

Call for Applications

Germany and Russia in 2030

Scenario Project

*Under the Patronage of Frank-Walter Steinmeier, former Minister of
Foreign Affairs of the Federal Republic of Germany*

1. What?

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Moscow and Berlin and the Ural Federal University in Yekaterinburg (UrFU) are looking for participants for a Scenario Project on the future of German-Russian Relations.

Scenarios are not predictions of the future. Instead, they offer different pictures of what may or could happen in the future. They go beyond expert opinions of what is likely to happen and leave aside hopes and wishes of what should happen. Scenarios, therefore, offer no forecasts and provide no political strategies or blueprints on how to act for decisions-makers. Instead, they outline various future situations, wanted or unwanted, likely or unlikely, but possible under certain conditions. Political decision-makers can draw conclusions on how (not) to act in order to avoid a certain scenario to become probable. Scenarios thus intend to present views on what is possible, not what is likely or wanted.

2. When and Where?

Scenarios will be worked out in two workshops:

- The first workshop will take place in Yekaterinburg, Russia, from March 4 – March 6, 2013 (travelling days March 3 and 7, 2013).
- The second workshop will take place in Berlin, Germany, from April 28 – April 30, 2013 (travelling days April 27 and 30).

The scenarios will then be presented to an audience of political decision-makers in Berlin, Moscow and Yekaterinburg in the course of June 2013.

3. Who?

The workshops will be attended by 10 participants from Germany and the Russian Federation respectively. For the success of the scenario method, it is absolutely crucial that participants of the workshop have as diverse backgrounds as possible. The group should be heterogeneous concerning age, sex, education and

professional background. Thus, ***no application criteria concerning professional or academic background exist. You do not need to be a political scientist, an expert on Russia or Germany to apply!***

The only criteria are the following: Applicants should be...

- ... older than 18;
- ... residents of either the Russian Federation or Germany;
- ... fluent in the English language.

4. How?

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung will cover all costs concerned with participation in the workshops, i.e. travel & visa costs, accommodation and board.

In order to apply, please send a short cover letter describing your motivation & a curriculum vitae by e-mail to the following persons:

- Felix Hett, FES Berlin, scenarios2030@fes.de, if you are applying from Germany;
- Olga Gladushevskaya, Olga.Gladushevskaya@fesmos.ru, if you are applying from the Russian Federation.

Please ensure that the file size of your application e-mail does not exceed one megabyte.

Deadline for applications: Sunday, January 20th, 2013. No applications beyond that date will be considered.