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# PREFACE



## ..... A FORWARD-THINKING PLATFORM

We founded the German-French Young Leaders Conference to create a forward-thinking platform for smart, innovative and dynamic brains from France and Germany. The conference offers the unique opportunity to discuss our common future, to share new ideas and to learn about inspiring solutions.

## ..... A DIVERS & CREATIVE NETWORK

Progress requires energy, audacity, curiosity, open-mindedness, creativity - and a far reaching network to bring it all together. Our participants share these values: they come from the most different backgrounds, they are entrepreneurs, startups, academics, journalists, work in NGOs or the government. They have organized anti-xenophobic theater plays, they travelled through Europe to interview young people about their European vision, they developed new mobility concepts, they created new e-health solutions and produced movies.

## ..... IDEAS FOR A STRONG EUROPE IN A DIGITALIZED WORLD

We come together for mutual inspiration and motivation. The opportunities and challenges of digitalisation are the focus of our work. During our workshops and debates we develop and exchange new ideas on how to seize and shape an ever digitising world. Digitalisation must be put at the service of humanity and human progress. And we want Europe to become a leader in this progress. In recent decades, the Franco-German engine has played an extremely important role in shaping the future of Europe and defending its values. We are continuing along this path in order to make Europe fit for digitalisation.

## ..... OUR RESPONSIBILITY

In the face of a changing world our active and, vice versa, our passive responsibilities grow even faster. Participants of the GFYL Conferences stand for the support of European values, for ethical leadership, for critical thinking and for the promotion of progressive reforms. We do not take the achievements of the past for granted. These achievements are not only a gift, they are a commitment.

## ..... OUR PROPOSAL

We propose the German-French Young Leaders to be part of all important German-French official meetings, such as the Franco-German Council of Ministers. We believe that our young experts can contribute dynamic and even disruptive impulses and thereby provide a valuable input at the French-German level.

**Ilja Skrylnikow**  
Chairman and Founder of the GFYL Programme



# OUR FUTURE



→ **Establishment of permanent working groups**  
("Think groups")

with selected GFYL experts and decision-makers on future issues relevant for France, Germany and the EU (e.g. social tech innovation; ethics for AI; digital disruption in the administration; anti-disinformation strategies; digital education; new working methods).  
Goal: concrete insights / proposals.

→ **Side-events Young Leaders at high-ranking German-French political meetings**

(e.g. Government consultations, German-French Digital Conference). Goal: introduce young professionals' perspective into the German-French political discussions.

→ **"GFYL experts + 1" brainstorming sessions** on future related issues for public administration and business.  
Goal: connecting people and ideas on concrete topics.

→ **Creation of a permanent GFYL office** to enable the professionalization of the following tasks: coordination of the networking between GFYL Alumni projects; coordination of alumni events in cooperation with other partners; managing the GFYL experts pool (quickly mobilisable for partners, media, projects etc.); handling technical issues: regular reports; financial reports; accounting; website; update of alumni contacts; development of new formats.



# 2018: European Idea(l)s in a Changing World



Paris, 31 May - 3 June 2018

## PATRONS



**Emmanuel Macron**  
President of  
the French Republic



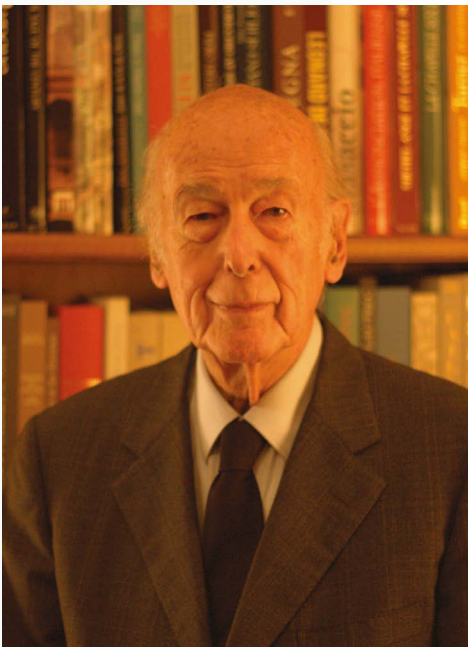
**Frank-Walter Steinmeier**  
President of  
the Federal Republic of Germany

