

EFA IG France

European Forum Alpbach 2011
"Justice – Responsibility for the future"

GRANT CALL



18 August – 3 September 2011

Alpbach / Tyrol / Austria

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Target group

The grant is designed for **Students, young graduates and young workers from EU Member States and associated Countries** focusing on European policy-making, European issues and who are active in EU-related debates and reflection groups (E.g. students and graduates, trainees and young employees working in European institutions, Permanent Representations, offices of regions/companies active in the European context).

Coverage

The grants are sponsored by the private sector and notable personalities and institutions. The grants cover entirely the participation fees (€ 500) of the European Forum Alpbach (EFA) for all 16 days and accommodation expenses. Travel arrangements will however remain at the charge of the participant.

Award

Applicants will be informed of the result of their application around mid-June by the France Grants Team: European Forum Alpbach – Initiative Group France.

Eligibility criteria

- Curriculum Vitae (max. 2 pages)
- Letter of motivation (max. 6 000 signs) in English for French applicants, in French for international students
- Letter of recommendation (at least one but preferably two – in French, English or German)
- Confirmation of study performance (e.g.: by graduation certificates)

NOTE: please enclose to the application also your contact address (post address/ (mobile) telephone number/ e-mail address) so that we can contact you – if necessary – before and during the summer holidays!



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Please send your application by email to:

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Deadline for applications: Friday 31 May 2011

For further information : <http://igfrance.wordpress.com>

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

On the European Forum Alpbach

Since it was founded in **1945**, the European Forum has taken place annually in the second half of August, in the picturesque village of Alpbach in the Tyrolean mountains, which provides an impressive frame for an open and interdisciplinary discourse. Shortly after WW II, the idea of an intellectual exchange with participants coming from different European countries was quite revolutionary. Today, the European idea is higher on the Agenda than ever. The support of unification and cooperation at the level of the European continent shall be at the core of Alpbach's Congress activities. The European Forum Alpbach is currently presided by **Erhard Busek**, former Vice Chancellor of Austria and Special Co-ordinator of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe.

On the EFA spirit

For more than fifty years, the Forum has attracted high representatives from politics, economy, science, culture and media from all over Europe and beyond with its programme and its specific offer of a unique informal, supranational platform. **It has become a traditional meeting place for leading representatives from science, economy, politics, culture and media ; more than 2.500 people took part to last year's edition. Right from the beginning students and young graduates have been invited to participate in the forum and to join discussions as well as to contribute to the debate.**



By awarding grants, the **EFA IG France** intends to support an increasing participation of students, young graduates and young workers, in order to

- strengthen the contacts between youngs, "Europe" and the Forum Alpbach
- support the European discourse in the frame of the Forum Alpbach
- enhance the understanding and cooperation among young professionals and academics in Europe.

Both the productive atmosphere of dialogue and the gorgeous location of the Forum ensure an excellent experience in Alpbach.

On the Forum organisation

The Forum focuses on discussions in the fields of science, politics, economy and culture. The first week has a strong scientific approach: seminars and plenary sessions alternate. The second week with its Technology Forum, Health Symposium, Media Symposium and Political Events is more oriented towards current professional priorities and is well echoed in the media, politics and the business community.

Languages used are primarily German and English. Although a basic command of German is helpful, it is not indispensable. All the conferences offers interpretation services and half of the seminars are held in English. The strong European character of the Forum generates a multilingual debating platform. Interested groups often organise meetings/Kamingespräche in their chosen language, French for instance.

On the Forum experience

Take for instance 2009, the European Forum Alpbach displayed uncanny foresight when it chose »Trust« as its general theme. For an analysis of the financial crisis, which looks set to remain the most burning international issue through 2009, was impossible without a thorough inquiry about the phenomenon of trust. The question of trust is equally important in politics, whether you look at it on a national, continental or global level. In the tradition of the European Forum Alpbach the general topic were discussed by a variety of scientific disciplines and taking into account various approaches and perspectives. On the one hand the participants were given the choice of 14 one-week seminars such as "The biologie of emotions", "Political trust and the role of religion" or "Global contracts, economic crisis and rebuilding trust". On the other hand the Alpbach symposia approached the issue of trust from a more practice-oriented vantage point. A plethora of panel discussions were thrown giving the opportunity to debate the most burning current issues in the fields of technology, economics, banking, healthcare, international politics and with guests such as Ban Ki Moon. The 2011 edition will focus on "**Justice – Responsibility for the future**".

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