

EMERGING LEADERS IN ENVIRONMENTAL AND ENERGY POLICY NETWORK (ELEEP): CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The Atlantic Council, in partnership with the Ecologic Institute, is pleased to announce that the Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network (ELEEP) is seeking applications from rising leaders in the United States and European Union.

Now in its second year, ELEEP is a dynamic, membership-only forum for the exchange of ideas, policy solutions, best-practices, and professional development for emerging American and European leaders working on or around environmental and energy issues. Network members will have the opportunity to earn access to exclusive benefits including expenses paid participation in study tours in North America and Europe.

We are currently recruiting innovative thinkers in North America and the European Union who are committed to identifying, discussing, and implementing pragmatic policies. The ELEEP Network includes individuals from a wide range of professional backgrounds including, but not limited to: elected officials (local, regional, or federal), CEOs, academics, scientists, agricultural experts, entrepreneurs, national security experts, urban planners, energy professionals, and journalists.

ELEEP members should be influencers – willing and able to impact policies that will ensure the security of our energy sources while preserving the environment. ELEEP has no policy agenda, and no partisan or political affiliation. We seek a ‘big tent’ collection of individuals committed to enacting pragmatic policies, and interested in joining a unique transatlantic network of practitioners from a wide range of industries and specialties. Over the course of the past year, members of the ELEEP Network have been published regularly in leading news outlets such as *The Atlantic*, *Bloomberg*, and *Popular Science*, commanded a wide following through Twitter, Facebook, blogs, and other publications, and directly contributed to the creation of new policies.

The ELEEP Network ties together online and offline activity. Hosted primarily in a highly customized Facebook application, ELEEP members will exchange ideas within a private forum of pre-vetted peers. As an additional benefit to members, consistent participation in this dialogue will unlock a series of unique “offline” benefits to enhance professional development and create in person links between members. These will include tailored “mentor” matches with senior level experts and practitioners and opportunities to secure expenses-paid participation in a series of study tours where ELEEP members will join expert delegations focusing on key environmental and energy issues. In 2011 and 2012 ELEEP study tours have included:

- Austria/Germany: Renewable energy sources and agricultural land use
- Detroit/Pittsburgh: The transformation of industrial regions

- Northern Germany/Denmark: the European energy market
- Brussels: ELEEP Summit
- Budapest: Water and waste management
- Denver/San Francisco: The US energy market
- Paris/Stuttgart: Transportation and urban infrastructure

In 2013-14 ELEEP will conduct at least four new study tours in the EU and US and host its second ELEEP Summit. While the locations have not yet been determined, the study tours will likely focus on the following issue areas and take place on the following dates:

- April/May 2013: Energy Efficiency, US or EU
- June/July 2013: Sustainable Transportation and mobility, US or EU
- November/December 2013: Distributed Power Generation, tour will end in Poland on the sidelines of the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) meetings
- January 2014: Water-Energy Climate Change Nexus, US or EU
- March/April 2014: ELEEP Summit, US or EU

ELEEP is membership only. We currently seek North American and European Union citizens between the ages of 25-40 who work in a position to influence the debate at the local, regional, national, or international level. Candidates should represent a broad spectrum of professions in the energy or environment field.

Ideal candidates will have at least 5-10 years of work experience in a related field, and a desire to share best practices and seek professional collaboration with a network of peers on both sides of the Atlantic.