# 2017: CRAFTING EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS - commitment in digital ages



Berlin, 11-14 May 2017

## PATRONS



**Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**  
Former President of  
the French Republic



**Christian Wulff**  
Former President of  
the Federal Republic of Germany

# 2016: #COMMON DIGITAL FUTURE



Paris, 12 - 15 May 2016

## PATRONS



**Emmanuel Macron**  
Former French Minister of the Economy,  
Industry and the Digital Sector



**Sigmar Gabriel**  
Former German Minister  
for Economic Affairs and Energy

# ABOUT US

## OLD FRIENDS, NEW LEADERS

The German-French Young Leaders (GFYL) Programme is an **interdisciplinary** platform for the new dynamic German and French leaders of tomorrow. Founded in 2015, the GFYL Programme targets **young professionals with outstanding profiles** in fields spanning business, politics, science, media, culture and administration who have been little or not at all affected by German-French relations. By doing so, the GFYL Programme integrates those high potential profiles into the French-German discourse. Our participants are exceptional personalities: individuals full of energy willing to take **responsibility** and to start new projects, who motivate others and who are thus able to reflect and multiply their positive attitude in society. Participants of the GFYL Conference are acting as multipliers who carry forward the friendship with their European neighbour by creating a dense, young and dynamic German-French network through personal and business ties.

## ESTABLISH A DEEP AND SUSTAINABLE DIALOGUE AMONG THE NEW GENERATION

The GFYL Programme operates in the particular context of growing indifference with regard to the European idea and the German-French friendship. The GFYL Programme is promoting **intercultural** exchange and cooperation to establish a deep and sustainable dialogue among the new generation of highly motivated and skilled influencers from both countries – and in order to secure friendship between our countries for future generations.

## ANNUAL INTERACTIVE CONFERENCES ALTERNATIVELY IN GERMANY AND IN FRANCE

In cooperation with the Franco-German Youth Office, the GFYL Programme unites its efforts in annual German-French Young Leaders Conferences held alternately in France and Germany and exploring topics relevant for **the common future** of our two countries. The interactive conference with unusual and new formats brings together up to 100 young professionals aged 25 to 35 from the private and public sector who until now have had hardly any contact with their neighbours across the Rhine.



## DIGITALISATION IN THE SPOTLIGHT OF THE CONFERENCES

The GFYL Conferences focus on a theme that is of particular relevance in today's societies: **Digitalisation**. This topic is covered through a particular forward-looking angle: How does digitalisation change our societies and work already today? What potential does it hold for the future? **How can we link our forces and ideas in order to leave a positive impact on the future?**

## CONFERENCES MADE BY PARTICIPANTS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Speakers include inspiring personalities from France and Germany as well as prominent figures from the spheres of politics, culture and civil society. The **"grassroots"**-character of the conference is very important to us: Participants present their **expertise** and ideas in ted-like talks and organise workshops in **participative** formats, such as Open Situation Room or Open Space. A number of inspirational activities and events complement the intensive rounds of discussion leaving time to improve or develop a mutual understanding of each other. The organising team itself is composed of volunteers representing young leaders from different sectors who have already lived the German-French experience and who are vivid supporters of the respective neighboring country.



