



GRASSROOTS-THINKTANK FÜR
AUSSEN- UND EUROPAPOLITIK

OUR VISION

We are well-informed and eager to make our mark. We are creative and professional. We think that criticism and optimism are perfectly compatible. We want Germany and Europe to be open to the world. We are full of ideals and we want to get involved. We represent the next generation of European and foreign policy thinking.

We are [POLIS180](#).

[POLIS180](#) That's our generation. We aim to re-shape European and foreign policy. It needs a reboot. From our fresh and contemporary perspective.

[POLIS180](#) That's our platform. As a grassroots think tank we aim to overcome party divides and instead focus on the substance. We strive for meaningful dialogue and we develop innovative political concepts. We crowdsource policy expertise and carry it into public political discourse. In this way, we leave a mark on issues of importance to us.

[POLIS180](#) That's our team. We are dedicated enthusiasts from varied walks of life. We are committed to the idea of bringing about political change. We welcome everyone, regardless of formal qualifications.

[POLIS180](#) That's our approach. Within our Polis Programmes we create innovative debating formats that allow us to tackle the questions that bother us most. Whether we are "speed-dating" politicians, simulating crises together with decision-makers or offering Food for Thought, our aim is to inspire the audience with our ideas. An integral part of our Polis Programmes is that our members develop policy recommendations, which we then publish on the Polis Blog or as a Polis Paper. All our analyses abide by acknowledged academic standards. Yet they are written in an accessible way so as to reach and convince a wider audience. What's more, our members also benefit from workshops and networking events for their personal and professional development.

[POLIS180](#) That's our solutions. Via our analyses and positions we establish ties with opinion leaders, the media, and other key influencers. We exchange our ideas with politicians and decision-makers. Our vision is to become a hub of innovative thinking, triggering a dialogue across generations, sectors and institutions. Our goal is to make Germany's European and foreign policy more transparent, inclusive and participatory. We create policy for us, the next generation.

[POLIS180](#) That's our milestones. Together with members and partners, Polis180 was established at an inaugural event on the 20th of June 2015. In February 2016, we introduced ourselves to a wider audience. In the meantime, our priority is to gather a diverse membership base. Likewise, to ensure a sustained growth in our membership and to build a reliable network of opinion leaders, we set up a strong organisational structure. We work with a voluntary executive committee and a paid full-time management position. In the medium term, we also intend to establish an advisory board to supplement our organisation's activities. Our finances will be composed of membership fees customised to our varied target groups, public funding, collaborations with non-profits and private donors.

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