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Much accomplished, even more to look forward to

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Dear IFAIR family, dear supporters, partners and friends,

2017 was a year of important elections in Germany, France and the Netherlands, but also people in South Korea, Iran and Chile – just to mention some countries – went to the ballot boxes. Elections always imply decisions that affect the young generation in particular. Since IFAIR wants to promote young people's interest in politics and foster their participation in international relations, we took the opportunity of this important election year for several activities.

The beginning of 2018 calls for a reflection on our achievements in the last year. We are especially proud that IFAIR keeps on growing, as the highlights of 2017 below demonstrate. This would not have been possible without your support during the previous year! Therefore, we want to use this opportunity to thank everyone who made this success possible.

Our Highlights in 2017:

- The number of members increased by more than 25% and reached 174.
- We are delighted to welcome Florian Winkler as new member of the executive board.
- We welcomed two new regional directors in our [core team](#): Anna Schwertz-Weirich for Europe and Anne Laible for Latin America and the Caribbean.
- We surpassed the threshold of 5,000 likes on [Facebook](#), and one of our posts reached almost 57,800 people – our biggest outreach so far.
- With project funding and donations of 49,650.30 € in addition to countless contribution in voluntary work, IFAIR has consolidated its professional development and continuous progress as a non-profit organisation in 2017. Our project "[Common Remembrance, Future Relations](#)" represents the biggest IFAIR project to date by financial volume with a grant of 33,972.20 €.
- In the second edition of the Impact Group "[Memory as a Tool for Change](#)", 14 students from Germany and Austria travelled to West-Siberia for two weeks.



- The core team of IFAIR met in Berlin for a strategy meeting in November and drafted the organization's strategy for 2018.

Further Info on Our Key Projects

Impact Group: ["Common Remembrance, Future Relations"](#)

Project Partner: Armenian Progressive Youth (APY)

IFAIR's project "Common Remembrance, Future Relations" took place under the patronage of Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe at the Federal Foreign Office. In cooperation with the NGO Armenian Progressive Youth (APY), IFAIR brought together twenty NGOs from Armenia, France, Germany, Israel and Turkey in Yerevan, Armenia, with the aim to explore varying forms of remembrance and to foster dialogue between the different cultures. The primary objective of the project was for



the participants to develop their own projects, thus contributing to the overall sustainability of the project: Eight teams were formed during the project and are now planning their own joint projects. The three-part Impact Group started off with an introductory workshop in Yerevan in May; over the summer the participants visited their project partners for work shadowings, and in September 2017 everyone came together in Berlin for the evaluation meeting. (Picture: The participants visited the Temple of Garni as part of a one-day excursion to various sites of remembrance in Armenia.)



Impact Group: ["Memory as a Tool of Change" – Forgotten Places in Siberia](#)

Partner: Yuga University in Kanty-Mansiysk, Russia

The second series of IFAIR's Impact Group "Memory as a Tool for Change" brought 14 students from Austria and Germany to Western Siberia. Together with participants from the region, they spent two weeks discussing Russian commemorative culture and today's reappraisal of Stalinist terror.

Visiting different places of remembrance and talking to historians and experts, participants discussed how contemporary Russian society and politics commemorate the terrors of the last century, including forced displacement and the system of prison and labour



camps. The group was particularly interested in learning more about the phenomenon of increasing Stalin nostalgia, and why certain events become part of cultural memory while others are dismissed, often by communities of shared memory themselves. Notable highlights were meetings with contemporary witnesses, an excursion to two labour camps along the Transpolar Railway and the collection of essays in which participants processed their impressions. The project was kindly supported by the German Federal Foreign Office. (Picture: Participants, organisers and local guides after an excursion to two labour camps along the Transpolar Railway, close to Nadym.)

Finances and Members

We are very happy about the development of IFAIR's membership in 2017. The number of regular members has grown from 139 to 174 – an increase of more than 25 percent. Our new members come from 13 different countries; 10 of them are currently living outside of Germany. IFAIR is therefore not just bigger but also more international than ever. The current number of Honorary Members is 16.



