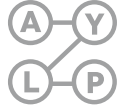


Aspen Young Leaders Program 2017

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DEAR PARTICIPANT,

Welcome to the Aspen Young Leaders Program 2017. Thank you for joining us for four days of talks, lectures, workshops and informal activities that we hope will stimulate, provoke and inspire.

Taking place in a peaceful resort in beautiful natural surroundings of Western Bohemia, the Program is consistent with the basic Aspen idea to step away from daily routine and reflect on various aspects of leadership and underlying societal values. Its uniqueness is defined by a strong emphasis on quality and diversity of speakers, broad array of topics and open conversations. In this way the Program creates a setting conducive to sharing ideas, learning and networking.

We have invited outstanding professionals from Central and Eastern Europe, who will debate the role of leaders and issues critical for the region's development. A balanced

mix of personalities, coming from business, politics, academia and non-profit sector, will surely guarantee provocative perspectives, and trigger further cooperation among those who take part in the Program.

Therefore we invite you to actively engage throughout the whole Program, including its informal parts as they cement the participants network. We truly hope the agenda we have prepared will surpass your expectations and – when it's time to leave, you venture home with new friends, a rejuvenated mind and lots of new ideas.

After completing the Program, you are becoming part of the Aspen Institute alumni network and you are welcome to stay involved in development of the Institute's future activities.

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Program

March 2

- 17:00 - 18:30 Arrivals and Dinner
(Reception, Congress Hotel)
- 19:00 - 19:30 **Welcome Address and Introduction**
Ivan Hodáč, Founder and President,
Aspen Institute Central Europe
Jiří Schneider, Executive Director,
Aspen Institute Central Europe
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 19:30 - 21:30 **Getting to Know Each Other**
Pepper de Callier, Founder and Executive
Director, Prague Leadership Institute
Ivan Hodáč, Founder and President,
Aspen Institute Central Europe
Pavel Řehák, CEO, VIGO Investments
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 21:30 **Informal Networking**
(Indoor Hotel)

March 3

- 9:00 - 10:30 **Business Leadership – Corporations vs. Own Enterprise**
Tomáš Čupr, CEO and Co-Founder, Rohlik.cz & Founder,
Damejidlo.cz & Slevomat.cz
Milan Vašina, CEO, T-Mobile Czech
Republic & Slovak Telekom
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)

- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 - 12:30 **Developing the Leader Within Yourself – Leading by Example**
Radka Dohnalová, Founder and Managing Partner, ATAIRU
Tomáš Řehák, Managing Director, Municipal Library of Prague
Tamar Newberger, Computer Scientist *(AT&T, Catbird...)*
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 12:30 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Workshop – participants' projects**
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 - 17:00 **Transfer to Pilsen**
(Meeting at the Congress Hotel Reception)
- 17:00 - 18:30 **Creative Approach to Leadership**
Yemi A.D., Choreographer, Director, Dancer
(Conference Room, DEPO2015, Pilsen)
- 18:30 - 20:00 **Creative Lab**
(DEPO2015 cafe, Pilsen)
- 20:00 - 24:00 **Dinner & Aspen Network Party**
meeting w/ board, partners, alumni
(DEPO2015 cafe, Pilsen)
- 21:00 - 21:45 **Running a Successful Political Campaign in the 21st Century**
Alexander Braun, Managing Director, SKDKnickerbocker
(DEPO2015 cafe, Pilsen)

March 4

- 9:30 - 11:00 **Current Challenges in Europe**
Mikuláš Dzurinda, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia
Natalie A. Jaresko, Former Minister of Finance, Ukraine
Zsuzsanna Szelenyi, Member of the Parliament, Hungary
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 13:00 **Shaping the Future of Education**
Bob Kartous, Media Relations Manager, EDUin
Branislav Kleskeň, Director, LEAF
Veronika Pavlíková Klindová, Head of Alumni Network, Teach for Slovakia
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 13:00 - 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 - 15:30 **Workshop - Projects Presentations**
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break
- 16:00 - 19:00 **Empowerment & Self-reflection**
(Congress Hotel)
- 19:30 - 24:00 **Dinner & Informal Networking**
(Scullery Restaurant)

