northern Ireland Assembly in 2011, Colum was appointed as the SDLP representative on the committee overseeing the work of First Minister and Deputy First Minister. He currently sits on the Committee for Communities, which plays a key role in debating and developing legislation.



OTHMAN EL FERDAOUS

MENA Young Leader 2017

**Secretary of State for Investment
Ministry of Industry, Investment, Trade & Digital Economy**

MOROCCO

Othman El Ferdaous is a public affairs and strategic communication professional, listed among the 50 most influential Moroccans under 40 by Telquel Magazine in 2016. He is a strong advocate for EU-Maghreb integration and founded clubgibraltar.org, a non-profit organization aiming to provide a "South-North" perspective on European affairs, especially policy and institutions matters regarding the Mediterranean and Africa. He is also a board member of Sciences Po Alumni Morocco, focused on fostering reverse brain drain by mentoring Moroccan students. He releases a monthly newsletter covering Moroccan issues read by +7000 subscribers.



AARON FARRUGIA

European Young Leader 2017

**Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds and Social Dialogue
Maltese Government**

MALTA

Aaron runs the Malta Freeport, which was established in 1988 as the first transshipment hub in the Mediterranean. The company has experienced remarkable growth and currently ranks twelfth among the top European ports. Aaron served as president of the Labour Youth Forum and was elected deputy mayor of Ta’ Xbiex in 2005. During the international financial crisis, he was appointed to a team of economic experts set up by the Young European Socialists and was elected as Education Secretary in the Maltese Labour Party’s Central Administration. Aaron also chaired the progressive think tank IDEAT, the party’s political foundation. In 2014, he founded the Anton Buttigieg Foundation, which seeks to promote social awareness in Malta, focusing on education as the primary tool for economic and social development.





**MARY
FITZGERALD**

European Young
Leader
2013

**Libya Analyst, Award-Winning Journalist & Columnist
Irish Independent**

IRELAND

Mary is a journalist and analyst specialising in the Euro-Mediterranean region with a particular focus on Libya. She has worked on Libya since 2011 and lived there throughout 2014. Her work has appeared in publications including the Economist, Foreign Policy, the New Yorker, the Washington Post, the Financial Times and the Guardian. She has conducted research on Libya for the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMED) among others. She is a contributing author to an edited volume on the Libyan revolution published by Oxford University Press. In her previous role as Irish Times foreign affairs correspondent, she reported from 40 countries across the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe. She is a member of the Global Women's Forum 'Rising Talents' network.

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**MYRIAM
FRANÇOIS**

European Young
Leader
2017

**International News Correspondent
TRT World**

UK

Myriam is an academic, broadcaster and writer specialising in issues related to Islam and the Middle East. She is a regular contributor to the Middle East Eye, the New Statesman and the Telegraph. In 2014, she broke a headline story on an exclusive 36-page document written by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the Al-Qaeda militant behind the 9/11 attacks. Since then, she presented two BBC documentaries, 'The Muslim Pound' (2016) and 'A Deadly Warning: Srebrenica Revisited' (2015) nominated for the Sandford St Martin religious programming award. Myriam is also a Research Associate at the Centre of Islamic Studies at SOAS University, where she focuses on British-Muslim integration issues. She recently completed her doctorate at Oxford University on the subject of Islamic political movements in Morocco.

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**MARKUS
FREIBURG**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Founder & Managing Director
Financing Agency for Social Entrepreneurship**

GERMANY

Markus is the founder of the Financing Agency for Social Entrepreneurship (FASE), a leading financial intermediary that helps social enterprises scale their social impact by helping them raise hybrid growth capital. FASE has built an open pipeline of investment-ready social enterprises. Markus is also a member of the Expert Group on Social Entrepreneurship (GECES), a consultative multi-stakeholder group on social business that examines the progress of measures foreseen by the European Commission. He has experience of working with many social enterprises in finding appropriate financing solutions and scaling-up the impact of proven business models. Markus worked for seven years as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company, where one of his roles was providing pro-bono consulting for social entrepreneurs.

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**ALESSANDRO
FUSACCHIA**

European Young
Leader
2012

**Strategic Advisor
H-Farm**

ITALY

Alessandro is a former Advisor to the Italian Economic Development Minister on European Affairs, Innovation and Youth, and former Head of Office at the Italian Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport. Previously he was an official at the Council of the European Union

dealing with global economic governance (G20/IMF). He has worked for the Italian Prime Minister’s office in Rome as part of the G8 team, as well as for the Italian Ministry of International Trade. He teaches at the LUISS Guido Carlo School of Government in Rome and at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Paris. He was until recently President of RENA, the Italian association of young professionals promoting innovation, merit, youth empowerment and a new generation of local public policies. He is also the author of two novels.

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**MAMOUN
GHALLAB**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Founder
MakeSense**

MOROCCO

Mamoun is a Moroccan adviser and activist on sustainable development who founded in 2015 MakeSense, a sustainable development consultancy firm and has over six years of professional experience in environmental strategy consultancy and management. Mamoun gained media attention after launching Zero Zbel Xperience, an environmental association which seeks to educate Moroccan youth on environmental protection, sustainable consumption and recycling through the adoption of a ‘zero-waste’ lifestyle. In recognition of his efforts and expertise, he was part of the Moroccan delegation to the 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference. He has often featured in the Moroccan press for his environmental activism and has also given a TED talk on the Zero Zbel Experience.