# CONFERENCE 2018

Paris, 31 May - 3 June



## European Idea(I)s in a Changing World

### Opening speech by

**Édouard Philippe**, Prime Minister of the French Republic, at the Hôtel de Matignon

**Sylvain Waserman**, Vice-President of the Assemblée nationale,  
Opening Ceremony at the Assemblée nationale

**Christophe Arend**, Chairman of the French-German Parliamentary Friendship Group

### Discussions with

**Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany:  
**European dreams / European future**

**Pascal Lamy**, former Director- General of the World Trade Organization and Président  
emeritus Institut Jacques Delors

**Alain Lamassoure**, Member of the European Parliament

**Matthias Fekl**, former French Minister of the Interior

**Gonzague Dejouany**, CEO The Nesting Company:  
Launch of a German-French Investment Fonds

**Stéphane Israel**, CEO of ArianeSpace

**Prof. Georges Prévelakis**, Panthéon-Sorbonne University:  
**The European maritime values in an interconnected world**

### Workshops

**Workshop of the Bertelsmann Stiftung in the citizen dialogue format on**

"Pioneering participation: The future of EU democracy, Céline Diebold, Project Manager  
"Programm Zukunft der Demokratie", Dominik Hierlemann, Senior Expert

**Babbel Workshop: Language and diversity**

**Gender Equality in Europe: (You Gotta) Fight for your Right!**,  
Julia Korbik, journalist and author

**Can European Values Shape the Digital Transformation?**

Ivo Scherrer, Co-founder of the Argo Think-Tank

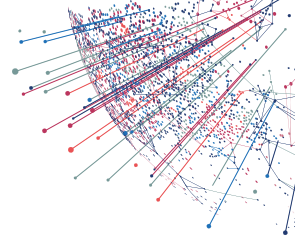
**Can governments learn from start-ups? Leadership and hierarchy in the digital age**

Max Neufeind, expert on future of work, and Josephine Hofmann from the Fraunhofer IAO

**European Values and the International Trade**

Claire Rabès, Vice-president of Point d'ancrage





## Ted-like Talks

- “A reinvention of ethics in the digital age?” **Eike Gräf**
- “Digital citizen participation – mirage or solution?” **Héloïse Le Masne**
- “Syria, Macron and Trump: Breaking the law to uphold the law?” **Andreas Kulick**
- “Why digitisation is an opportunity for women globally” **Ricarda Wagner**
- “Human Rights for Dinner? – Idealism in a cynic world” **Miriam Heipertz**
- “Impact Investment in Europe” **Benneth Barth**
- “It is time for a European policy of values” **Jan Jakub Chromiec**
- “Needs-based innovation from Africa: What Europe can learn from it” **Tania Habimana**
- “Banking in a connected world” **Sophie Stevenson-Guibaud**
- “The European dream, the youth and En Marche” **Martin Bohmert**
- “Forbidden Stories, keep stories alive” **Boris Jamet-Fournier**
- “The role of the European Union in fighting terrorism: added value and limits” **Severine Wernert**
- “Frech Tech Ecosystems” **Agathe Gindele**
- “Fair taxation in the EU: how to tax intangibles?” **Pola Schneemelcher**

## Cultural Programme

Visite of **ArianeSpace** at Les Molineaux  
**Musée national de l'histoire de l'immigration** (exhibition “Mondes tsiganes”)  
Exclusive Entrance into the **Musée d'Orsay** (exhibition “Wild Souls”)

## Main Venue

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# CONFERENCE 2017

Berlin 11-14 May 2017



## CRAFTING EUROPEAN SOLUTIONS - commitment in digital ages

### Opening speech by

**Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**, former President of the French Republic

### Discussions with

**Valéry Giscard d'Estaing**, former President of the French Republic

**Philippe Etienne**, former Ambassador of France to Germany

**Johannes Wöhler**, Vice President SAP

**Christophe Maire**, Atlantic Labs

**Matthias Roggendorf**, Senior Expert Big Data at McKinsey & Company

**Billy Wagner**, Owner of Nobelhart & Schmutzig

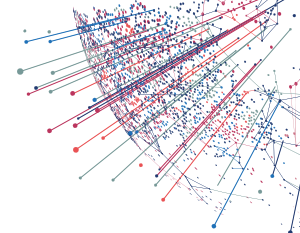
**Gunnar Graef**, CEO of Deutsche Ventures

**Ludovic Subran**, Chief Economist by Euler Hermes:  
**10 Myths to Debunk on French-German Comparisons**

**Prof. Franz C. Mayer**, Universität Bielefeld:  
**BREXIT – Legal aspects and the future of the EU**

**Prof Werner G. Jeanrond**, Oxford University:  
**The Future of Religions in the Digital Age: What is the importance of religion for the future of Europe?**