March 5

- 9:30 - 11:00 **Dealing with Death in the Era of Modern Medicine**
Irena Závadová, Chief Physician, Cesta domů - The Homecoming
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break
- 11:30 - 12:30 **Final Evaluation and Program Outcomes**
Jiří Schneider, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Central Europe + Aspen Institute Central Europe Team
(Conference Room, Congress Hotel)
- 12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

Speakers



YEMI A.D. During his professional career, Yemi has evolved from a dancer to a choreographer, director and producer. Today he is one of the most wanted creative authors. He had worked for several years with the American superstar Kanye West, with whom he created dozens of concerts and tours around the world. He founded and now leads creative agency JAD Productions, with which he works not only for clients such as Adidas Group, O2 or AVON, but also produces his own projects (Teniskology, Ynspirology). JAD Productions was awarded Best Event Agency in the Czech Republic in 2014, 2015 and 2016 and got European Best Event Award (EuBea) in 2015 and 2016.

 [@YemiAlchemist](#)



ALEXANDER BRAUN is a political and corporate strategist, currently working as the managing director in the Washington DC office of SKDKnickerbocker. He has provided counsel to presidents, prime ministers and other high-level political clients in more than 70 campaigns around the globe. The American Association of Political Consultants named Alex the International Consultant of the Year, and inducted him among its “40 under 40.” Last year he won the Reeds and Goldies awards and Forbes magazine called him a “campaign magician”. In addition to his political work, Alex has conducted hundreds of messaging and brand-positioning studies for non-profits and numerous Fortune 500 corporations. Previously, Alex spent more than a decade as senior vice president of PSB.



TOMÁŠ ČUPR is among the leading young entrepreneurs in Central Europe. He is the CEO and founder of Rohlik.cz, an innovative grocery delivery start-up with 90-minute same day delivery and the biggest online supermarket in the Czech Republic. Tomáš is also a partner in ENERN, an investment group investing in Internet companies and clean energy in CEE region. He lived in Sheffield, UK, in 2005-2010. In 2012, Tomáš started DameJidlo.cz, a food delivery portal, which was bought by Delivery Hero, the #1 global player, in 2014. Tomáš is also the founder and ex-CEO of the Slevomat Group, the largest CEE group of daily deal sites which operates in seven countries and is the market leader in all of them.

 [@tomcuprcz](#)



PEPPER DE CALLIER is an author, newspaper columnist, senior-executive coach, and Founder and Executive Director of the Prague Leadership Institute. He was twice voted the top corporate leadership coach in Europe (2015, 2016) by London-based AI Media. He is also a Founder of the Aspen Institute Central Europe as well as Member of the Supervisory Board.

 [@PepperdeCallier](#)



RADKA DOHNALOVÁ is the founder and managing partner of ATAIRU, an organization serving as a guide for leaders on their path towards understanding their own authenticity and the fundamentals of collaboration. In the past 3 years, ATAIRU has worked with 500+ leaders and 46 organizations from across Europe. Radka is also an acclaimed author of leadership programs and programs specifically designed to develop women leaders. Her passion in videos resulted in creation of Leadership Games - a unique series of video interviews with top Czech leaders. Before founding ATAIRU, Radka has held various positions in business internationally including McKinsey or UN World Food Programme. As part of her MBA program at Harvard Business School, she co-authored *The Authentic and Integrated Leadership Model*.

 @RadkaDohnalova



MIKULÁŠ DZURINDA is the president of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, a political think tank of the EPP based in Brussels. He is the former prime minister of Slovakia (1998-2006) and has held various positions in government since first entering politics in 1990. Once he became prime minister and formed a coalition government in 1998, Dzurinda introduced far-reaching reforms which have enabled Slovakia to begin the process of joining the EU and NATO. After being re-elected in 2002, Dzurinda led Slovakia to become a member of the EU and NATO in 2004, a process which he actively took part in from the beginning. Since Slovakia gained independence in 1993, Dzurinda has also held the position of minister of transportation and more recently that of minister for foreign affairs (from July 2010 to April 2012). Dzurinda is a founding member of the Slovak Democratic and Christian Union - Democratic Party and was chairman of the party from 2000 to 2012. He is a member of the International Advisory Board to president Poroshenko.