About the Atlantic Council

The Atlantic Council is a non-partisan, non-profit think tank chaired by Senator Chuck Hagel. The Council promotes constructive U.S. leadership and engagement in international affairs based on the central role of the Atlantic community in meeting the international challenges of the 21st century. The Council has a long history of engaging young leaders in the Atlantic Community, having run exchange programs for nearly 50 years. Past young leaders have gone on to become US Senators, EU Commissioners, Ambassadors, ranking government officials, newspaper editors and CEOs. The Council's Young Atlanticist program is a proven leader in bringing together today's top policymakers and tomorrow's leaders for in-depth and open discussions. Most notably, the Council organized youth events at the Chicago, Lisbon, Prague, Istanbul, and Bucharest NATO summits, each time bringing together 130-180 future leaders from over fifty countries to meet directly with top Alliance and national decision-makers. In addition to this work, the Young Atlanticist program runs the Young Turkey/Young America exchange program, which connects rising foreign policy leaders in the United States and Turkey, and the Emerging Leaders in Environmental and Energy Policy Network, the first transatlantic network for young leaders in these fields. Those who have met with the Council's "Young

Atlanticists” include: President Barack Obama, German Chancellor Gerhard Schröder, Czech President Vaclav Havel, Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan, Afghan President Hamid Karzai, Georgian President Mikhael Saakashvili, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon, NATO Secretaries General Lord Robertson, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer, and Anders Fogh Rasmussen, General David Petraeus, former Secretary of State Madeleine Albright, former Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, and many others.

About the Ecologic Institute

The Ecologic Institute is a private not-for-profit think tank for applied environmental research, policy analysis and consultancy with offices in Berlin, Brussels, Vienna, and Washington DC. An independent, non-partisan body, the Ecologic Institute is dedicated to bringing fresh ideas to environmental policies and sustainable development. The Ecologic Institute's work programme focuses on obtaining practical results. It covers the entire spectrum of environmental issues, including the integration of environmental concerns into other policy fields. Founded in 1995, the Ecologic Institute is a partner in the network of Institutes for European Environmental Policy. The Ecologic Institute acts in the public interest; donations are tax-deductible.

ELEEP Application

Applicant Requirements

- Mid-career professionals whose work focuses on the areas of energy and/or environmental policy at a local, regional, national, or international level
- Between 25 and 40 years of age
- American or European Union citizenship
- English fluency
- A willingness to participate in building a first of its kind transatlantic best practices network

Application Requirements*

- Contact information
- Essays
- Curriculum vitae
- Suggested mentor/s (who you would want to be mentored by, also feel free to recommend people in your network who would be interested in mentoring other members).

Application Submission*

Applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Please submit completed applications by e-mail attachment to yanapplications@acus.org with the subject line “Last Name_First Name_ELEEP Application.” Please attach all documents as a single word doc file.

*** PLEASE NOTE that incomplete applications will not be considered.**

CONTACT INFORMATION

Last Name	First Name	Email	Mailing Address	Country of Residence

Date of Birth (Day/Month/Year)	Citizenship	Employer	Job Title	How did you hear about ELEEP?

*Note: Please use a semi-colon (“;”) to denote a new line or paragraph. Ex: 1101 15th St. NW; Washington, DC 20005

Current CV

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Essays

1. In order to create a successful best-practices network, we need active participation from our members on a regular basis. Please comment on your qualifications for the ELEEP network with specific reference to your willingness to be an active contributor to the transatlantic community, and desire to help create a successful network of likeminded professionals. (750 word maximum)

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*2. What is your big idea? Please describe an innovative yet practical development in your field that can positively impact the environmental and/or energy policy landscape without prohibitive cost. (750 word maximum)** Note – responses from accepted candidates will be shared privately within the network.*

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Suggested Mentor/s

All ELEEP members will have the opportunity to ‘unlock,’ through repeat participation in an online dialogue, a highly-tailored professional match. The Atlantic Council and Ecologic will proactively seek to identify and engage leading industry experts and practitioners and connect them with ELEEP members to discuss career development, policy matters, or both. In order to improve the quality of the matches that we are able to deliver, we seek advice from our members regarding potential mentors. Please recommend one or two individuals who you believe would fill this role well, and who, if selected, you would be willing to ask about participation. **(Please note – this information will not be shared and these individuals will not be contacted without your consent).**

Name	Title	Employer

Suggested Mentor/s for Other Members

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