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Application form – Progressive Democracy Lab

Apply now with your idea on how to strengthen democracy and promote social justice

How do I apply?

The minimum requirement for the application is that you submit the completed **application form** (see below).

But also think about **how you can present your idea even better**. We are looking forward to seeing videos, short written descriptions, presentations, comics,... There are no limits to your creativity! Whatever is best suited to bring the essence of your idea across and give us a better understanding of who your are and what drives you!

Please send in your application by **28 April 2024** to *progressive-democracy-lab@fes.de*

You can find more information on the project and the application process here: *https://www.fes.de/en/progressive-democracy-lab*. Please feel free to contact us with any questions you might have.

What sorts of ideas can be submitted?

Whether you want to set up a non-profit organisation, develop an app, start a journalistic project or have quite a different kind of project in mind, the sky's the limit. It doesn't matter whether this idea has just come to you, or you have had a chance to work it out in more detail. **All that matters is that your idea makes a concrete contribution to a solid, democratic, and socially just society.**

Who can apply?

The Progressive Democracy Lab is looking for **innovative ideas from young people between 18 and 35 years of age** who are committed the values of social democracy, take an interest in social policy issues, and would like to play an active role in tackling social policy challenges.

You can apply either individually or as a team. We welcome ideas from trainees, people at the start of their careers, activists, young professionals, students, and (former) FES scholarship holders. **The call for ideas is international: you can apply from anywhere.**

What will happen with the selected ideas?

Together with other young people from diverse countries, we and our innovation coaches will help you develop your idea further. Initially, **we invite 20 teams or individuals to present their ideas in Berlin**. Out of those, we choose five ideas that our innovation coaches will help the winners make more user-friendly, productive and viable. **Finally, at a public event, we award a prize of € 5,000 to the most promising idea to help with its real-world implementation.**

Our vision: strengthening democracy together.

The Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) champions social democracy and justice worldwide.

Our mission is to discover new ideas for social democracy both today and tomorrow. We aim to use innovative solutions to make society fairer and foster solidarity.

We are not confined to theoretical discussions but also want to join you in bringing about real positive changes. This year, in the run-up to the FES's centennial year, we are offering you the unique opportunity to submit your ideas and make them a reality.

Do you have any ideas on how to promote democracy and social justice?

Apply today!

Submission of the idea:
Progressive Democracy Lab – Promoting new ideas
for the benefit of social democracy and social justice

1. Project title/working title

Give your project a short and self-explanatory title.

2. Challenge and social relevance

What challenge or problem would you like to tackle in the context of democracy and social justice?
Describe the challenge or problem as you see it right now. Be as specific as possible.

3. Description of your idea or project

How would your idea work? Describe your idea in detail. You can explain the interaction with the idea,
selected aspects of it or the context more precisely.

4. Describe your idea in three hashtags

If you had to describe your idea in terms of three hashtag, related to its connection with social democracy
and justice, what would they be?

#1

#2

#3

5. Forms of implementation

What formats, media, and/or methods would you like to use to implement your idea (for example, develop an app or an e-learning format, establish a social enterprise or a consulting project, or hold an exhibition...)

6. Scope/location

Is your project   local   regional   global?

If local or regional, please name the country or region:

Is this an   analog   digital   hybrid project?

7. Users and Beneficiaries

Which target groups or beneficiaries would you like to reach, and to what extent would this create added value? Describe your target group and, as the case may be, beneficiaries as precisely as possible.

8. Timetable (optional, if applicable)

Do you have a timetable or set of milestones for your project?

9. Team

Who are you? Describe yourself as an individual/organization/team and explain why you are the right person(s) for this project.

10. Cooperation partners (optional, if applicable)

Do you already have cooperation partners, mentors, or financial support? If you do, please specify.

Are you looking to enter into cooperation (besides this) with specific partners? If so, with whom?

General information

Contact person

Title

Email

Postal address

Names of all participants