



CZECH-GERMAN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

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The Czech-German Young Professionals Program (CGYPP) established in 2008 is an international network of young experts, multipliers, movers and shakers from Germany and the Czech Republic from the fields of academia, business, media, politics, public administration and NGO.

Goals

CGYPP creates a growing international network for future leaders, experts, multipliers, movers and shakers from Germany and the Czech Republic. The program aspires to give young professionals impulses and opportunities to develop their professional personality in an international and cross field program. By exchanging and sharing experiences and perspectives, the participants not only broaden their horizons, improve communication and intercultural skills but also increase their social capital. Indirectly the program contributes to the better Czech-German relations and mutual understanding.

CGYPP offers

- Three intense and high quality units consisting of seminars, on-site visits, peer-learning and intercultural team-building activities
- Interaction with a broad range of German and Czech distinguished experts
- Opportunity to develop own initiative or project
- Stimulus for future professional career
- Membership in prestigious Alumni network

Participants

CGYPP brings together people with varying professional backgrounds. Each year, 12 young Czech and German professionals from the fields of academia, business, media, politics, public administration and NGO are invited to participate in a series of workshops and to collaborate on relevant economic, political and social issues. The participants must have at least 3 years of relevant working experience and excellent communication skills in English.



Structure

One program year consists of 3 program units (workshops). Each workshop takes place in a different venue: in Berlin, Prague as well as in other cities. The seminars combine different types of activities and learning experiences: lectures give the participants an opportunity to engage in discussions with leading experts from various fields. Essential parts of the program are the workshops where participants present results of their mini projects. Peer learning and team building activities create a very friendly and collaborative environment. Last but not least, each seminar contains several on-site excursions to theme-related institutions, organizations and otherwise difficult to access venues.

Sustainability

The outcome of the CGYPP is a growing international network of committed and talented people. It offers the chance to make valuable contacts with both participants and visiting experts from Germany and the Czech Republic. The network is kept alive by annual meetings, other Alumni events as well as via social media. The alumni actively contribute to the network with their knowledge and contacts and help in organizing future program years.

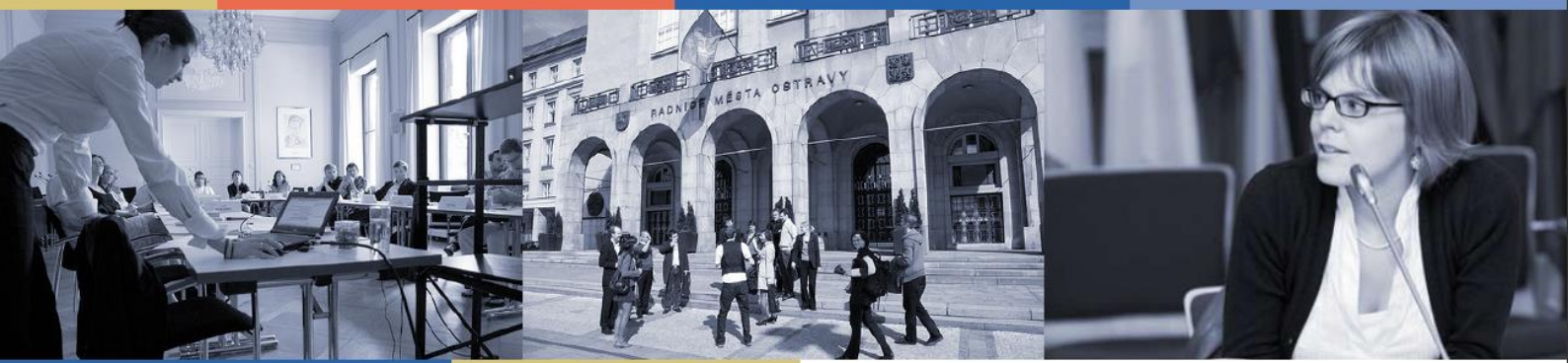
2016 program topic "Society at Risk – Czech and German Answers"

The topic of the seventh year "Society at Risk: Czech and German answers" focuses on social and political challenges linked to the living in the Czech Republic and Germany. Our modern societies are more dynamic than ever. Although we have shared history and culture for many centuries, only the full integration into globalized world after 1989 shifted our interconnectedness into a new level. Both countries are prospering and experiencing golden eras of our long history.

By attending CGYPP, you will explore various aspects of social and political challenges and its various dimensions and compare German and Czech strategies in economic, political and social terms. By exchanging your experiences and visions, you will contribute to a discussion on how to adapt to and benefit from global challenges, public demand on participation in decision-making process and social changes. Inspired by new ideas, tools and contacts, you will have a chance to benefit from the program in your individual professional and private life.

Locations and timeline

1. Berlin, 30 March – 2 April 2016 (Wednesday evening – Saturday afternoon)
2. Prague, 23 – 26 June 2016 (Thursday evening – Sunday morning)
3. Cross-border study trip, 8 – 11 September 2016 (Thursday evening – Sunday morning)



Who can apply?

Young professionals with at least 3 years' work experience from the Czech Republic and Germany with strong interest in cross-sector and cross-border cooperation who speak fluent English.

How to apply?

Please send us a cover letter in English (2 pages max.) along with a CV (in tabular form) to contacts below by 21 February 2016.

In case of your acceptance, we charge a one-time participation fee of 150 EUR (50 EUR per unit). We cover your program arrangement, travel expenses, accommodation, and board. You are expected to attend all program component units in full.

Selection of candidates

Each year, a bilateral jury composed of representatives of the organizing institutions selects future participants. The selection is based on the quality of the applicant's CV and cover letter. An interest in current political, economic, social and cultural issues and a desire to learn more about contemporary Czech-German relations are crucial.

Companies have the opportunity to nominate their young professionals directly and acquire a company chair (please contact us directly for more information).

Organizers and partners

The program has been co-organized by the Czech AMO and German European Academy Berlin. Since its pilot year in 2008, the program has been co-funded by the Czech-German Future Fund, www.fondbudoucnosti.cz.



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