

Three Visions for Germany in Europe

Three Munich Young Leaders share their expectations of Germany within the European Union

“ **... A leader in technology diplomacy**
Germany is well positioned to lead and support the EU's External Action Service in its work to build a common technology diplomacy. This will be necessary given the creation of the EU-US Trade and Technology Council, that will force both sides of the Atlantic to delineate their priorities in the tech space and given the profound social and economic transformation European countries will undergo in the coming years. Our diplomats will have to search for opportunities in the technology space, through partnerships or by helping attract investment, and at the same time find governance mechanisms for the challenges that rapid technological change brings.”



MANUEL MUÑIZ
Provost, IE University; fmr. State Secretary, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Spain – Munich Young Leader 2017

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“ **... A partner for a common European asylum and migration system**
The current crisis in Afghanistan as well as the ongoing tragedy in Moria have revealed that the European Union must find better ways of dealing with migration and asylum. Germany must join the efforts to establish a truly common European asylum and migration system. With large and influential countries like Germany on our side, we can ensure a union that is governed by European values and principles. Together, we can take a stand against populist rhetoric and focus on European solutions.”



CLAUDIA GAMON
Member, European Parliament, Austria – Munich Young Leader 2020

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“ **... A trailblazer going back to basics**
The past ten years will be remembered as a time of 'stabilocracy' in the Western Balkans: semi-autocratic leaders claiming to secure stability and pretending to espouse European integration; but instead, they rely on clientelist structures, control the media, and produce crises to undermine democracy. Germany must play an essential role in steering EU policy and reviving the initial vision of integration that is less technical and based on values. The next German government should go back to basics – remembering what the EU stands for and originally wanted to achieve.”



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