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Dear Laches, Mas Centlemen,

The Coronavirus pandemic continues to affect our lives in many ways and it has been sparing neither our daily habits nor many of our longstanding traditions: For the first time in its successful forty-year history we had to cancel our prestigious annual Manfred-Wörner-Seminar, due to COVID-19 related safety-concerns in 2020.

However, we are optimistically looking ahead at the year 2021 and I'm pleased to inform you that we are planning for a coequal event. Two interations of the Euro-Atlantik Seminar, from 28 August to 5 September and from 2 to 10 October 2021 will be compensating for and combining 2020's cancelled Manfred-Wörner-Seminar with the also cancelled Europa-Seminar.

Following the Manfred-Wörner-Seminar's tried and trusted approach, the Euro-Atlantik Seminar will be designed to enhance transatlantic relations and dialogue. The nine-day programme will bring together junior leaders from Germany, from member countries of the European Union as well as from the United States and will provide the opportunity to learn about various aspects of transatlantic security politics. Travelling to several locations across Germany, Belgium and the Netherlands participants are going to meet with expert international speakers who are going to share their views and expertise from their various respective focal points. The itinerary is planned to include visits to federal German as well as EU and NATO institutions, as far as then current safety conditions will be permitting. Lastly and most importantly the programme will provide ample opportunity to engage in quality discussions with other participants and enhance personal networking.



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Audiences of each iteration will be groups of 30 young professionals from both continents, between 25 and 35 years of age, with experience in political, economic or academic leadership.

We kindly ask you to disseminate this information and encourage interested young professionals to apply for participation in either of our first ever Euro-Atlantik Seminars. Amongst all applicants the Bundeswehr Centre for Public Affairs is going to select and put together the groups of participants. Individual financial contributions of **300€ per person** include all accommodation and travel during the seminar as well as meals.

English will be the common language throughout both seminars.

We kindly ask all application forms to be submitted electronically and in English language to <u>SicherheitspolitikSeminare@Bundeswehr.org</u> by **11 April, 2021**.

We further request a letter of motivation, a CV, a brief job description as well as a current photo (JPG) to be added to the application.

In the light of possible future uncertainties related to the COVID-19 pandemic, please note that all plans for the programme as well as the seminar itself are to be considered under reserve at this point. Nonetheless we like to be optimistic and ask interested individuals not to be discouraged from submitting their application.

More information in German language about our seminars can be found at https://www.bundeswehr.de/de/organisation/streitkraeftebasis/aktuelles/veranst altungen-der-streitkraeftebasis.

For any questions our friendly staff will be at your disposal under +49 (0) 3341 - 58 - 2052 or -2055.

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