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**EDVARD
GLÜCKSMAN**

European Young
Leader
2015/2016

**Senior Environmental & Social Specialist
Wardell Armstrong LLP**

SWEDEN

A Swedish citizen, Edvard is a Chartered Scientist (CSci) specialising in environmental and social due diligence of large industrial development projects. Edvard has international and cross-sector experience designing site-specific mitigation strategies for high-risk aspects including air quality and noise, hydrogeology, soils, biodiversity and socioeconomics. His work also focuses on designing effective baseline data collection strategies, including near highly sensitive environmental receptors, and designing stakeholder engagement mechanisms to enhance client-community relations. His interests and experience also include integrating emerging cross-cutting aspects into the due diligence process, including archaeology and cultural heritage, ecosystem services, gender and human rights. Edvard is also a lecturer in responsible mining and sustainability at the University of Exeter.

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**JAVIER
GONZALEZ
ALVAREZ**

European Young
Leader
2012

**International Director
Digimarc**

SPAIN

Javier is Founder and CEO of aquaMobile SL, a mobile value-added services provider based in Madrid. AquaMobile SL is one of the most successful digital watermarking solutions companies; its products are recognised throughout the field and used in all kinds of media. Aquamobile SL won several prestigious awards, such as the Top Global 100 RedHerring winner and the NETI Award. He has also worked in management roles for various start-ups, such as Alvento and Mobile 365 Inc. He is Co-founder of the tMA Foundation, which encourages innovative and entrepreneurial projects in conjunction with MIT. Javier is a graduate from the Madrid Polytechnic University and ESCP Europe.

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**JAKOB
HAESLER**

European Young
Leader
2013

**Co-Founder
Project Alloy**

GERMANY

Prior to founding Project Alloy, Jakob was the CEO and Co-Founder of Tynyclues SAS, a Paris-based software startup with the objective of industrialising datamining on Big Data with the help of advanced machine learning algorithms in a Cloud Computing environment. Previously he was a partner and consultant at McKinsey & Company in Germany and France where he worked on topics ranging from Banking to Public Sector Reform to Global Public Health issues, notably the creation and distribution of child HIV treatments. Prior to McKinsey he briefly worked at the World Bank. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Science from the University of St. Gallen. Jakob is also a founding partner of the "Cercle du Leadership".

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**SABRINA
HERSI ISSA**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Chief Executive Officer
Be Bold Media**

USA

Sabrina is the CEO of Be Bold Media, a digital agency for global advocacy that notably produces a hackathon series to build and improve technology tools used for humanitarian relief and refugee services. She is the co-founder of End Famine, a campaign dedicated to developing sustainable solutions to hunger, food security and humanitarian assistance. Sabrina organises Rights x Tech, a gathering for technologists and activists, and runs Survivor Fund, a political fund dedicated to supporting the rights of survivors of sexualised violence. She currently serves as a Senior Advisor to the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation, where she leads research on journalism ecosystems and how philanthropy can support efforts to build diverse, inclusive media ecosystems. In addition, she curates New/s Disruptors, a project working to re-frame the narrative of digital disruption in journalism to champion the experiences and contributions of diverse voices.

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**SAMI
HOURANI**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Executive Director
Leaders of Tomorrow**

JORDAN

Sami Hourani is medical doctor and serial social entrepreneur. He is the founding director of the well-known educational platform For9a.com. Dr. Hourani is also the founder and the executive director of the regional organization Leaders of Tomorrow and the innovative social initiatives; Diwanieh, Mo7aka and the new and creative qualitative research methodology FADFED. He is a fellow at Ashoka, largest hub for social innovators world wide. He received King Abdullah II Demograti award in 2014 and EUROMED youth award in 2013. He was also elected as the Jordanian Role Model of 2011 and received the Jordanian title “Knight of Change” in 2008.



**KLEN
JÄÄRATS**

European Young
Leader
2015/2016

**Director for EU Affairs
Office of the Prime Minister of Estonia**

ESTONIA

As Director of the EU Secretariat in the Estonian government, Klen coordinates and develops all EU policy and acts as the chief European affairs adviser to the Prime Minister. A career civil servant, Klen started out in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, rising quickly to the position of Head of the Refugees Department. In this capacity, he dealt with a variety of NGOs and international organisations including the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He later moved to Brussels where he spent six years working at the Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU during which time he dealt with many issues related to the preparation, ratification and implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon.



**DEREK
JOHNSON**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Executive Director
Global Zero**

USA

Derek Johnson is the Executive Director of the Global Zero movement for a world without nuclear weapons. Since 2010, he has led an international campaign powered by an eminent group of 300 world leaders and luminaries, a high-impact grassroots action corps and hundreds of thousands of members online. An experienced strategist and creative campaigner, Johnson works on the frontiers of catalytic advocacy, foreign policy and social change. By combining media, online and grassroots campaigns with cutting-edge policy initiatives and direct dialogue with key governments, he has spent the last six years positioning Global Zero as a disruptive force for nuclear disarmament in all of the nuclear-armed regions of the world. Before taking the helm at Global Zero, Johnson worked to enhance access to justice, human rights and rule of law. He also consulted for a number of organisations dedicated to advancing interfaith dialogue and cooperation.





**SARAH
JONES**

North American
Young Leader
2017

Journalist & Producer

USA

Sarah is an award-winning all platform journalist with a passion for attracting young audiences to hard news. Over 67,000 people are supporters of her Sarah Jones Reports on social media. In 2013, she moved to New York for a full-time news gathering position with Al Jazeera America. She left her job two years later to pursue a fellowship with the International Reporting Project where she was given the opportunity to report on health and development in the Philippines. In 2016, she was selected as one of the top one thousand most influential Twitter profiles from across the worlds of marketing, advertising, digital and media. Prior to joining Al Jazeera America, Jones was freelancing as an International Assignment Editor for CNN at its headquarters in Atlanta; as an online and print journalist for Gulf News (Dubai); and as an online journalist for ITN's Channel 4 (UK).

