









# CZECH-GERMAN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

The Czech-German Young Professionals Program (CGYPP) established in 2008 is an international network of Czech and German open-minded young experts from the fields of academia, business, media, politics, public administration and NGOs who are willing to engage publicly and feel responsibility for the joint future of both countries in Europe.



## **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

### **CGYPP 2017 TOPIC:**

#### SOLIDARITY, STABILITY AND SECURITY IN POST-FACTUAL TIMES

International terrorism, hybrid warfare, populism, Brexit, migration: a feeling of uncertainty and vulnerability is spreading across Europe. The social, economic and political order seems to be in question; the public is losing faith in their political leaders. Moreover, this worrying vision of a 'post-factual' society, where fears, prejudice and feelings seem to play a far more significant role than do facts, has arisen.

What does this situation mean for the future of the Czech Republic and of Germany? Is there an opportunity to create a stable future out of ordinary people's impressions and concerns? Or a way to make European cooperation, welfare and security certain in times when populists and demagogues are succeeding in manipulating large sections of the general public? Or an option for re-establishing trust between people and political or social elites?

You will explore a variety of aspects and dimensions of political and social challenges and will compare German and Czech strategies in economic, political and social terms. By exchanging your experience and visions you will contribute towards a discussion on how Czechs and Germans are looking to the future. 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. Prague, 30 March 2 April 2017 (Thursday evening Sunday noon)
- 2. Berlin, 8-11 June 2017 (Thursday evening Sunday noon)
- 3. Cross-border study trip, 7-10 September 2017 (Thursday evening Sunday noon)

#### 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. Private companies have an opportunity to obtain a company chair for their young professionals (please contact us directly for more information).

#### **HOW TO APPLY?**

Please send us a cover letter in English (2 pages max.) along with a CV (in tabular form) by February 15, 2017.

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.

#### **CONTACTS**

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