

# SUMMER SCHOOL FOR FEMALE LEADERSHIP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

Dear Inspiring Leader,

We are delighted to **invite you to speak** at the upcoming [Summer School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age](#), which will take place in Valencia (Spain) between the 25<sup>th</sup> and the 30<sup>th</sup> of June.

Given the importance of making women fully active participants of Europe's recovery – a fundamental pillar of which is the digital transition – **it is our aim to recognize the immense potential of female talent and to proactively support it**, empowering girls to lead the tech revolution.

In this *III Summer School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age*, young female leaders coming from each of the 27 EU Member States, the 'Western Balkans 6' and Ukraine will learn **the skills needed to thrive in the world of tomorrow** – a world that will be defined by the advancement of new technologies. At the School, students will be coached by top experts in skills ranging from coding and AI ethics to leadership, sustainability and entrepreneurship.

**Since it was founded in 2021, the European Leadership Academy has received over 9,000 applications** for its various programmes. Applicants include students from all fields, as we welcome candidates not only from STEM, but also from humanities. This is what makes our initiatives unique: whether students have a technical background or not; whether they are doctors, engineers, historians or lawyers, all are entitled to acquire the skills needed to lead Europe into the forefront of the digital revolution.

In line with our equal opportunities policy, the 29 selected participants will receive a full scholarship to complete the programme. Our goal is to create a more inclusive digital era, and to build a platform where the leaders of tomorrow can bond, share experiences and support each other, cherishing the European spirit of cooperation. Students that attended previous Schools have variously described them as **"the experience of a lifetime"** and **"a week that I will never forget."** Here you can read their [testimonials](#).

[Speakers](#) of past editions have included José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero, **former Prime Minister of Spain**; Elvira Fortunato, **Minister of Science, Technology and Higher Education of Portugal**; Irena Moozova, Director of Equality at the **European Commission**; Christa Schweng, President of the European Economic and Social Committee; Caroline Ramade, Founder & CEO of 50inTech; Mary Coughlan, **former Deputy Prime Minister of Ireland**; Miguel Otero-Iglesias, Senior Analyst at Elcano Royal Institute; Aleksandra Przegalińska, Senior Research Associate at **Harvard University**; MEPs Iratxe García, Sabine Verheyen, Sylvie Brunet, Lina Gálvez, Pilar del Castillo or Tsvetelina Penkova; Costanza Hermanin, Director at the School of Transnational Governance of the European University Institute and Professor at the **College of Europe**; Shada Islam, Senior Advisor at the European Policy Center; David Jiménez, Columnist at **The New York Times**; Cláudia Cavadas, Vice-Rector for Research at the **University of Coimbra**; Liisi Org, CEO of Latitude59; Luc Hindryckx, Director-General of **ECTA**; Svitlana Berezina, Associate Professor at Kyiv National University; or Luisa Santos, Deputy Director-General of **Business Europe**.

Thank you very much in advance for your attention. We look forward to your positive response.

Kind regards,



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