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**KAJA
KALLAS**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Member, Committee on Industry, Research & Energy
European Parliament**

ESTONIA

Kaja started her career as a lawyer in Estonia. In 2011, she was elected Member of the Estonian Parliament and Chair of the Committee on Economic Affairs. In 2014, she was elected to the European Parliament, where she sits on the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. A member of the ALDE Group, Kaja is also part of the European Parliament Intergroup on the Digital Agenda, an informal network of MEPs interested in digital technologies and how they can benefit society. She is a proponent of innovation and frequently emphasises that regulations should not hinder the technological revolution. Kaja has been the author of five reports in the European Parliament, including of an own-initiative report on the Digital Single Market.

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**ZANDA
KALNINA-
LUKAŠEVICA**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Parliamentary State Secretary for European Affairs
Government of Latvia**

LATVIA

Zanda started her professional career at Jurmala's city council in 1998. She then worked at the Ministry of Regional Development before joining the Strategic Analysis Commission, where she advised Latvian President Valdis Zatlers on strategic planning. She was elected to the Latvian Parliament in 2011. During her mandate, she chaired the Committee on European Affairs and the Reform Party parliamentary group. In 2014, Zanda was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary in the Latvian government. Her role is to ensure cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Latvian Parliament and the European Parliament – a crucial role during Latvia's Presidency of the EU Council in 2015.

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**NEŽA
KOGOVŠEK
ŠALAMON**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Director
Peace Institute**

SLOVENIA

Neža is a human rights advocate working at a national and international level. Since 2012, she has been the Director of the Peace Institute, a non-profit research body that aims to create and preserve an open society capable of critical thought and based on the principles of equality, human rights, responsibility, solidarity and the rule of law. Her work at the institute includes lecturing, legal analysis, project management and research. Neža is a member of several legal expert networks advocating for anti-discrimination, social inclusion and the promotion of better representation of immigrants. She was voted as one of the ten most influential lawyers in Slovenia in 2016.

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**SANDOR
LEDERER**

European Young
Leader
2015 / 2016

**Co-Founder & CEO
K-Monitor**

HUNGARY

Sandor is the Co-Founder and CEO of K-Monitor, a non-profit public funds watchdog based in Bucharest. The NGO was founded to increase efforts to improve the current levels of democracy and the rule of law nationally. It does this by raising the awareness of corruption thereby increasing transparency in the Hungarian political system. K-Monitor operates open data websites, conducts research and advocates for legal reform. In 2012 K-Monitor developed a website called the Network, a database and an interactive map on political and economic elite networks, public procurements, farm subsidies and EU funding. Sandor holds an MA in International Studies from Corvinus University, Budapest.

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**ANDRÉ
LOESEKRUG-
PIETRI**

European Young
Leader
2012

**Founder & Managing Partner
ACAPITAL**

GERMANY

André Loesekrug-Pietri has leadership positions in private equity, government, industry and as an entrepreneur. He has been appointed Special Advisor to the Minister of Defense in the first Government of President Macron, responsible for European Defense policy, as well as technology and disruptive innovation. Previously, he was Chairman of ACAPITAL, investing in fast-growing European companies with strong global potential, in particular in Europe and China. Prior to that André led several investment funds in Europe and Asia, founded CarBoulevard.com, was assistant to the CEO of Aerospatiale-Airbus in Toulouse and started his career at Roland Berger Strategy Consultants. A graduate of HEC, the Michigan Business School and Harvard Kennedy School, he attended Sup-Aéro aerospace engineering school. Frequently invited as a speaker on disruptive technologies, he is member of several boards as well as on the advisory board of Jiaotong University, Beijing.

André Loesekrug-Pietri N/A N/A



**ADELE
LUTA**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Research Affiliate, Brain & Cognitive Sciences Dept.
Massachusetts Institute of Technology**

USA

Adele is an expert in strategic cognitive skills, advanced theory of mind, and applied physics. Her research focuses on operators in time-limited, life-critical, restricted communication environments and how they employ Theory of Mind (ToM) in their mission. Adele’s previous experience includes working as a NASA Flight Controller/Astronaut Instructor, in which role she provided support for over 90 US Space Shuttle, International Space Station (ISS), and Russian spacewalks, and trained five Shuttle crews and two ISS increments in Extra Vehicle Activity (EVA). In addition to her current work as a Research Affiliate at MIT, she has also recently been appointed by the United States of America as a technical team member to North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Science and Technology Organization through its Collaborative Support Office.

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**ANTONIA
MESZAROS**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Anchor & Journalist
ATV**

HUNGARY

Antonia is a Hungarian journalist, television presenter, author and documentary filmmaker. She has interviewed just about every EU politician that visited Hungary in recent years. She hosted Hungary’s main evening current affairs programme from 2007 to 2011, but was forced to leave the national public broadcaster MTV, along with thousands of colleagues after the new government “reorganised” public broadcasting and has been working at ATV, an independent news channel ever since. Antonia has participated in charitable projects and literacy campaigns aimed at helping the Roma population. For the last few years she has also been asked to head a Hungarian foundation recognising and rewarding journalistic achievements and organising events and workshops for media professionals. She is an English Literature graduate from ELTE University in Budapest.