 @MDzurinda



IVAN HODÁČ is the founder and president of Aspen Institute Central Europe. He completed his education at the University of Copenhagen and the College of Europe in Bruges. He was the secretary-general of the European Automobile Manufacturers' Association (ACEA) from 2001 until October 2013. Before joining ACEA, Ivan Hodáč was a senior vice-president and the head of the Time Warner Corporate office for Europe. Previously he was also the secretary-general of the trade organization IFMA/IMACE, senior economist at Didier & Associates and an assistant professor at the College of Europe, Bruges. *Financial Times* recently listed him among the most influential personalities in the Brussels politics.

 @IvanHodac



NATALIE A. JARESKO is former Ukraine's finance minister (2014-16). She led the successful negotiation of the largest IMF program in the institution's history, as well as a complex debt restructuring and the reduction of public spending. Currently, she serves as the chair of the Board of Trustees of the Aspen Institute Kyiv. Previously, she spent two decades working as Horizon Capital co-founder and CEO, a fund with over \$600 million under management, and as Western NIS Enterprise Fund president and CEO, creating a platform for private equity investment in the region. She began her career in the United States, serving in the State Department from 1989-92, then continued as the Economic Section chief of the U.S. Embassy in Ukraine from 1992-95.

 @njaresko



BOB KARTOUS is the head of communications and an analyst in think-tank EDUin. He has graduated from Pedagogical Faculty and Faculty of Sports Studies MU in Brno and holds PhD from Media Institute at Faculty of Social Sciences UK. He has been writing about education in several Czech media and serves as regular media commentator of educational events. He teaches at the University of Economics and Management in Prague and is helping to launch the start-up Education Republic. In 2015 he participated on the content creation and realization of Forum 2000 and together with the DOX Centre of Contemporary Art he created *Map of Social Stereotypes*. He has been participating on the implementation of Philip Zimbardo's Heroic Imagination Project. He is also editor of the Czech critical Internet daily *Britské listy*.

 @BohumilKartous



BRANISLAV KLESKEŇ leads LEAF, a non-profit organization focusing on the development of young individuals with the potential to grow into shapers of Slovakia who will demonstrate moral character, excellence, entrepreneurial leadership and civic engagement; regardless of their socio-economic background. The activities of LEAF serve individuals from about 15 to 35 years of age and cover the areas of world-class education for high school students, mitigation of 'brain drain' and development of young professionals. Formerly a partner at McKinsey & Company, Braňo has experience from several continents in improving corporate performance, building new businesses and improving education. He holds an MBA degree from Kellogg Graduate School of Management, Northwestern University.



VERONIKA PAVLÍKOVÁ KLINDOVÁ is the head of Alumni Network, Teach for Slovakia. Through Teach for Slovakia program she was teaching at special school for visually impaired students in Levoča and at elementary school in Bratislava-Vrakuňa. Then she experienced a short internship at the Ministry of Education. During her work in education she also established a project to motivate children *Why School?*. During an internship in Transparency International Slovakia she highlighted the opaque management of the mayor in remote Slovak town Mútne and also pointed at dubious tender of Slovak University of Agriculture in Nitra. She worked in economic *weekly Trend*, where she was writing about health care issues. Beside maternity leave with her few-months-old son, she writes about education for magazine *Týždeň*.



TAMAR NEWBERGER is a computer scientist who has held executive positions and leadership roles in companies such as AT&T, Novell, SCO and most recently at Catbird, a Silicon-Valley start-up focused on cloud security. She began her career as an engineer and member of the technical staff at the late, great Bell Laboratories. Ms. Newberger is also active in promoting technology and science to young women considering careers in these fields. She has served on the board of the Young Women's Leadership Charter School, the only all-girls public school in Chicago, IL emphasizing STEM education, and continues as an active mentor to a graduate. She is on the board of a Chicago women's foundation. Ms. Newberger was also on the technology and media advisory team for Obama for America. She holds MS and BA degrees in Computer Science from Columbia University in New York. Ms. Newberger is the wife of the former United States Ambassador to the Czech Republic.

