

# Call for Applications



Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change  
Middle East and North Africa (KAS – REMENA) and  
Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MNED)

## EU-MENA Young Leaders Academy on Sustainability and Resource Security

September 23 to 27, 2019  
Brussels, Belgium

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### Program Overview

<b>Organizer:</b>	Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa (KAS - REMENA), based in Rabat, Morocco; and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MNED), based in Brussels, Belgium
<b>Content:</b>	Training on policy making on sustainability and resource security with special focus on recycling management for MENA and Turkish young leaders
<b>Application Deadline:</b>	June 26, 2019, 12:00 pm, time zone: WEST
<b>Application Form:</b>	<a href="#">Online Application EU-MENA Young Leaders Academy</a>
<b>Eligibility:</b>	This training is open to any MENA and Turkish university student, holding at least a Bachelor's degree, and early career professional, aged 30-years maximum, who are nationals of any MENA countries or Turkey
<b>Venue:</b>	September 23 to 27, 2019, Brussels, Belgium
<b>Cost:</b>	All the participation costs (round trip economic flight ticket, hotel and food, visa fees) for the selected candidates of the training will be covered by the organizers

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Aware that common regional and international efforts are needed to support sustainable livelihoods and future resource security in the MENA region, the Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa (REMENA) and the Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MNED) of Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) organize jointly an "EU-MENA Young Leaders Academy on Sustainability and Resource Security", from September 23 to 27, 2019 in Brussels, Belgium.

**Context:**

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All over the MENA region, the availability of essential resources and thus their sustainable management is an important issue that affects every inhabitant in some way. Bearing in mind future perspectives, especially the young generation in the MENA region is already and will be confronted on the long-term with the risks of an unsustainable handling of the environment and available resources. It is often precisely these young people who are already active in their home regions, be it through their own start-ups or other concrete projects for sustainable and resource-saving development. In order to implement their ideas, however, they need both political and financial support as well as a hearing for their ideas.

Taking into account the trans-boundary dimensions of the impacts of climate change and the associated consequences for the future security of resources, cross-border and cross-political cooperation is needed to meet the challenges ahead. In view of the predicted scarcity of vital resources, it is therefore crucial to promote cooperation and through this ensure that existing resources are used in a sustainably manner and made available equally to all residents.

The main thematic focus lies on recycling management, considering mainly both the use of water and energy, as well as recycling processes. A properly functioning recycling system ensures that resources are reused in an efficient way, and reduces the pressure on scarce resources, hence contributing to their conservation.

The training aims to

- gain an insight into the work and structural processes of the EU and to obtain background information on European application procedures for funding projects;
- to deepen the participants' knowledge with regard to sustainability and resource security, in particular on recycling management;
- to create an opportunity for exchange on the respective approaches/ measures in their different home countries between participants from the MENA countries as well as German participants; and
- to elaborate and further develop concrete project ideas for the MENA region in terms of recycling management systems and to formulate key demands on the EU from a youth perspective.

The training will be conducted by a pool of EU experts from private and public sector and several research institutions.

**Themes:**

The EU-MENA Young Leaders Academy on Sustainability and Resource Security, accordingly, aims at providing the MENA youth a platform for building capacities while addressing pressing questions of:

1. Potentials and limitations of sustainable solutions in relation to resource security;
2. The role of youth in addressing the obstacles and avenues of further development of sustainable solutions in the MENA region; and
3. Pending and potential cross regional cooperation in matters of sustainability and resource security with special focus on recycling management.

**Objectives:**

The academy will bring together 15 young leaders from different countries of the MENA region and Turkey as well as 5 young experts from Germany with EU experts and policy makers to deepen knowledge, and to discuss and exchange with focus on sustainability, resource security and recycling management in the MENA region. The aim is to generate ideas and concrete project ideas as well as to formulate key demands on the EU that will be disseminated as a conference's proceeding.

**Structure:**

The academy comprises three main components:

1. Training sessions and discussions with international experts from EU institutions, civil society and economic sector as well as a deeper insight in the EU handling of the key topics;
2. Side visits to the European Parliament and Der Grüne Punkt, Germany; and
3. Development of concrete project ideas and key messages to the EU from the youth's perspective in the MENA region during workshop phases.

**Outputs:**

At the end of the academy, the participants are supposed to have produced a paper with their key messages to the EU, which will subsequently be disseminated by the organizers both to the expert speakers of the week and within the EU institutions.

**Schedule and Venue:** The academy will be held in Belgium's capital city of Brussels. It will start on the evening of September 22 with a welcome dinner of all participants and finish on September 27 with a farewell lunch. Participants should arrive on September 22 and leave on September 27, 2019.

**Working Language:** English, hence applicants need to be proficient.

**Costs:** The organizers will cover all expenses related to the participation of the event. Page 4/4  
This includes:

**Transportation:**

Round trip economy flight ticket for international participants; for national participants travel reimbursement will be delivered under reception of their travel tickets and original invoices.

**Accommodation & Meals:**

Both, hotel and meals will be provided to participants during the period of the meeting.

**How to participate:** Interested participants should submit their application using the following online application form:

[Online Application EU-MENA Young Leaders Academy](#)

Please make sure to have the following information/documents at hand:

1. Short biography (150 words maximum, will be printed and sent to our meeting partners);
2. Updated short CV (3 pages maximum);
3. Short abstract of a project idea "recycling management in the MENA region" (200 words maximum); and
4. Passport data page.

**Further Information:** For further inquiry do not hesitate to contact the organizers at the email address: [info.remena@kas.de](mailto:info.remena@kas.de)

*The event will be accompanied by photographs. By registering, participants declare their consent that the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Regional Program Energy Security and Climate Change Middle East and North Africa (KAS – REMENA) and Multinational Development Policy Dialogue (MNED) will use the photos taken before, during or after the event for press and public relations purposes.*