The Munich Young Leaders
Promoting the Future Generation in Security Policy
ABOUT THE MSC

Over the course of the past five decades, the Munich Security Conference (MSC) has developed into the world’s leading forum for the debate of international security policy. Each February, it brings together more than 450 senior decision-makers and thought-leaders from around the world to engage in an intensive debate on current and future challenges. Repeatedly rated as “Best Think Tank Conference” in the world, the MSC provides a one-of-a-kind opportunity to discuss policy at the highest level in a protected and informal space. In addition to its annual flagship conference, the MSC regularly convenes high-profile events on particular topics and regions and publishes the Munich Security Report. Our goal will always be to provide the best possible platforms for an open exchange of opinions, ideas, and solutions on the critical security policy issues of our time.

ABOUT THE KÖRBER STIFTUNG

Körber-Stiftung is one of Germany’s leading private foundations. Its focus is on current social challenges, addressing these through its operational projects, in the framework of public debates, in its networks and with partner organisations. Founded in 1959 by the entrepreneur Kurt A. Körber, the foundation is active both on a national and international level from its offices in Hamburg and Berlin. With its International Affairs programme, Körber-Stiftung is dedicated to promoting international understanding as well as strategic thinking in German and European foreign policy.
ABOUT THE MYL PROGRAMME

The Munich Young Leaders programme is a joint project of Körber-Stiftung and the Munich Security Conference. The programme, launched in 2009, offers aspiring experts and young decision-makers from all over the world an international platform to take part in important political debates, strengthen their personal and professional networks, exchange ideas on foreign and security policy with high-ranking political figures, and engage in an intergenerational and interdisciplinary dialogue.

ABOUT THE MUNICH YOUNG LEADERS

In 2019 Körber-Stiftung and the Munich Security Conference celebrated the 10th anniversary of the programme. To date, more than 270 talented minds from over 60 countries have become part of the Munich Young Leaders. Among them are ministers, members of parliament, senior civil servants, commanders and leading political experts from some of the world’s most distinguished institutions. They come from a wide range of backgrounds including governments, national and regional parliaments, civil society, academia, think tanks, the media and the private sector. Every year, a new cohort of 25 outstanding talents joins the Munich Young Leaders programme to discuss and exchange ideas with high-ranking personalities and key decision-makers at the Munich Security Conference. Candidates are identified by German Embassies in selected countries. In coordination with the Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Körber-Stiftung nominates the participants out of the proposals submitted.

THE EVENTS

In addition to the annual gathering of the new Munich Young Leaders cohort in February, the Munich Security Conference and Körber-Stiftung invite all Munich Young Leaders to the Annual Meetings, which are organised in cooperation with a smaller alumni group from a host country. So far, these gatherings have been held in Washington, DC, Moscow, Berlin, Kyiv, Warsaw, Rabat, Madrid and New York. At the Annual Meetings, the alumni meet with senior personalities and decision-makers from the host country to discuss foreign and security policy in light of the specific regional context, and to share experiences and recommendations. Throughout the year, Munich Young Leaders also participate in various events organised by the Munich Security Conference and Körber-Stiftung.
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