 @newberger



PAVEL ŘEHÁK is CEO and partner of VIGO Group, which comprises of VIGO Investments and VIGO Foundation. Pavel graduated from the University of Economics in Prague with a degree in International Trade and received an MBA at Northwestern University. He has been active in business for more than 20 years in consulting, corporate roles and as an entrepreneur. In 1999 he joined McKinsey & Company where he specialized in financial services and consumer goods clients in the EU and the US. Between 2006 and 2013 he was a part of the top management of Česká pojišťovna becoming its CEO in 2010 as the youngest CEO in Czech insurance history. Under his leadership, the company achieved a significant increase in customer satisfaction, sales acceleration, and profitability. From 2013 to date, Pavel is building VIGO Group. Their portfolio includes e.g. DIRECT insurance agency – the fastest-growing innovative non-life insurer on the Czech market. At the same time, VIGO Foundation focuses on helping people with autism and on implementing youth education projects.

 @rehak_pavel



TOMÁŠ ŘEHÁK has been the managing director of The Municipal Library of Prague since 2002. His first managerial challenge at the position was the disastrous flood in August 2002 which severely damaged library collections and premises. He started his career at the Library in 1992 and has subsequently worked there as the head of the IT department and the deputy director. Since 1989, Mr. Řehák has been highly involved in the Czech Association of Scouts and Girl Guides. He currently serves as the vice-chairman of the board of directors of Czech Scout Foundation, a foundation which supports Scout movement in the Czech Republic. Mr. Řehák holds a degree in Mathematics from Charles University in Prague.



MILAN VAŠINA graduated at the University of Agriculture in Brno, Faculty of Economy. He has been working in Deutsche Telekom Group since 1997. He began his career as a marketing communication manager and residential segment marketing manager in RadioMobil (now T-Mobile Czech Republic). He then moved to Slovakia and worked for EuroTel (later renamed to T-Mobile Slovakia) on a position of marketing director from 2002 to 2007. Milan was appointed as a managing director of T-Mobile Slovakia in 2007. Following the merge of T-Mobile Slovakia and Slovak Telekom in 2009/2010, Milan became the chief operating officer in marketing, sales and customer care in Slovak Telekom. Since 2011, Milan Vašina has held the position of chief executive officer for T-Mobile Czech Republic and starting from 2016, he was also appointed CEO of Slovak Telekom, becoming the CEO of both companies on both Czech and Slovak market. Milan is strongly involved in philanthropy and he is a member of several professional associations. Milan also is an external lecturer at VŠE.

 @mvasina



JIŘÍ SCHNEIDER is the executive director of the Aspen Institute Central Europe. He graduated from Czech Technical University and obtained a Diploma in Religious Studies from University of Cambridge. He was elected to the Czechoslovak Parliament in 1990 and 1992. In 1993 he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and held various positions at the Czech diplomatic service. Most prominently he served as ambassador to Israel and as the first deputy foreign minister of the Czech Republic. He also lectured at various universities in the Czech Republic. He was closely associated with the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), a leading Czech security think tank.

 @JiriSchneider

Notes



ZSUZSANNA SZELÉNYI is a Member of Parliament in Hungary representing the party Együtt (Together). She is a member of the party's presidential board. Before re-joining to politics in 2013, Ms. Szelenyi served for fourteen years at the Council of Europe advising governments and NGOs on conflict management, human rights and human development issues. In 2010-13, she worked as a human development consultant for international organizations in various Central European and North African countries. Ms. Szelenyi started her career as a founder of Fidesz, a youth party at the régime change in 1988 in Hungary, and was a Member of the first freely elected Parliament. She holds degrees in Psychology, IR, and International Politics & Economics.

 @ZSzelenyi



IRENA ZÁVADOVÁ is a Doctor of Medicine, head of the Department of Palliative Medicine at the Institute for Postgraduate Medical Education and head physician of Home Hospice Cesta domů. After graduating at 1st School of Medicine at Charles University in 1994, Irena started carving her career at 4th Clinic of Internal Medicine, General Teaching Hospice Prague. Then she started working at department of Nephrology at Institute of Clinical and Experimental Medicine and year later, from 1998, at Clinic of Internal Medicine at Military Hospital Prague. Apart from her main duties, Irena lectures at 1st School of Medicine at Charles University as a clinical instructor for medical students.