Antonia Meszaros

Meszaros Antonia

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**AYMAN
MHANNA**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Executive Director
Samir Kassir Foundation**

LEBANON

Ayman Mhanna is Executive Director of the Beirut-based Samir Kassir Foundation, one of the leading press freedom NGOs in the Middle East. In this capacity, he oversees the foundation’s advocacy, monitoring, research and training activities. Mhanna has previously held the position of Executive Director of the Global Forum for Media Development, focusing on monitoring violations targeting journalists and providing them with the necessary support. He has also extensively worked with issues related to election observation, electoral reform and civil society involvement. Until recently, he was a lecturer on policy development and communications at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. In 2016, he was appointed Secretary-General of the Democratic Renewal Movement, a secular, social-liberal political party in Lebanon.

Ayman Mhanna

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**Co-Founder
Republican Women for Progress**

USA

Meghan Milloy is the co-founder of Republican Women for Progress (RWFP) and was previously the Chair of Republican Women for Hillary (RWFH). she serves as the Director of Financial Services at the American Action Forum (AAF), a center-right think tank that provides data-driven insight to today’s policy challenges where she manages the entirety of AAF’s activity in its financial services and housing finance policy portfolios. Previously she was a Presidential Management Fellow working at the Small Business Administration and later at the House Committee on Small Business. She was an intern at the National Republican Senatorial Committee and in the George W. Bush White House. She also worked in the office of Majority Leader Trent Lott and has volunteered on the campaigns of Haley Barbour, George W. Bush, John McCain, Mitt Romney, and Hillary Clinton.

**MEGHAN
MILLOY**
North American
Young Leader
2017

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Journalist & Media Analyst

IRAN

Negar Mortazavi (born 1981 in Tehran, Iran) is an Iranian-American journalist covering Iran in English and Persian. She writes, reports and tweets on Iran extensively and is a frequent commentator on Iran at MSNBC, BBC, PRI, New York Times, Aljazeera, Huffington Post, and international outlets across the world in Lebanon, Iraq, Israel, Turkey, Switzerland, and Japan. She worked as a TV presenter at Voice of America Persian where she hosted a daily hour-long interactive show that discussed current affairs with Iranians across the world. Mortazavi was born and raised in Iran and moved to the US in 2002 to continue her studies. She has a Master of Arts from Brandeis University and a Bachelor of Arts from University of Massachusetts.

**NEGAR
MORTAZAVI**
North American
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**Assistant Professor
Poznan University of Economics**

POLAND

In addition to her position at the Poznan University of Economics, Katarzyna is a member of the Committee for Future Studies at the Polish Academy of Social Sciences. Her research interests include development and international economics, with a focus on East Asian markets. Katarzyna’s work also explores challenges to global development. She led several research projects for the National Bureau of Research in Poland and finalised a recent project on the economic potential of developing countries in Africa. Her academic achievements have been recognised by numerous awards, including one for outstanding young scholars from Poland’s Minister of Science and Higher Education in 2012. Katarzyna has published numerous articles and books on issues relating to development, governance, integration and regional cooperation.

**KATARZYNA
ANNA
NAWROT**
European Young
Leader
2017

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**AOIBHINN
NÍ
SHÚILLEABHÁIN**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Lecturer and Science Communicator
University College Dublin School of Mathematics and Statistics**

IRELAND

Over the past ten years, Aoibhinn has promoted mathematics and science with a particular focus on encouraging more girls to study these subjects. She lectures at University College Dublin as part of a programme that addresses the growing need for qualified mathematics and science teachers in post-primary schools. In 2011, she was awarded the prestigious Ussher Fellowship from Trinity College Dublin for her doctoral thesis on mathematics teacher learning. Named as one of the Top 50 Women in Science in Ireland by Silicon Republic, she is renowned for her role as a science communicator and for promoting STEM subjects in Ireland through various media outlets, including radio and TV. In 2005, she won the Rose of Tralee contest, an international festival celebrated by Irish communities all over the world.

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**ILHAN
OMAR**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Representative for District 60B
Minnesota House of Representatives**

USA

Ilhan Omar is the Democratic-Farmer-Labor Party Member of the Minnesota House of Representatives for the 60B district. She is the first Somali American Muslim legislator elected to office in the United States. She is the Assistant Minority Leader, with assignments to three house committees; Civic Law and Data Practices Policy; Higher Education and Career Readiness Policy and Finance; and State Government Finance. In addition to serving in the legislature, Omar is the Director of Policy Initiatives at Women Organizing Women, where she empowers East African women to take civic leadership roles in their community. Born in Somalia, Omar and her family fled the country's civil war when she was eight. The family spent four years in a refugee camp in Kenya before coming to the United States in 1990s.

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**SÉBASTIEN
PILARD**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Member
Pays de la Loire Regional Council**

FRANCE

Sébastien is a young businessman and entrepreneur. He is also the Chief Executive Officer of Terminal du Grand Ouest (TGO), a port operations company in the Nantes-Saint Nazaire port area that covers bulk, container and general cargo activities. He manages a team of more than 150 employees at TGO. Sébastien was former French President Nicolas Sarkozy's special representative on the economy and business during his campaign to win the Republican nomination for the 2017 presidential election. Sébastien is regional councillor in the Pays de la Loire region and will be an official candidate of the Republicans party in the upcoming 2017 legislative elections. He is also the co-founder of Sens Commun, a right-wing youth movement that defends conservative family values.

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**EDUARDO
PORTAL
MARTIN**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Conductor & Founder
Antares Ensemble**

SPAIN

Over the last few years, Eduardo has made a great impression on audiences and orchestras alike. Since graduating as conductor and violinist, he has conducted multiple orchestras across Europe and the Americas, such as the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Sao Paulo Symphony Orchestra. In 2015, his presentation with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales included a broadcast on BBC Radio 3. For the third season in a row, he has returned on multiple occasions to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to conduct concerts all around England. Widely acclaimed by musical critics, Eduardo is particularly committed to the contemporary repertoire and is the founder of the Antares Ensemble in Spain, whose focus is on the performance of new music and research into its links with historical and rarely-performed masterpieces.



