

GERMANYMEETSTURKEY

a forum for young leaders

Call for Applications 2008

Germany Meets Turkey – A Forum for Young Leaders

A program of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (ICD) and the Robert Bosch Stiftung in cooperation with the Istanbul Policy Center of the Sabanci University

Application Deadline: April 30, 2008

The Institute for Cultural Diplomacy (icd) is pleased to announce that it is now taking applications for this year's round of the Germany Meets Turkey - A Forum for Young Leaders (GMT) program. Six Turkish and six German participants will be selected and together with an already established group of twelve young leaders, they will take part in a week-long exchange to Turkey in October 2008. In 2009 the twelve new participants will return for a one-week exchange to Germany and in doing so they will join another newly selected group of twelve young leaders.

Germany Meets Turkey is an interdisciplinary networking program, which in addition to the week-long study tour, includes additional local events, to be organized by network members in the form of leadership initiatives.

We welcome applications from young leaders between the ages of 28 and 38 from all fields, including business, politics, science, education, culture and media, and who are interested in building a sustainable interdisciplinary network as the basis for a solid, long-term relationship between the two countries.

The selected participants will spend one week touring Turkey, visiting the cities of Ankara and Istanbul. The interdisciplinary program will include:

- guest speakers from the fields of business, politics, academia, science, culture and media;
- exposure to various aspects of national culture;
- formal discussions focusing on German-Turkish relations and other topics determined by representatives of business, politics, culture, science and the media;
- informal discussions among the young leaders and the planning of joint initiatives to take place after the study tour (leadership initiatives);

Germany Meets Turkey is a joint program of the Institute for Cultural Diplomacy and the Robert Bosch Stiftung. The program's Turkish partner is the Istanbul Policy Centre of the Sabanci University in Istanbul.

Participation in the program is free of charge. Accepted participants, however, will be responsible for travel expenses and travel organization to and from the study tour. Upon acceptance to the program, applicants may request financial assistance on an individual basis.

Additional information about the program, the application and the selection process are now available online at www.germanymeetsturkey.org. **Applications must be submitted no later than April 30, 2008.**

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