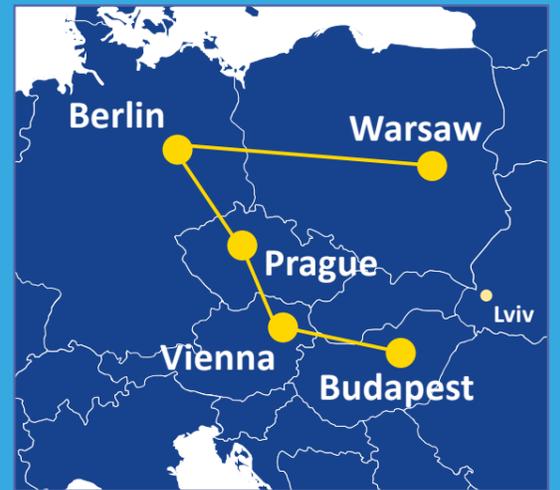




CENTRAL
Leadership
program



Applications are open through
31 March 2026

(online submission; selected candidates may be invited to an interview)

Join the CENTRAL Leadership Program *for a strong Central Europe*

With the CENTRAL Leadership Program, we strengthen the leadership skills of young researchers and prepare them for challenging positions, particularly in politics, diplomacy, and public service.

The program's core element is a **three-week mobile Summer School**, taking participants through five Central European capitals. Spanning one academic year, the program offers in-depth insights into the politics, history, and cultures of Central Europe.

Developed in cooperation with foreign ministries and selected local NGOs, the program combines leadership and soft-skills training with visits to political institutions, networking opportunities, and access to a vibrant alumni community.

Travel, accommodation, and the program's content are offered free of charge for **five committed Master's students and doctoral candidates per university**. Participants are expected to actively contribute to the program—either through short case studies or through engagement in the alumni network (e.g. supporting an alumni event or a related initiative).

Join us on a journey that strengthens your leadership skills and deepens your connection to Central Europe. Apply and help shape a strong and responsible Central Europe.

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