**FADI
QURAN**

MENA Young
Leader
2017

**Senior Campaigner
Avaaz**

PALESTINE

Fadi is the face of the new Middle East. As Senior Campaigner at Avaaz, an international online campaigning network, he has been promoting numerous campaigns on issues such as human rights, poverty and conflict, becoming an unofficial leader of the Electronic Intifada. Quran is also a Popular Struggle community organiser, a policy member of the Al-Shabaka Palestinian Policy Network, and is a leading figure in the burgeoning Palestinian youth movement committed to achieving freedom, justice and dignity for the Palestinian people, having previously served as UN Advocacy Officer with Al-Haq’s legal research and advocacy unit. Apart from his work in advocacy and international law, he is also an entrepreneur in the alternative energy field, where he has founded two companies bringing wind and solar energy power to Palestine and other countries in the region.



**SAM
RASOUL**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Delegate for the 11th District
Virginia House of Delegates**

USA

Sam currently represents the citizens of Roanoke in the Virginia House of Delegates, being Virginia’s only Muslim legislator. His political ambition is driven by an idea of changing the way politics is conducted by building trust on the left and the right, across political divides, and by improving government services for veterans and seniors in rural areas. Rasoul brings to the position two decades of leadership and management experience gained with both for-profit and non-profit organizations. As Chief Financial Officer and Chief Operating Officer of the International non-governmental organization Kissito Healthcare International, Rasoul worked closely with United Nations Agencies and other government officials to strengthen healthcare systems in East Africa. Rasoul is also a proven leader in organizational change and serves as a Transformational Change Agent at ENVIGOR where he delivers pragmatic solutions for organizations facing disruption and change in the Digital Age.





**ANITA
SARKEESIAN**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Founder
Feminist Frequency**

CANADA

Anita is an award-winning media critic and the founder of Feminist Frequency, an educational non-profit that explores the representations of women in pop culture narratives. Her work focuses on deconstructing the stereotypes and tropes associated with women in popular culture as well as highlighting issues surrounding the targeted harassment of women in online and gaming spaces. Sarkeesian has featured in publications such as The Guardian, The New York Times, Rolling Stone and The Wall Street Journal. She was named one of TIME’s 100 most influential people in 2015 and was the recipient of the 2014 Game Developers Choice Ambassador Award. Sarkeesian has spoken to TEDxWomen, XOXO Festival and the UN Broadband Working Group on Gender. She also appeared on The Colbert Report discussing her experiences of harassment and improving gender inclusivity in gaming culture and the media.



**AGNIJA
ŠEIKO**

European Young
Leader
2017

Choreographer

LITHUANIA

Agnija is an award-winning choreographer and dancer. She is the author of more than 20 choreography works, including dance films, installations and performances. Her compositions have been performed at dance festivals both in her native Lithuania and abroad. Agnija successfully collaborates with creators of various art forms, resulting in dance pieces that feature audio-visual art and sculpture installations. Along with choreographing, Agnija gives lectures at Klaipeda University and runs the dance company PADI DAPI Fish. She was named Best Choreographer of the Year in 2012 and, in 2013, was awarded the Golden Cross of the Stage, the highest Lithuanian theatre award. Her most recent show, ‘Dior in Moscow’, was presented at the International Contemporary Dance Festival ‘New Baltic Dance’.



**ROBERT
SHIRKEY**

North American
Young Leader
2017

**Executive Director
Our Horizon**

CANADA

Rob is a recognized authority on the subject of climate change risk disclosures or ‘warning labels’ for gas pumps. He has given lectures on the topic across North America and has been featured in media all over the world. Rob is a recipient of Canada’s 2017 Clean50 Award and was also named a 2016 Agent of Change by the Centre for Social Innovation and Green Shield Canada Foundation. Rob is a lawyer from Toronto, Canada. Prior to founding Our Horizon and launching its unique approach to addressing climate change, Rob operated a private practice in downtown Toronto. He also has experience as an Assistant City Solicitor and Prosecutor.





**KAMILLA
SULTANOVA**

European Young
Leader
2015-2016

**Chairman
Global Dignity Finland**

FINLAND

Kamilla has had a very successful professional career in corporate sales, having worked for a number of large companies in Scandinavia. From a young age Kamilla was a high-achiever and in 1999 was awarded a full scholarship from the American Councils for International Education to attend a high school in Texas, USA as part of the “Future Leader Exchange”. One of Kamilla’s achievements has been her work on gender equality. She regularly makes media appearances and writes on this topic and in 2013 was elected to represent Denmark as part of the European Women’s Lobby in Brussels. In this role Kamilla lobbied heavily for the increased participation of women and ethnic minorities in European politics.



