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Introducing the Leaders: Europe program

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Hi there,

In 2018, we launched Leaders: Africa, a program that brought together some of the continent's most promising emerging leaders. In 2019, we did the same in a new region when we launched Leaders: Asia-Pacific. This year, we planned to launch our third regional Leaders program in Europe with a large in-person convening, but like the rest of the world, we had to change course.

Right now, Europe has a critical role to play in addressing issues like strengthening democracy, advocating for human rights, pushing for a more sustainable future, and more. So even in light of the COVID-19 pandemic, we still wanted to bring together a new class of emerging leaders in Europe working on a wide range of challenges in a safe and innovative way.

[Today, we're thrilled to introduce Leaders: Europe—a six-month, fully virtual program for emerging leaders from 18 countries across the region.](#)

This virtual Leaders: Europe program focuses on honing values-based leadership skills, while building a tightly-knit cohort. Every week, our Leaders will explore strategies to drive change with experienced members of the Obama Foundation community. They'll also discuss timely issues facing Europe with thought leaders from across the region and the Obama Foundation's growing global network.

As they move through virtual skill-building trainings, cultural events, and online social gatherings, we expect our Leaders to become friends, co-creators, and mentors—role models for a new generation of young people who strive to make our societies more inclusive, more sustainable, and more just.

We are thrilled to introduce you to these incredible new Obama Leaders! [Get to know them here.](#)

I can't wait to see where they will lead us.

—Bernadette

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