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Participants



JURAJ BÓNA is the director of marketing and product management for Consumer Segment at Slovak Telekom and T-Mobile CZ. He is a telecommunications professional with almost 14 years of experience. Juraj started his professional career in 1998 as a supervisor and manager at Ernst & Young, where he worked for four years. In 2003, he moved to Slovak Telekom where he became the head of Corporate Finance Department. Since then, he has held various positions in the company, including senior manager for procurement and logistics and senior manager for product management and marketing. Juraj has a degree in Economics which he obtained at The University of Economics in Bratislava in 1997.



PETR DUCHÁČEK is 29 years old, he is the mayor of Drnovice (at Blansko - South Moravia region) since 2010. He is a social marketing manager for TOP 09 where he is a member of The Party Presidency as well. He has also participated in various private projects and part-time jobs (for example community manager for Representation of European Commission in Prague or social media manager of presidential campaign in Karel Schwarzenberg team). He cooperates with the Czech Chamber of Commerce and with the Union of Towns and Municipalities of the Czech Republic.

 @petrduchacek



MAREK DVOŘÁK currently works for Mastercard Advisors as a Managing Consultant responsible for business development of consulting projects in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Austria. Before joining Mastercard, he worked for a biotechnology startup SOTIO as the head of strategy, and for McKinsey & Company as a management consultant. Marek has a BA in Marketing from the University of Colorado at Boulder and an MBA in International Business from Saint Mary's College of California. He was ranked eighth in junior tennis in the Czech Republic. In his free time, Marek enjoys snowboarding, golf, football and fishing.



MICHAL FAŠINA is an IT director in DIRECT insurance agency and Expensa. After finishing his studies on Charles University he worked as IT analyst, project manager and delivery manager at Czech IT company Logos, later bought by NESS Czech. He was responsible for delivery of IT projects in insurance sector. Michal left NESS in 2013 and started his own company dealing with mobile applications development. In 2015, he started a cooperation with VIGO Investment Group that was later bought by Triglav Pojišťovna and then Expensa.



PETR FLÉGL works as the head of development in Economia and as an agile coach. From developer and project manager to his current positions, Petr has forged a solid reputation for helping large-scale organizations better organize their development teams. Having worked with the biggest Czech media houses such as Centrum Holdings, Seznam or Economia, Petr was directly involved in the transition of these companies to agile, which is - at least in the fast-paced Internet environment - a crucial task helping these companies to stay competitive.

 @panflegl



ALBERTO FRONTICELLI is an Italian industrial engineer and market development analyst for GE. After his graduation at Polytechnic University of Turin he decided to move abroad and is now living in Prague for 3 years. Alberto and his team take care of the Central and Eastern European growth strategy for the company. He is deeply interested in the whole energy segment, from production to sale, and in the startup environment, having been employed in a startup incubator. In his spare time, he loves playing football, watching movies, reading books, hanging out with friends and traveling.



DÁNIEL G. SZABÓ is a lawyer currently working on human rights issues at the Hungarian Helsinki Committee. He is also a volunteer lawyer at an investigative journalism center helping journalists. Dániel graduated from Central European University, prior to which he worked as a journalist at Hungary's biggest online news portal. As a journalist he reported on legal matters, corruption and social exclusion. Dániel's fields of expertise are freedom of expression and the right to know, with substantial practice in freedom of information litigation.



KATARÍNA HAZUCHOVÁ is an independent environmental analyst, publisher, lecturer and consultant. She is also an adjunct researcher of a Global Political Trends Center, a presenter of the Climate Reality Leadership Corps, a research associate at the State Institute of Vocational Education and Training in Slovakia and a consultant affiliated with Italy-based think tank Vision&Value. Katarína is a regular speaker at the Economic Forum of Regions, Congress of the Regions and Industrial Forum in Poland, she is also a member of Women Leadership V4+ Group. She completed her master studies in Environmental Sciences at the Comenius University in Bratislava. Among others she held positions at the Ministry of Environment or Water Research Institution in Slovakia and also worked for multinational companies such as IBM.

