

SUMMER SCHOOL  
FOR FEMALE LEADERSHIP  
IN THE DIGITAL AGE

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# Towards an Inclusive Digital Era

There is infinite talent available in Europe - but sometimes this is not well identified or supported, which risks its potential going to waste.

Given the importance of making women fully active participants in Europe's recovery – a fundamental pillar of which is the digital transition – HUAWEI EU aims to recognise the immense potential that female talent affords, and to proactively support it by empowering girls to lead the tech revolution. As part of Huawei's broader educational initiative Seeds for the Future, the School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age represents the company's commitment to advancing digital inclusion.

We want to close the gender gap and create a world where women are empowered to – not just participate – but to thrive, and lead us into an equal, more sustainable Europe.



# A Unique School Concept

The Schools for Female Leadership in the Digital Age explore the intersection between technology, politics and economics, with a strong equality component. They equip the women of tomorrow with the skills needed to be at the forefront of the digital transformation.

They bring a platform for outstanding students and young professionals to debate first-hand with global thought leaders, policymakers and business executives at a defining stage in their careers. Their innovative, enriching and engaging concept blends high-level discussions with dedicated mentoring of future female leaders, branching out from the traditional 'classroom style' to awaken young minds.

The exclusive opportunities to network in a safe and inspiring environment make the Schools for Female Leadership in the Digital Age an unforgettable experience.





# Top-Level Speakers from all over Europe

Numerous global thought leaders and experts from across the EU come to the School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age to guide students to become the leaders of the future.

These top-level speakers give the participants a first class education - addressing everything from economics to policymaking and climate change to cybersecurity - during panel discussions, roundtables, workshops, fireside chats and keynote speeches.

Some sessions are open to local and global accredited media.

[View the media coverage](#)





## 29 Participants Selected by a Distinguished Jury

The young participants are selected by a distinguished jury composed of business executives, EU policymakers, professors, senior journalists and equality defenders from **all 27 EU Member States**. At the last Winter School edition, one seat for the **'Western Balkans 6'** was added. For the next Summer School, one candidate from **Ukraine** will also have the opportunity to attend.

Over **3,650 candidates** have applied to attend the previous editions.

More information about our eminent jury members is available on the European Leadership Academy website:

[Jury Summer School 2021](#)  
[Jury Winter School 2022](#)





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LISBON, SUMMER 2021

# Inaugural Summer School in Lisbon

The inaugural edition of the Summer School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age was held in August 2021, in the beautiful city of Lisbon, Portugal. The 27 participants attended classes at the Tivoli Palace, our private 'campus', and were inspired by top-level speakers from across the EU.

Each and every one of our students had a key role to play at the Summer School in Lisbon. However, they were not there only to learn and make new friends: they also brought their unique perspective as future leaders and shared their experiences as young women willing to make a difference.

The week-long programme enabled them to create longlasting connections, grow personally and professionally, and to dive into both the future of technology and the local culture.

[Learn more about the Summer School in Lisbon](#)  
[View the article on Euronews](#)



LISBON, SUMMER 2021

# A World-Class Programme

This was a programme like no other. A week of Masterclasses, Inspiring Sessions, Panel Discussions and Teamwork combined with trips to explore the beautiful city of Lisbon and free time to relax and make friends with fellow students.

A series of expert trainers and mentors shared their experiences and encouraged students to think and challenge the status quo. In addition to participating in a high level debate, the students also took part in a number of trainings, learning skills that will be invaluable in their future careers, from coding to public speaking.

There were evening trips where students were able to immerse themselves in the local culture and experience the many facets of Portuguese history and culture. And as the School focuses on both physical and mental wellbeing, our students also took part in a Yoga evening where they were encouraged to relax and shake off the stress of the day.

[Discover all Summer School speakers](#)





LISBON, SUMMER 2021

# An Amazing Experience

The week-long programme enabled the students to create longlasting connections and to grow personally and professionally. They spent time with world class leaders from the EU and beyond who taught and mentored them.

Not only did they have the opportunity to discuss and learn from female role models, they were also able to share and express themselves in a safe and inspirational environment.

They had experiences they will never forget and made friends for life. Students described the School as *“an unforgettable and educational experience”* and *“an event in my life that will impact my future forever.”*

[Read the testimonials](#)





LISBON, SUMMER 2021

# A Life-Changing Moment

The 2021 Summer School for Female Leadership in Lisbon ended with an unforgettable evening held at one of Portugal's most impressive national palaces.