## Workshops

### Fighting fake news and manipulation. How to empower citizens online

Paul-Jasper Dittrich & Christopher Buschow, Ivo Scherrer

### Civic and Social Tech Innovation

Valentin Chaput & Mohammed Trojette

### How can we ensure that Non-profit sector is not left behind and can also benefit from the digital transformation

Johannes Wöhler, Julia Clavel

### Financial Flows and Brexit

Ludovic Subran, Mathieu Di Cristo

### Campaigning for Europe - to do and not to do

Julius van der Laar

### Design Thinking Workshop: Your Perfect Morning

Julie Berg

### How to start-up / New Working Models

Ivo Scherrer, Agnès Bazin, Rashida Bobb, Polina Mikhaylova

### SAP workshop on Solutions for Digital Future

Linda Gabel, Hannah Vogt, Felicitas Beichert, Jean Baptiste Faddoul, Joachim von Goetz



## Ted-like Talks

"Strategies and success of populist parties in social media", **Paul-Jasper Dittrich**

"Digital Diplomacy", **Valentin Chaput**

"Emotional Storytelling & others ", **Fabian Gasmia**

"The future perspectives of Islam in France ", **Leyla Arslan**

"The Future of the Campaigning DNA", **Julius van der Laar**, former member of Obama's election campaign team

"The importance of Information in the Digital Age", **Justin Varilek**

"Digitisation and Our Health Care Systems" **Sven Jungmann**

"Importance of Big Data in Establishing Market Power" **Jakob Jeanrond**

"Not Yet Heard" **Bernd Hopfengaertner**

"Urban Mobility Today" **Polina Mikhailova**

"Future Smart Cities" **Faruk Tuncer**

"ReDI School of Digital Integration" **Fadi Zaim**

"FabLab Western Sicily – Digital Schools for Children" **Martina Ferracane**

## Cultural Programme

Concert given by Musicians from **Berliner Philharmoniker**

(Antonin Dvorák: Terzett C-Dur, op. 74; Zoltán Kodály: Serenade op. 12),  
Berggruen Museum

## Main Venue

SAP Data Space

# CONFERENCE 2016

Paris, 12-15 May 2016



**#Common Digital Future**

## Opening speech by

**Mounir Mahjoubi**, former President of French Digital Council

## Discussions with

**Nikolaus Meyer-Landrut**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany

**Amal Taleb**, former Vice-President of the CNNum

**Gunnar Graef**, CEO of Deutsche Ventures

**Nicolas Gaume**, DX Director at Microsoft France

**Antoine Borde**, Global eCommerce Acceleration Director at L'Oréal

**Nicolas de Bellefonds**, Partner and Managing Director at BCG

## Workshops

### Out of the box

Daniel Domscheit-Berg, former speaker of WikiLeaks

### Refugee, Inequality, Climate, Ageing - can we solve the challenges of our generation by combining the powers of entrepreneurship, technology and science?

Manouchehr Shamsrizi

### Data Politics: The Beauty and the Beast

Wolfgang Gründinger, Rahaf Harfoush, Julia Manske

### Of a coming revolution – How digitalisation will change everything and why we need to start talking about it

Daniel Domscheit-Berg, Nicola Forster, Antoine Borde

### How Can Media Outlets Build Strong Community Relationships in the Digital Age?

Bernhard Clemm von Hohenberg

### Websites Analysis, Search Engines Optimisation, Community Management

Noémie Delesse

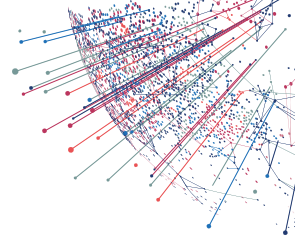
### Educational Policies: How Can Europe Bridge the Gap?