Kamilla Sultanova



Kamilla Sultanova



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**EWA
SZMIDT-
BELCARZ**

European Young
Leader
2017

**CEO
Empik**

POLAND

Ewa runs the largest entertainment and media retailer in Poland. As CEO, she combines her love of books and her managerial experience in consumer goods companies. She previously worked for eight years at McKinsey & Company, where she became the first woman in Poland to be promoted to the position of Global Partner and to lead the retail and consumer goods division. During her career, Ewa has overseen the UK’s largest chocolate brand, Cadbury, and developed the Schwarzkopf brand portfolio in international markets. She also worked as a Product Manager in the Polish branch of L’Oréal. She successfully helped companies to develop strategies, improve operational efficiency and optimise sales



Ewa Szmidt-Belcarz



Ewa Szmidt-Belcarz



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**CEZARY
TOMCZYK**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Member
Polish National Parliament**

POLAND

Cezary began his political career on Sieradz’s city council in 2006. One year later, he was elected as a Member of the Polish Parliament at the age of 23. He sat in the Committee on National Defence and the Committee on EU Affairs in addition to chairing the Permanent Subcommittee on the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2014-2020. In 2010, he was awarded the Medal of Merit for National Defence by the Polish Minister of National Defence in recognition of his services to the development and strengthening of the defence of his country. In 2015, he was appointed as a Secretary of State and spokesperson in the government of Ewa Kopacz. After the 2015 parliamentary elections, he was nominated as shadow Deputy Minister of National Defence for the Civic Platform.



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Cezary Tomczyk



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**DAVOR
TREMAC**

European Young
Leader
2017

**General Manager for Southeast Europe
Uber**

CROATIA

Holding a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Zagreb, Davor co-founded and served as COO of Gourmeo, a web start-up dealing in premium restaurant space, which expanded across Brazil, Germany and the United Kingdom. It partnered with the best restaurants in major cities across Europe, South America and Asia. Davor then worked for a leading consultancy firm where he managed media, technology and telecom projects in Europe and South East Asia. He is now General Manager at Uber where he is responsible for developing the transportation network company across Southeast Europe. Davor is also a member of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia.



Davor Tremac



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**WOUTER
VERSCHULDEN**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Founder & Publisher
NewsMonkey**

BELGIUM

Wouter is the founder of Newsmonkey.be, a social media tailor-made news website, partly funded by a successful crowd-funding action. In 2013, he made a documentary and book about the future of the news business: Stop The Presses: the Golden Age of Journalism starts now. The documentary was partly based on his experience as the Editor-in-Chief of De Morgen that he managed for over 2 years. Before that, he worked at De Standaard, as a political journalist, and won several Belfius-press prizes. During that period he acquired his passion for politics and the inner workings of the system, which resulted in a fiction series about Belgian politics that he co-wrote for television and that will air in Belgium. He holds an MA in Political Journalism from the Columbia School of Journalism in New York. He also has a Master in Business from the Vlerick Management School in Ghent and a Masters in Politics at Ghent University and Université de Bretagne Occidentale.



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**YURIY
VULKOVSKY**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Country Manager
Reach for Change**

BULGARIA

Yuriy is a Country Manager for Bulgaria of the International Foundation "Reach for Change" which supports social innovators and social entrepreneurs in 18 countries at 3 continents. He has more than 20 years of experience in the non-governmental sector in Bulgaria and Europe working for the capacity building of the independent social and cultural organisations, as well fighting for government transparency and effectiveness. He believes that the change starts from bottom up and the innovation emerges from the periphery, not from the center. German Marshall Fund and Salzburg Global Seminar Alumni. Member of the Strategy Group of the European Initiative "A Soul for Europe".



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Yuriy Vulkovsky



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**OZAN
YANAR**

European Young
Leader
2017

**Member of Parliament
National Parliament of Finland**

FINLAND

Ozan is an economist and politician born in Turkey. He is a specialist in labour economics with a focus on issues relating to unemployment and wage differences. He has worked at the Central Organisation of Finnish Trade Unions (SAK) and conducted research at both the Labour Institute for Economic Research and the Ministry of Economic Affairs and Employment. He was elected to the Board of Directors of the Helsinki Greens in 2014 and became Co-Chair of the Federation of Green Youth and Students in 2015. At the age of 29, he was elected as a Green League Member of the Finnish Parliament. As an MP, he campaigns for social equality and spearheads the fight against discrimination.



Ozan Yanar



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**FLORIAN
ZINOECKER**

European Young
Leader
2014

**Head of Corporate Governance & Internal Policies
European Stability Mechanism**

AUSTRIA

Florian is Head of the corporate governance and internal policies division at the European Stability Mechanism (ESM), where he is responsible for the preparation of decisions and meetings of the Board of Governors (eurozone finance ministers), Board of Directors and Board of Auditors. He has worked in economic and financial affairs in the areas of central banking and monetary policy in various capacities including at the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Central Bank (ECB). He has a Master's in Public Administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, as well as a Master's in Advanced European Studies from the University of Vienna.



Florian Zinoecker



Florian Zinoecker



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MAADH ALSAMMARRAIEN •

Market Analyst at Fortum Charge and Drive

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Author and Playwright

Monica Byrne is a writer, playwright, performer, and futurist based in Durham, North Carolina. In 2016, she delivered the first science fiction TED Talk on the main stage in Vancouver; in 2017, she hosted a series for ViceUK about humanity's relationship to the future. Her debut novel, *The Girl in the Road*, was awarded the James Tiptree Jr. Award., and her play *What Every Girl Should Know* has been produced in twelve U.S. cities. Currently, she is building her own theatre company, as well as finishing a new novel and a TV pilot. Her work is funded entirely by 500+ micro-patrons on Patreon, a platform that allows fans to directly support artists' work, at patreon.com/monicabyrne.

GEERT CAMI • @FriendsofEurope

Co-Founder and Managing Director of Friends of Europe

Before co-founding Friends of Europe, Geert was Managing Director of Forum Europe and before that worked for a few years at the European Commission to help set-up the Information and Communications Unit of ECHO to raise the profile of the EU's humanitarian efforts. At the outset of his career, he also worked for two music programmes at Belgian Radio 1, and very briefly as a teacher and TV journalist.

