

European Forum Alpbach - The Place to Learn and Network

The European Forum Alpbach is an Austria-based NGO which was founded in 1945. Some of the main founders are Otto Molden, who had been active in the Austrian resistance movement during the Second World War, and philosopher Simon Moser from Innsbruck. The aim of its establishment was supporting the idea of peace in Europe. Every year since then the Forum is being held in the small Tyrolean village of Alpbach. Regularly more than 4,000 people from over 70 countries participate in the European Forum Alpbach each year. Because of this it has deserved a nickname "Davos for the Young Changemakers". Every year the Forum has a different general topic. The first week of the European Forum Alpbach starts with 16 one-week seminars in various academic fields. The participants are able to choose their field of interest and the topics they want to explore during the Seminar Week. After the Seminar Week, the Alpbach Symposia start and a large number of panel discussions give the participants the opportunity to debate the most pressing current issues in the fields of law, healthcare, technology, economics, international politics, spatial planning and financial markets, and since 2018 - art.

European Forum Alpbach is a wonderful opportunity to meet people from all over the world with different backgrounds who are all successful students or professionals in their respective fields. Beside students that are interested in participating, university professors, researchers and interested professionals in mentioned fields can participate as well. Participants can listen to and meet famous philosophers, economists and social theoreticians such as past speakers Theodor Adorno, Ernst Bloch, Herbert Marcuse, Friedrich von Hayek, Erwin Schrodinger, Karl Popper, politicians Indira Gandhi, Yitzhak Rabin, Jacques Delors, Martti Ahtisaari, Catherine Ashton, Yanis Varoufakis, Ban Ki-Moon, Croatian politicians as PM Sanader, as well as presidents Josipovic, Grabar-Kitarovic and many others. Participation is open to all interested parties. There are also several possibilities for the participants to get scholarships to attend the Forum. Some of the European countries have their own Clubs, members of Forum Alpbach Network which serves as a hub for local Clubs, Initiative Groups and Alpbach Scholarship holders. Among the local clubs there is also Club Alpbach Croatia (Klub Alpbach Hrvatska- KAH). Club Alpbach Croatia was founded in 2009 and since then has become a very active organizer of various events, so-called „Small Talks“ with several speakers exchanging opinions and ideas on relevant and interesting topics while the audience usually also takes active participation in the discussions. The Club is actively promoting the ideas of the Forum, developing cooperation with clubs from other countries and other NGOs in Croatia, as well as supporting education and mobility of young people.

General topic of the European Forum Alpbach 2018 is "Diversity and Resilience". The Forum will try to answer the following questions: How can we handle crises? Are our systems – from finance to health – suited to master the challenges to come? How can we ensure lasting peace, prosperity and democracy? Is resilience the key to a successful future? The participants will again get the opportunity to immerse themselves in an inter-

national setting full of new ideas, mindsets, and contacts and join forces to answer the great questions of today.

If you are interested in joining or participating in the activities of Club Alpbach Croatia - Klub Alpbach Hrvatska, you may contact the Club via email: **klub.alpbach.hrvatska.kah@gmail.com**, Facebook page: **Klub Alpbach Hrvatska (KAH)**, Instagram profile: **club_alpbach_croatia** or Twitter account: **@clubalpbachcro**

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