Eva Majewski

### Human Brains in the Digital Age /or/ the Impossibility of Doing Nothing

Sebastian Herberger





## Ted-like Talks

“Digital Diplomacy”, **Anja Türkan**

“Technology for Democracy”, **Sébastien Le Roux**

“Digital Evolution in the Art”, **Leah Stuhltrager**

“Rethinking Work in the Digital Age”, **Max Neufeind**

“Big Data Helping to Measure Development Progress and Sustainable Development Goals”,  
**Thomas Roca**

“uTELLme: a Platform for Collaborative Education Jeffrey Katz Privacy and Security in the  
Internet of Things”, **Rodolphe-Emmanuel Hospice**

“Health in a Life Style aCoat – A Digital Approach to Treat and Prevent Hearing Loss”,  
**Philipp Skribanowitz**

“Digital Transformation. It's not About Technology”, **Agnieszka Maria Walorska**

“French-German Communication/Management Style”, **Chloé Saby**

## Cultural Programme

**Musée des impressionnismes Giverny**

(Exhibition “Gustave Caillebotte”, 1848-1894)

## Main Venue

NUMA



# WHAT THEY SAY ABOUT US

## **Emmanuel Macron, 2016** now President of the French Republic

- “The digital revolution creates great and very promising opportunities for the future. There is one single condition for grasping them: mobilizing our youth!”
- “This initiative, driven by young German and French people, is an example that must be further developed and be made fruitful. Your responsibility is to go on working together and innovating!”

## **Frank-Walter Steinmeier, 2018** President of the Federal Republic of Germany

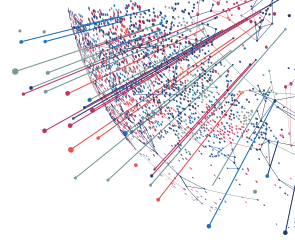
- “The Federal President is delighted (...) that a younger generation of French and Germans is underlining the importance of bilateral cooperation through joint activities with innovative formats aimed at new target groups, thus giving the cooperation a new dynamic.”

## **Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, 2017** former President of the French Republic

- “Europe needs the enthusiasm and creative capacity of young people, for it is youth that makes Europe live. The initiative of the German-French Young Leaders is one of these living examples of Europe.”
- “To assure an adequate participation of all European citizens, we need a change in mentality: ask yourself 'what can we do to improve Europe?' instead of 'what can Europe give me?'”







**Tobias Bütow, 2019**  
**Secretary General of DFJW / OFAJ**

- "We need a new generation of true European and responsible leaders to stand up for Europe, with a deep understanding of the French-German relations, European values, interests and destiny. Be part of this wave of a new *génération* for Europe!"

**Sigmar Gabriel, 2016**  
**former German Minister for Economic Affairs and Energy**

- "Digitisation is about more than just technology. It represents an unstoppable process of transformation that is changing the way we live and think – as individuals and as a society and a democracy. (...) I therefore very much welcome the fact that this conference brings together young talent from many different fields to discuss the challenges posed by digitisation."

**Christian Wulff, 2017**  
**former President of the Federal Republic of Germany**

- "The reconciliation and friendship between Germany and France was the starting-point for many developments in the EU. It can and must now remain strong as we carry on along this road."

**Michael Roth, 2017**  
**German Minister of State for Europe; Commissioner for Franco-German Cooperation**

- "The Franco-German friendship lies at the heart of Europe and like any relationship, this friendship needs care. (...) This conference is a forward looking platform for smart brains from Germany and France. (...) What I like most about this program it is its grassroots approach. Most of its content it made by the participants."

**Béatrice Angrand, 2016**  
**former Secretary General of DFJW / OFAJ**

- "The event enables you to create connection in order to develop German-French strategies and to look for European solutions for future challenges."

# OUR COMMITMENTS

- ① We take responsibility for our common future.
- ② We promote the idea of European unity.
- ③ We oppose any form of nationalism.
- ④ We are committed to secure the friendship between France and Germany.
- ⑤ We want to use the spirit of entrepreneurship and creativity for common progress.
- ⑥ We want to assure that digital progress serves the ideal of humanity.