 @KatarinaHazucho



JAKUB HLÁVKA is a PhD fellow at the Pardee RAND Graduate School in Santa Monica, California, where he works on health policy and national security issues. Since joining RAND, he has contributed to studies for NASA, the Department of Defense, HHS and other institutions. He holds a graduate degree from Georgetown University and has completed fellowships at Genentech, the Fraunhofer Society, Stanford University and the Prague Security Studies Institute. In his spare time, he is an avid triathlete and performs as a violinist with the Santa Monica Symphony and other ensembles. He has been named a Global Shaper by the World Economic Forum and has contributed to projects related to homelessness and economic inequality.

 @JakubHlavka



JUDITH BARBARA HORVÁTH is a development cooperation professional and former diplomat. She is based in Budapest, freelancing and working on social entrepreneurship projects in the field of development cooperation and sustainable communities. She earned her law degree at the University of Pécs (Hungary) and has spent one year in the University of Extremadura (Spain) studying international and European law. Currently she is studying sustainable development and philanthropism. She worked in the Hungarian Foreign Service since 2008, in development cooperation since 2013 and has been selected for the 17th European Diplomatic Program. As a volunteer of Heroes' Square Initiative she teaches people how to transform negative situations and create positive social change.

 @Judit_B_Horvath



LUBICA KARVAŠOVÁ is a Slovak diplomat with focus on European policies. She joined the Slovak Foreign Service in 2011, shortly after having graduated from University of Economics in Bratislava and Paris-Sorbonne University with a degree in International economic relations and EU Affairs. She has a number of EU-relevant experiences including the EU Election Observation Mission in Chad. In 2015, Lubica moved to Brussels as the head of office of the Slovak ambassador to the EU during the first EU Slovak presidency at the Permanent Representation of Slovakia to the EU. She is also a co-author of a first modern book in Slovak on European Diplomacy. Lubica is alumni of several Visegrad and EU programmes for young diplomats, including the 13th European Diplomatic Programme. Her actions are driven by three inner forces: 1. serving the country, 2. firm beliefs in democracy, freedom and cooperation, 3. drive for positive change.

 @LubicaKarvasova



MICHAŁ KOCZALSKI is a managing director of CEC Government Relations Warsaw – part of the leading public affairs agency in Central and Eastern Europe. He is also a co-chair of energy & environment committee at American Chamber of Commerce in Poland as well as a founder & vice-president of Foundation for Electric Vehicles Promotion. Michał is an alumnus of Applied Linguistics at the University of Warsaw. He also graduated from the London School of Public Relations programme at the Public Relations Consultancies Association as well as the School for Leaders. Michał enjoys advising, building strategies and shaping their execution. His spare time is dedicated to his son and the collection of vinyl records.

 @MichalKoczalski



KATEŘINA KOZLOVÁ has recently become a ŠKODA person. This might sound a bit bizarre but once you start to work for this company you simply become not clever but ŠKODA. Kateřina works in the External Affairs department of ŠKODA AUTO and her main job is to make ŠKODA more responsible towards the society. Kateřina graduated at the Faculty of Law at Charles University in Prague and although she started her practice in 2012 as a junior associate and passed her bar exams in 2015 she was loyal to this career only for another year, when at the end of 2016 she has found out that being the attorney at law is not the only job she wants to be committed to. When Kateřina is not working and making her best to orientate within such a huge corporation like ŠKODA AUTO, she loves to fill her veins with endorphins... skiing, playing beach volleyball and whatever other movement comes into her way makes her happy. She is a person full of enthusiasm and empathy.

 @katy_kid



MARTYNA WERONIKA KUNA is a young professional with a strong background in managing international, high-level events, currently working at impactCEE ('new technology, future economy, bringing innovative people and ideas together') where she leads Public Policy and Government Affairs team. She graduated from International Relations (2009) at University of Wrocław, Poland. Martyna lived and worked in multiple countries with the Czech Republic, the USA and China among them. She gained most of her experience in National Bank of Poland, International Department, where she was responsible for International seminars and events co-organized with institutions like EBRD, World Bank, IMF, EIB, ECB etc. She is passionate about bringing a change to the region.