RAFAELLA CARRO •

Researcher at Istituto Nazionale Documentazione Innovazione Ricerca Educativa

Raffaella Carro is a researcher at INDIRE, the National Institute for Documentation, Innovation and Educational Research based in Florence (Italy). She has a degree in foreign languages and literatures, a University master in "Digital writing" and a University master in "Designing online learning". She was involved in managing training actions and participates in the research activities of the Institute concerning the use of ICT in didactics, the use of e-learning for training activities and the organization of knowledge systems such as repositories and collaborative platforms. Her research interests are now in the field of innovative practices dealing with a new concept of space, time and teaching/learning processes, with a focus on "new learning spaces": effective learning environment for students of the new millennium.

MIKE FEERICK • @MikeFeerick

Founder & Chief Executive Officer of Alison

Mike Feerick is CEO/Founder of Alison, one of the world's largest free learning platforms and widely credited as being the first MOOC (Massive Open Online Course) provider worldwide. He is a globally-recognised social entrepreneur, having been featured across international media including *The New York Times*, *Forbes*, *The Guardian* and *The Economist*, and a popular speaker on the future of workplace learning. Mike received a Diploma Award from UNESCO for innovation in education (2010), an Ashoka Fellowship (2011), and a Guinness Social Fund Award (2012). He was also a 2016 Finalist of the World Economic Forum's Social Entrepreneur of the Year awards. He holds degrees from the University of Limerick, and Harvard University.

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Professor of Applied Economics and Co-Director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise at The Johns Hopkins University

Steve H. Hanke is a Professor of Applied Economics and Co-Director of the Institute for Applied Economics, Global Health, and the Study of Business Enterprise at The Johns Hopkins University. Throughout his career, Prof. Hanke, has advised numerous world leaders, from US President Reagan to Indonesia's President Suharto, on managing currency reforms, infrastructure development, privatization, and hyperinflation. In addition to his role at The Johns Hopkins University, Prof. Hanke is a Senior Fellow and Director of the Troubled Currencies Project at the Cato Institute in Washington, D.C., a Special Counselor to the Center for Financial Stability in New York, a contributing editor at Central Banking in London, a contributor at Forbes and is also a member of both the Charter Council of the Society of Economic Measurement and of Euromoney Country Risk's Experts Panel.

LISA HANLE •

Senior Fellow at the GHG Management Institute

Lisa Hanle is a senior fellow at the GHG Management Institute (GHGMI) where she supports capacity building efforts related to GHG inventories. Previously, she worked at the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) where she supported the international negotiations and implementation processes related to GHG reporting and review.

Lisa worked for over a decade in the U.S. Government, serving on the U.S. delegation to several international meetings. She also supported development of the annual U.S. GHG inventory, was a core member of the team that developed the first mandatory, facility-level GHG reporting program in the United States, and served as a lead author for the 2006 Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change Guidelines for National Greenhouse Gas Inventories.

JASON HICKEL • @jasonhickel

Anthropologist at the London School of Economics

Jason Hickel is an anthropologist at the London School of Economics. His research focuses on the political economy of development, poverty, inequality and climate change. He is the author of a number of books, most recently *The Divide: A Brief Guide to Global Inequality and its Solutions* (Penguin 2017). In addition to his academic work, Jason is a regular contributor to *The Guardian*, *Al Jazeera*, and other online outlets.

DHARMENDRA KANANI •

Director of Strategy at Friends of Europe

Dharmendra Kanani is Director of Strategy at Friends of Europe. Prior to joining Friends of Europe, Kanani was Director of Policy at the European Foundation Centre (EFC). Previously, he was the England Director at the Big Lottery Fund, the largest independent funder in the UK and fourth largest in the world. He has held senior positions in the public and voluntary sector and adviser to numerous ministerial policy initiatives across the UK.

LEO MICHEL •

Non-resident Senior Fellow of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security

Leo Michel is Visiting Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (Helsinki), and Non-resident Fellow, Atlantic Council (Washington.) He retired from the Defense Department in 2015, where he served as Distinguished Research Fellow at National Defense University and held positions in the Office of the Secretary of Defense, including Director for NATO Policy, Director for Non-Nuclear Arms Control, and Deputy US Representative, US-Russia Bilateral Consultative Commission. He previously served in the CIA and US Navy, worked as a congressional staffer, and as a reporter for French media. He holds degrees from Johns Hopkins School for Advanced International Studies and Princeton University.

KRISTJAN PRIKK • @MoD_Estonia

Undersecretary for Defence Policy

Prikk most recently served as the Director of National Security and Defence Coordination Unit at the Government Office of Estonia. Prikk has also worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and has led international cooperation in the Ministry of Defence. He is a graduate of Political Science from the University of Tartu and holds a Master's degree in Strategic Studies from the U.S. Army War College.

MAIVE RUTE • @MaiveRute

Deputy Director General, Joint Research Centre, European Commission Science and Knowledge service

Maive Rute joined the European Commission in 2005 to become Director for the Promotion of SMEs, Competitiveness and Entrepreneurship in DG Enterprise and Industry. She brought in her extensive management experience in the Estonian public sector, notably three years spent as a Managing Director of the Rural Credit Guarantee Fund and five years as CEO of the Estonian Credit and Export Guarantee Fund KredEx. In the Commission, Ms Rute also worked as Director for Biotechnologies, Food and Agriculture Research and as a Resource Director in DG Research and Innovation. Ms Rute graduated as an agricultural economist from the Estonian University of Life Sciences and holds an MBA from the Danube University Krems, Austria, and a Masters in international politics from CERIS, Belgium.

