



CZECH-GERMAN YOUNG PROFESSIONALS PROGRAM

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CGYPP OFFERS:

- Three intense and high-quality units consisting of seminars, on-site visits, peer-learning and team-building activities in different cities
- Interaction of participants with a broad range of German and Czech distinguished experts
- Opportunity to develop one's own project ideas
- Improvement of intercultural, leadership, presentation and media skills
- Membership in a prestigious Alumni network

CGYPP 2020 TOPIC:

Sustainable Business & Lifestyle - Czech and German Answers

Europe will be the world's first climate neutral continent - at least according to the newly elected president of the EU commission, Ursula von der Leyen. To what extent this ambitious goal can be met, remains to be seen. But these climate-friendly announcements cannot conceal the deeply rooted discrepancy in member states' environmental policies. In most cases, conflicts do not so much concern the overall perception of a problem or the goals to be achieved. The basic question dividing the EU rather is, whether it is necessary to regulate a given problem by new legislation (top-down) - or whether it is sufficient to rely on mechanisms of self-commitment and "the market" (bottom-up). Against this background, the 11th edition of the Czech-German Young Professionals Program (CGYPP) aims at exploring the reasons behind the fundamental differences dividing EU member states in their environmental policies. Comparing Germany and the Czech Republic we will ask how Czechs and Germans perceive the environmental problems we are facing today. Who, do they think, is "in charge" of solving these problems? What political and economic incentives do start-ups and companies need to contribute to a more sustainable form of modern life? And to what extent are people willing to change their behaviour in a way as not to reduce their own "ecological footprint"? Should we try to bring about societal change - and if so: how? We want to discuss these questions creatively, interactively and polemically with a wide range of political and economic leaders, with leading journalists and experts - and we want to share our insights with the general public.

LOCATIONS AND TIMELINE

1. Berlin, March 12-15, 2020
2. Prague, June 18-21, 2020
3. Cross-border, September 24-27, 2020

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