





Czech-German Young Professionals Program 2011/2012

# Managing the Unpredictable: The Future of Work and Education

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#### INTRODUCTION

The Czech-German Young Professionals Program (CGYPP) is an international network for young professionals from Germany and the Czech Republic. The program interlinks the fields of business, media, public administration and NGOs.

Twelve young professionals from Germany and the Czech Republic are invited to participate in a series of workshops and to collaborate on relevant economic, political and social issues. The participants have the unique opportunity to enter into discussion with distinguished experts and to acquire practical advice, ideas and impulses for their future professional careers.

CGYPP connects people with different professional backgrounds. By exchanging and sharing experiences and perspectives, the participants not only broaden their horizons but also increase their social capital.

The program year 2011/2012 starts in October 2011. Apply until September 25, 2011.



#### THEME

# Managing the Unpredictable: The Future of Work and Education

The future has never been as unpredictable as it seems today. Economic opportunities and job profiles appear, and disappear just as fast. The students of today have to prepare themselves for challenges which do not yet exist, for technologies that have not yet been invented, in order to solve questions that are still to be asked. The best possible education and an enduring willingness to learn are the essential ingredients for making a good living in our changing world.

What will our workplaces and educational institutions look like in the coming decades? What impact will modern technologies have on our lives? Are the European educational systems capable of preparing young people for the ever-changing requirements of the work market? Or, do we need new institutions to bring about innovation in the educational system? And what role do companies play in supporting the young potential they will later need?



#### INFORMATION

#### What does the program offer?

- Over the span of one year, four three-day workshops in Germany and the Czech Republic offering expert speaker presentations and discussions, on-site visits, peer learning and team building units.
- Accommodation, food and transportation.
- Reimbursement of 50% of traveling costs (arrival and departure to/from the workshops).
- · Certificate confirming participation in the program.
- Membership in a durable Czech-German Alumni network offering regular meetings and events.

#### Who can apply?

Young professionals from the Czech Republic and Germany with a strong interest in cross-field and cross-border cooperation, working in one of the following fields: politics, public administration, media, the non-governmental sector and business. The program is intended for professionals with at least three years of work experience. Fluent spoken English is essential.

#### How to apply?

Please send (via email only) a cover letter in English explaining your interest in attending the program (approximately two pages) along with a CV in a table form. A bilateral jury will select the participants in October. The selection is based on the quality of the applicant's CV and cover letter.



#### INFORMATION

**Companies** have the opportunity to acquire a company chair for their young professionals. Please contact us directly for more information.

### German candidates send their applications to DGAP, Berlin:

Dr. Jennifer Schevardo » schevardo@dgap.org

## Czech candidates send their applications to AMO, Prague:

Václav Bacovský » vaclav.bacovsky@amo.cz

#### Timeline of the program year 2011/2012:

- 1. Opening and first unit:

  Prague (November 10 to 13, 2011)
- 2. Second unit:
  Frankfurt on the Main (January 19 to 22, 2012)
- 3. Third unit:
  Brno (March 29 to April 1, 2012)
- 4. Forth unit / Alumni meeting: Berlin (June 14 to 17, 2012)

**Please note** that participants are expected to attend all program units in full length. Each program unit begins on Thursday evening and ends on Sunday morning.

For more information see: » www.cgypp.eu

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