ZUZANNA LEWANDOWSKA is a co-founder and president of The Kings Foundation, an innovative education NGO that helps talented youth from Poland apply to top universities globally. She is a graduate of University of Cambridge, ENS Paris and Harvard University. She worked as public affairs manager for clients including the Israeli Prime Minister's Office, the Council of Europe and the EU. As a consultant in Boston, she worked on education projects for governments in the US and in Europe. Zuzanna is an international speaker on innovation in education and the future of work. Zuzanna is an influencer for the MIT Technology Review Innovators under 35 Poland and a Leadership Academy for Poland fellow. Apart from her NGO work, Zuzanna also manages international relations for the oldest Polish printed magazine Przekrój.

 @LZuzanna



PAVLÍNA LOUŽENSKÁ is a strategist focused on delivering integrated campaigns blending storytelling with a data-driven approach. She is a great communicator with an extensive network of contacts in CEE and has a passion for connecting people and businesses. Pavlína is also a published author and a public speaker at international conferences with a Top30 CZ&SK Klout score. She has 12+ years of experience in training and 6+ years in a managing role both in start-ups and corporations: leading teams of 2 to 120 people. Among other things she is very passionate about female empowerment in the business environment: she started a group, #HolkyzMarketingu, which in 2 years grew into a 3000+ women network with regular meet-ups.

 @pavlina_speaks



JAN LUKAČEVIČ is the chief mechanical designer for the PREDATOR Experiment, supported by the European Space Agency. As a student at the Czech Technical University in Prague, he has worked with technical and non-technical teams in various roles. He also led the Czech branch of the Erasmus Student Network as the elected National Representative in 2014. He earned The British Interplanetary Society Award for Best Technical Paper for his results as the first Central European. Soon starting another space research project focused on 3D printing for use in deep space operations, this 25-year-old space engineer from the Czech Republic has built his leadership skills in diverse fields and hopes to build on his experiences with the Aspen Young Leaders Program.

 @JanLukacevic



ADAM MALCZAK works as a public policy analyst at Google covering Central and Eastern Europe. He is leading the activities of the New Europe 100 project - a list and network of digital innovators from the CEE region. Previously he worked at the Polish Ministry of Interior and was the co-founder of the United Nations Association - Poland, a civil society organization supporting local programmes and promoting the values of the UN. He graduated from King's College London and from London School of Economics and Political Science. His academic interests include global tech policies, the politics of energy in Central and Eastern Europe as well as the history of the European democracies.

 @AdamMalczak



PAULINA MILEWSKA is the CEO of Conflict Foundation which owns Conflict Kitchen - a restaurant co-created by migrants and refugees which has received awards from, among others, Ashoka Foundation and Social Impact. She graduated law from the University of Warsaw and spent a semester at the University of Padova in Italy as an exchange student, expanding her knowledge about migration issues. Paulina practiced law in NGOs such as Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights as well as in private companies. She was a board member and co-founder of Refugees Welcome Polska - polish brand of Flüchtlinge Willkommen and has also completed Humanity in Action fellowship in Berlin for young leaders.



DÁNIEL MRÁZ is a CEO of Prolan Group. After his studies of economics and law he held various positions at the National Bank. Later he co-founded online businesses and a venture capital management company. After that Daniel joined a mid-sized railways and utility automation company in management position as part of the succession plan (founders get retired, next generation comes). Since January 2016 he is taking care of the operation of Prolan group of companies (230 employees) from the position of co-CEO.



ADAM PODHOLA is a co-founder and leader of the Zachraň Jídlo organization. Besides his role in promoting sustainable food consumption he works on a campaign against racism and hate speech at the office of the government in the Czech Republic. In 2015, Adam graduated from the Institute of International Studies at the Charles University in Prague. During his studies he volunteered for Amnesty International where he obtained his passion for human rights. Therefore his first job brought him to the Middle East where he worked on a programme for youth with local human rights activists. The turning point in his career was “Dinner for 1000”, a one-day happening in the Prague city center that later turned into organization Zachraň Jídlo. In 2017, Adam is among the 30 young individuals in 30under30 nomination by *Forbes*.



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