

Call for Application!

Application Deadline: August 8th, 2015

**F&S European Autumn Academy –
Progressive Outlook on Structural Change of the Energy Sector through
Youth Empowerment**

Leipzig, Germany, September 26 to October 3, 2015.

What impact does the “Energiewende” (energy transition) have on the lives of young people in lignite areas? What does a transition mean for their regions? Which futures do these regions have? How can future generations take part in the change?

DESCRIPTION

The withdrawal from emission rich coal energy technology to achieve various political goals poses both risks and opportunities. Doubts about the viability of coal as energy source are becoming louder due to the negative impacts of coal on the environment and climate. Nevertheless, as some cases show, the withdrawal from coal can open the chance to thrive a renewable energy sector and to spurn new investments in these regions (e.g. in new forms of tourism). The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) will host a one-week interdisciplinary Autumn Academy in Leipzig, which will explore and discuss benefits and risks of coal energy from ecological, economical and socio-political angles. The aim is to develop a progressive outlook on opportunities and risks of structural change in major coal and lignite coal bases of Southern and Central Eastern Europe. It is therefore important that the perspective of young adults on their current situation and on their views on the future of their regions is embedded in any decision-making process, as they will be directly affected. Furthermore, their innovative power is needed to create change that effectively increases human well-being and to devise a sustainable future. By using the example of lignite areas in Eastern Germany, participants will be guided by experts and practitioners to gain critical knowledge and exchange on different thematic issues. In international teams they will transform their knowledge into action, and also learn how to present your findings in a multimedia way. At the end of the Autumn Academy, the outcomes will be presented to and discussed with different stakeholders and representatives from industry, science, politics and society.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung is pleased to invite 40 participants from different countries and lignite areas in Europe to Leipzig, Germany, from September 26 to October 3, 2015.

The F&S will cover all expenses including accommodation and travel costs.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

The European Autumn Academy is designed for students of **Human Geography, Renewable Energy, Environmental Engineering, Social and Political Sciences and Economics** as well as young **civil society actors**, mainly from European regions which have been affected by structural change through the reduction of lignite coal mining. Students of other disciplines are welcome to apply in case they show a special interest in the topic and program of the Autumn Academy.

As the research results will be documented and reported in a multimedia way in the form of an online dossier, we explicitly **invite young journalists** to our training. If you happen to be a young media-maker, please click here to find more information: www.fes.autumnacademy.org/media.

You must be **enrolled as a student**, aged **18-30** and able to communicate professionally in **English**.

For your application you need to submit a **short CV in English** and to fill in the **application form** at www.fes.autumnacademy.org. Deadline for application: 08 August 2015, 23:59 GMT.

The FES respects an adequate balance of nationalities and at the same time promotes gender balance among participants.

BEHIND THE PROJECT

The FES European Autumn Academy is organized by the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES), one of the largest political foundations in Germany, is committed to the ideas and basic values of social democracy. The project will be accompanied by the Fraunhofer Center for International Management and Knowledge Economy, Leipzig, and the Berlin-based NGO Demokratie & Dialog e.V..

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Where: Leipzig, Germany

When: 26th of September to 03rd of October 2015

Who: 40 participants from Europe, interested in policy- and decision-making processes and media making such as young journalists, bloggers, podcasters, civil societal actors

How to apply: Please submit your *CV in English* and fill *the application form* at www.fes.autumnacademy.org

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