# BY NUMBERS

3	Conferences
300+	Alumni
20	Team Members
41	Ted-like Talks
20	Workshops
15	Podium Discussions
30	Supporting Organisations

Impact

Change of perspective

Friendship

Ideas sharing

Responsibility

Open mindedness

Democracy

Future

Europe

Voluntary engagement

Dialogue

Diversity

Community

Digitalisation

Innovation

Exchange

Future generations

Intercultural understanding

# QUOTES OF THE PARTICIPANTS



**Marja-Liisa Völlers, Member of the German Federal Parliament** Participant 2018

- "I think this conference is great because we can meet a lot of young leaders from different areas like business, politics, NGOs. So whenever I am back home, I will talk to my fellows members of the parliaments, tell them about our idea(l)s, what we learned today, what we will learn the next days."



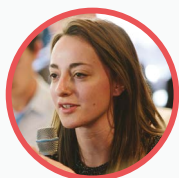
**Thaksin Sothinathan, Graduate Student, RWTH Aachen University & University of Cambridge** Participant 2018

- "Getting me access to the facilities, getting to know the French ecosystem regarding entrepreneurship and policy making. **I get a platform to share my thoughts**, which is really cool. And the most important point is that I meet these fantastic people."



**Ricarda Wagner, Advisor Digital Transformation, German Federal Association of the Digital Economy (BVDW e.V.)** Participant 2018

- "You created **an excellent mix of brilliant minds across Europe** and it was very enriching personally and professionally."



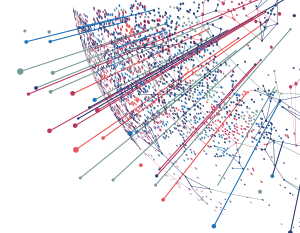
**Felicitas Eichhorn, Graduate Student, Humboldt Universität & Freie Universität Berlin** Participant 2017

- "As a German having grown up in the USA, Germany and France, I strongly believe that the international system greatly benefits from a strong Europe united in diversity. As a historian, it was fascinating to learn, how the tools of my field, like storytelling and fact checking, have become essential in a digitalised world. I was very encouraged talking and listening to so many optimistic and engaged Europeans. **The GFYL has encouraged me to work committedly and passionately for a common European future.**"



**Gonzague Coiffet, Senior Risk Underwriter - Corporate and Structure Finance, Euler Hermes** Participant 2017

- "I was a bit pessimistic about Europe when I arrived for the conference. I returned confident that we all share the ambition to build bridges through concrete projects, small or big. The GFYL Conference is more than just about French-German relations: it is about taking break to thing a little „out of the box“, **it is about sharing ideas with people from different backgrounds, and about catching up with new European opportunities.**"



**Claire Rabès, Advisor, French Ministry of Interior** Participant 2017

- “The German-French friendship means that we should put people first. History, countries, economics, politics - all that comes later.”



**Annelise Lethimonnier, Sales Manager, Airbus Helicopters** Participant 2017

- “In the context of Brexit, I wish that Germany takes its full responsibility as a European leader in the field of defence, together with France. The current status of threats and alliances compels Europe to be prepared to act much more than in the past to ensure greater security. **France and Germany thus urgently need to act together as real partners** to push for new initiatives for a more capable and active Europe in the military field.”



**Melda Akbas, Book Author; Consulate General in Istanbul, Federal Foreign Office** Participant 2017

- “The conference is an important event for the franco-allemande relationship, but also for anyone else not being from these countries.”