IFAIR's core team welcomed two new members in 2017: Anne Laible (left) and Anna



Schwertz-Weirich (right). In a competitive application process, Anne and Anna succeeded in establishing themselves as new regional directors for Latin America and the Caribbean and for Europe, respectively. Together with the

LACalytics team, they now work on putting together a second edition of LACalytics. They collaborate with young authors from Europe and LAC to develop and publish ideas for the future cooperation between the two regions. Welcome to the team, Anne and Anna!

In IFAIR's executive board, Lukas Rudolph handed over his position as Chief Financial Officer to Florian Winkler who is now in charge of IFAIR's finances. We thank Lukas for his invaluable commitment throughout the last years and wish Florian all the best for his new tasks.

Furthermore, IFAIR has been exceptionally successful in consolidating and continuing its professional and financial development as a non-profit organization in 2017. Our project "*Common Remembrance, Future Relations*" has been the biggest IFAIR project to date by financial volume, thanks to the generous support of the German Federal Foreign Office.

Earnings in EUR		Expenses in EUR	
Members' contributions	1 050,55 €	Administration	361, 80 €
Donations	67,55 €	IG Common Remembrance, Future Relations	33 972,20 €
Projekt funding	43 972, 20 €	IG Memory as a Tool for Change	12 164, 98 €
<i>(including: "Common Remembrance, Future Relations" with 33 972,20 € and "Memory as a Tool for Change" with 10 000 €)</i>			
Contributions of project participants	4 560,00 €	IG UN Parliament*	100,00 €
		IG EUAP III*	6 440, 16 €
Total	49 650, 30 €	Total	53 039, 10 €

* Project funding from 2017



What will happen in 2018?

LACalytics – second edition

The project “LACalytics” is starting its second edition following the big success of the first edition in 2016. LACalytics 2018 is a programme that enables international collaboration of students and young professionals from Latin America and the Caribbean (LAC) as well as Europe. It produces in-depth analyses on political, economic and social issues that concern both regions. The best articles are going to be published and presented at a final conference in autumn 2018, to which you are warmly invited.

EU-ASEAN Perspectives (EUAP) – 4th edition

Nelly Stratieva and her project team – consisting of 10 EUAP alumni – are already working hard to make the fourth edition of the EU-ASEAN Perspectives Dialogue (EUAP) on the topic of integration become reality in 2018. An online-conference with participants from EU and ASEAN countries in autumn 2018 will be followed by the project’s final event in the beginning of 2019 which is planned to be held in South East Asia for the very first time. The Call for Applications will be published in the summer of 2018.

Anti-Corruption Walks Kyiv, Ukraine

Our project develops and expands on guided city tours on the topic of anti-corruption in Ukraine. Our goal is to make knowledge about corruption and anti-corruption more easily accessible. At the same time, we wish to facilitate discussions about the rule of law, accountability, separation of powers and democratic decision-making.

The project is made up of the elements: first, further developing and professionalizing the existing guided city tours; second, setting up a “corruptopedia” as public knowledge resource on corruption in Ukraine; and third, initiating academic exchange on how to disseminate knowledge about anti-corruption. The implementation of the project will take place in Kiev, Odessa, Kharkov and Lviv between early summer and the end of the year 2018. Our local partner is the Anti-Corruption Research and Education Centre (ACREC).

Foreign Policy Talks Berlin

Among others, we plan on meeting with the head of the political section of the British Embassy to discuss Britain’s role in foreign policy after Brexit in early 2018 in Berlin.



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European Youth Event 2018

IFAIR will send off a delegation of committed students and young professionals from across Europe to attend the European Youth Event (EYE) taking place in the European Parliament's seat in Strasbourg on 1 and 2 June 2018.

EYE is a forum for young Europeans to voice their perspective on and their suggestions for the future of Europe, and to discuss their ideas with European politicians and decision-makers. After the event, a report of the most remarkable ideas discussed among the participants is going to be distributed to the Members of the European Parliament. Selected participants of the event are going to present these ideas to parliamentary committees.

All current and new members are invited to participate in the above projects (contact via links to project-sites above) or bring in their own ideas for projects. Moreover, we continuously invite submissions for articles in our Think Tank at ifair.eu or our op-eds at Diplomatic Magazine.

We wish you all a successful 2018 and hope to see you again soon!

IFAIR's executive board

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