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Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Funderbeam

Kaidi is a former CEO of Nasdaq Tallinn Stock Exchange and of the Central Securities Depository. She is also the co-Founder of Estonian Service Industry Association. Her Startup, Funderbeam combines startup analytics, syndicated investing, and trading on the secondary market. Powered by blockchain technology, the marketplace delivers capital to startups and on-demand liquidity to investors worldwide. A lawyer by training, she co-authored the Estonian Digital Signatures Act of 2000, a landmark legislation that enables secure digital identities and, in turn, the country's booming electronic economy.

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Sculptor, and Development Manager at Bunker

Alma Selimovic is a sculptor, born in Rijeka(1981), Croatia, but was raised by her grandparents in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH), where she often watched her grandfather carve figurines out of wood to keep her entertained. She lived in Sarajevo throughout the war and later enrolled at the Sarajevo Academy of Fine Arts. In addition to her work as an artist, Alma became involved in LGBTQ activism in Sarajevo, which resulted in a series of threats of violence that ultimately led her to relocate to the USA, where she was granted political asylum in 2009. As a sculptor, Alma draws on her experience of balancing different senses of identity and cultural influences in an attempt to reach 'the humanness beyond these identities and communities, the true emotions and selves'.

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SLACK USER GUIDE

WHAT IS SLACK?

Slack is a communication tool used by the European Young Leaders network to discuss, brainstorm and share information. The tool also allows sharing files, making private calls and sending private and group messages.

Slack can be accessed from web as well as from desktop and mobile applications. Slack supports Android, iOS and Windows interfaces.

For more information, please watch this short video guide '[Getting to know Slack](#)'.

HOW DO I JOIN THE EYL40 SLACK TEAM?

You can join the EYL40 Slack team by invitation only. Invitations are sent to the email addresses provided by European Young Leaders. Click 'Join team' on the invitation message, set up your password and create your profile. The website to connect to Slack is <https://eyl40.slack.com>

In case you didn't receive the invitation email or accidentally deleted it, you can request a new invitation by contacting Iiris André (iiris.andre@friendsofeurope.org, +32 2 300 29 95).

HOW DO I CREATE MY PROFILE?

Personal profiles are a great way to connect with your fellow European Young Leaders. Creating your profile in Slack is very quick and easy – it takes less than 30 seconds. However, please note that you can only create a complete profile on Slack's web version.

When creating your profile, you should include your picture, contact details, social media channels, a short biography (you can shorten the official EYL40 biography, for example), key interests, your country as well as the year of your EYL40 class.

You will find an example of a complete user profile on the right for your reference.

HOW DO I INSTALL SLACK ON MY SMARTPHONE?

You can install the Slack application on your smartphone on Google Play or on the App Store. Once the application is installed, you can log on to Slack by entering the team name (EYL40), the email address to which you received the invitation and the password you chose when accessing Slack for the first time.



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HOW DOES THE EYL40 SLACK TEAM WORK?

There are two ways to communicate with your team members in Slack: channels and direct messages.

The EYL40 Slack team's page consists of different channels. At the moment, the team members can access four core channels:

- ◆ #eyl40chat: Channel for all European Young Leaders and Friends of Europe staff to exchange news, updates, plans to meet up, and more
- ◆ #2017class: Channel for the members of the 2017 class of the European Young Leaders
- ◆ #keydocuments: Channel for sharing official documents, such as event programmes, biographies and reports
- ◆ #eyl40ontwitter: Channel that displays all tweets shared on the @EYL40 Twitter account

When you join Slack, you are automatically added to #eyl40chat and #keydocuments.

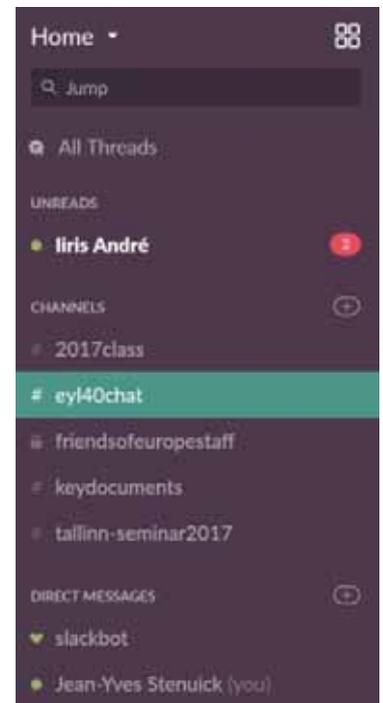
For seminars, new channels, such as #tallin-seminar2017, are created, and the registered participants are automatically added.

The channels are displayed on the left side bar of the platform, under title 'Channels'. You can create, join or unjoin a channel by clicking the title 'Channels'.

You can write direct messages and call other EYL40 Slack team members by either clicking their username/profile or by clicking the 'Direct messages' title of the left side bar of the platform. You can send direct messages to individual members or choose up to eight recipients.

Unread messages to channels are displayed with a red ellipsis next to the channel name. Unread direct messages are also marked with red. Alternatively, the channel name can be displayed in bold.

If you are using Slack on mobile, you can access channels and direct messages by clicking the EYL40 logo on the top left hand corner.



MORE QUESTIONS?

Slack Help Centre includes several [Slack Guides](#) dedicated to different features of the platform.

Your Slack contacts will automatically include Slackbot, who you can ask simple questions on using Slack.

You can also be in touch with Iris André (iris.andre@friendsofeurope.org, +32 2 300 29 95) with any questions on the EYL40 Slack team.

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