**Basile Scache, Policy Expert, Banque de France** Participant 2018

- “I felt that all participants were part of a common culture; **nationality was almost irrelevant in most of our discussions.**”



**Pierre-Yves Prigent, Open Innovation Officer, BNP Paribas** Participant 2017

- “Digitalisation is changing the world as we know it, everyday, and it will take a lot of willingness and strength to maintain solidarity between people and countries because then always, in times of change, unity is the key success transformation factor. **The conference made me realise that unity is the key to achieve Europe and the question is not why but how.**”



**Julie Berg, Business Builder, Deutsche Ventures** Participant 2017

- “Simply the concept of a group of young and diverse people spending three intense days together and coming up with new ideas for a stronger Europe is difficult to resist! **I also really liked that the event is in English and thus aimed at reaching a new group of people who are not yet involved in German-French relations.**”



# ALUMNI EVENTS

## GFYL 2016 Alumni Event: "The Truth Filter"

On 14 December 2016, an inspiring discussion about „The Truth Filter“ took place in the Rainmaking Loft in Berlin. Around 30 young leaders and former GFYL Conference participants explored the problem of fact finding and the formation of opinion in the digital age.

### Our participants discussed several approaches to find a solution:

First, journalism must continue to provide proven facts (based on new business models) and people must be taught the importance of discussion. One original suggestion was to create an algorithm that suggests one article of the other spectrum of public opinion for every article you read. This would foster discussion and break Gleichschaltung.

Politically, the far-right movement has to be confronted by a central-left movement that counters calls of a lost Europe. We have to go local, bring people together who disagree, and listen to each other rather than entering a discussion immediately.

Political parties should pay attention to the concerns of people and find solutions – while at the same time teach people that they are not the center of the universe and that politics has to balance conflicting needs. People in power, political parties and politicians should address their solutions to the people concerned, possibly in simple messages, pictures and in social media.

## GFYL 2017 Alumni "+1" Event / Expert Pitches: "Rethinking Diplomacy"

On 25 January 2017, a closed brainstorming session between the GFYL alumni of 2016 and 2017 and their invitees and the German Foreign Office in the modern Babel headquarters in the center of Berlin. Representatives from various sectors ranging from startups and non profits to consulting agencies and the German Foreign Office all came together for an evening session dedicated to the topic "Rethinking Diplomacy".

A diverse range of 11 speakers representing not only the GFYL community, but also other experts from the private and public sector shared with about **40 guests** their ideas on how to develop and implement digital concepts in the public sector.

### The talks focused on three main topics:

*(1) Digital tools in public administration featuring Susanne from Babel, Lars from Axel Springer and Martin from quofox.*

*(2) Digital tools for diplomacy with contributions by Jochen from Welthungerhilfe, Manouchehr from gamelab.berlin/RetroBrain R&D, Niklas from Dalia Research and Paul from Jacques Delors Institut Berlin.*

*(3) Process management and implementation of digital concepts explained by Ieva from Revolyx (Paris), Julia from Open Knowledge Foundation, Kerstin from i-potentials and Max from the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs.*





# OUR TEAM



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Public Relations

# QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

## Why did you launch the GFYL programme?

French-German relations nowadays are marked by misperceptions and knowledge gaps. Let us give you a simple example: In Berlin it is often ignored that the greatest incubators worldwide are about to be opened in Paris while in Paris Berlin is not perceived as the start-up capital. Additionally, there are more and more young professionals with no direct contact to their neighbour country. The GFYL programme seeks to close this gap by bringing together young professionals from both countries.

## What is the idea behind GFYL?

We want the GFYL programme to be an innovative platform that creates room for new concepts and inspiring ideas. We want to attract creative and dynamic personalities, we want them to network and to socialise and to win them over for the German-French friendship. We want people to engage, to challenge, to be inspired and to start new joint projects. We do not only want to talk about German-French relations, we want to live them.

## How do participants interact?

The participants themselves are at the heart of the conference: they present their ideas and share their expertise. Among other things, participants are encouraged to give short Ted-like talks, to lead workshops and to bring in their own ideas. In this way, they create the dynamics themselves needed to ask new questions, to engage actively in discussions, to learn from each other, to inspire and to get inspired.

## What is your added value to existing German-French programmes?

We are not in competition to any other existing formats; on the contrary, we are creating something new: an interdisciplinary platform for inspiring multipliers, for dynamic young professionals from both countries in the heart of Europe. What is special about our programme is that we have introduced English as our working language since many participants do not speak German or French fluently - this is the only way for them to stay in contact.