Earlier in the day the students had all made their group presentations and at the Farewell Gala, the 27 future leaders received their certificates of achievement. A number of other awards were also presented to students and teams, recognising key leadership skills including analytical thinking, problem solving and teambuilding.

For students and mentors alike it had been a life-changing week and the final evening was tinged with the sad reality that tomorrow they would be leaving the School and heading home. The experience had changed them forever and equipped them with the skills they would need to lead in the digital age.

[View the photo gallery](#)

[Watch the testimony of the Award Winner](#)







NICE, WINTER 2022

# Breaking Ground with the Winter School in Nice

Following the incredible success of the inaugural Summer School, the Winter School for Female Leadership in the Digital Age took place from 21 to 25 February in Nice, France. This time we welcomed 28 students as our 27 young women – one from each of the EU member states - were accompanied by a student representing the ‘Western Balkans 6’.

Having joined their teachers and mentors at the campus that would be their home for the week, our future female leaders took part in the inaugural ceremony and began to meet one another and prepare for the programme that lay ahead.

The beautiful city of Nice on the French Cote d’Azur has a vibrant tech scene and, outside of the formal programme our students were encouraged to explore their surroundings and to learn more about France’s innovation landscape out with their new friends.

[Learn more about Winter School in Nice](#)  
[View the article on Euronews](#)



NICE, WINTER 2022

# An Empowering Week

The programme featured a series of high-level speakers drawn from the worlds of business, politics and beyond. They shared their knowledge and thoughts through a series of Masterclasses, Inspiring Sessions and Panel Discussions and provided excellent role models to our young, talented students.

Learning everything from coding to competitiveness and from leadership to public speaking, the students also had the opportunity to share their views in a safe and inspiring environment.

The programme departed from the typical class-based learning environment and encouraged discussion and teamwork, where every single member of the group was able to make a valuable contribution. Our academic partner, the European Training Foundation (ETF) supervised their works.

[Discover all Winter School speakers](#)  
[View the ETF press release](#)





NICE, WINTER 2022

# An Inspiring Journey

The students experienced something different every day in Nice. Whether it was listening to EU leaders, visiting splendid French chateaux or taking part in a wine tasting, no day was ever the same as the one before.

The learning sessions were an invaluable experience, and so was the chance to meet their peers and to learn a little about their lives, viewpoints and aspirations.

Our 28 young women bonded during the course of an unforgettable week and described the School experience variously as *“a week that I will never forget”* and *“an experience that has taught me that nothing is impossible.”*

[Read the testimonials](#)





NICE, WINTER 2022

# An Everlasting Memory

After a five-day programme that challenged our young students and encouraged them to 'dream big', the Winter School ended with a Farewell Gala Dinner and Awards Ceremony held at the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild overlooking the Mediterranean sea.

After enjoying typical French cuisine, our 28 young women each received their certificates of achievement. Several other awards were also presented during the evening, recognising key leadership attributes including analytical thinking, problem solving and teambuilding.

They say that a picture tells a thousand words and our photos of the event say it all: A group of determined, talented young women, ready to take the next step in their careers as they prepare to lead in the digital age.

[View the photo gallery](#)







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# This Summer in Prague

Our next Summer School for Female Leadership will take place from 17-22 July in the beautiful city of Prague, where it is said that the medieval heart of Europe can be felt in its cobbled streets.

While Prague is famous for its well-preserved castles, medieval squares and dreamy bridges, it also boasts a lively tech scene and will provide the perfect backdrop to inspire our future female leaders.

Our week-long programme will feature Leadership, AI and Public Speaking and students will also learn to code and to safeguard their own wellbeing. The teaching approach departs from traditional, class-based learning and will involve students in a good deal of debate, discussion and teamwork. They will learn from and be mentored by experts and have the chance to share and grow in a safe, inspiring environment.

[See the latest programme update](#)





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# Ready to inspire Europe's future female leaders?

The Schools for Female Leadership in the Digital Age are part of an educational programme which aims to empower the next generation of female leaders to shape the digital transition.

Contribute to this wonderful endeavour by coming to share your knowledge, experience and ideas for a better future with them in Prague.

Your words might just inspire a future president of the European Commission!

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