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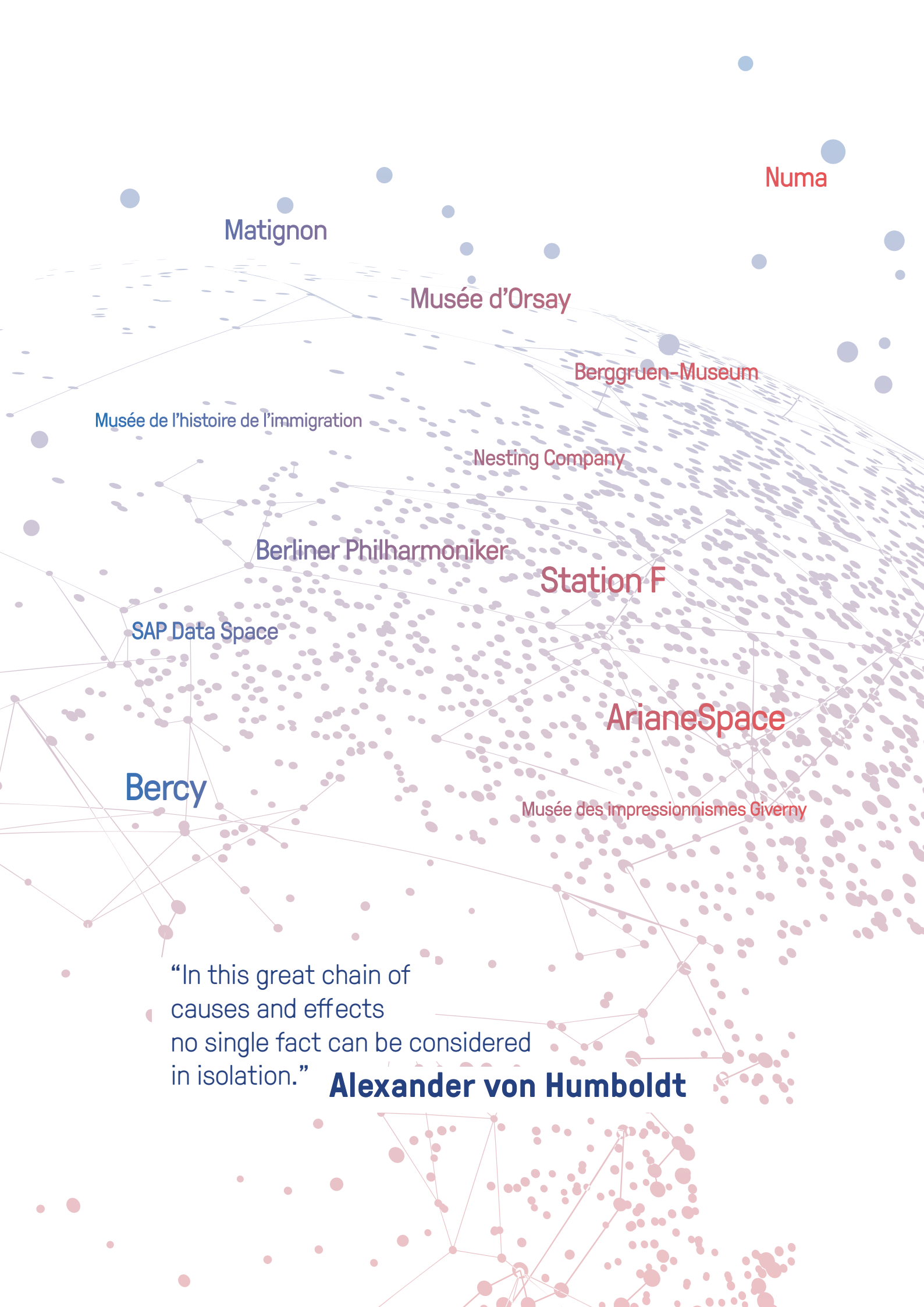


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"In this great chain of  
causes and effects  
no single fact can be considered  
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**Alexander von Humboldt**



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