

Press release

Second Berlin Demography Forum in January 2013

Independent platform continues international dialog on the issue of demographic change

- Federal Minister of Family Affairs Dr. Kristina Schröder and Minister for the Interior Dr. Hans-Peter Friedrich are among the participants
- New features are the "Young Expert Panel" and the "Forum Berliner Impuls" (Berlin impetus forum)
- Exchange of best practices among national and international representatives

Berlin, November 14, 2012 – The *Berlin Demography Forum* will be held for the second time from January 9 to 10, 2013. After getting off to a successful start in January 2012, the independent platform is now once again bringing together representatives from the fields of politics, academia, business and civil society. 2013 is set to focus on issues relating to "Generations - Learning - Prosperity". The forum was initiated by the Federal Ministry for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and Allianz. The conference will once again be led by ambassador Dr. h.c. Wolfgang Ischinger and Prof. Jörg Rocholl, President of the ESMT European School of Management and Technology.

The *Berlin Demography Forum* addresses the challenges created by demographic change on a cross-party, interdisciplinary basis. The second forum will be focusing primarily on interaction between the individual generations, the need and prerequisites for lifelong learning, and the conditions for social and personal prosperity.

The high-profile participants in the *Berlin Demography Forum* include not only the Federal Minister of Family Affairs, Dr. Kristina Schröder, but also the Minister for the Interior Dr. Hans-Peter Friedrich, Allianz CEO Michael Diekmann, Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz, Polish Minister for Employment and Social Affairs and Philip D. Murphy, Ambassador of the United States of America in Germany.

"Families provide the stable core of our society. It is within families that people find support, protection and backing that extends well beyond the capabilities of the state solidarity system", **said the Federal Minister for Family Affairs, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth, Dr. Kristina Schröder.** At the same time, demographic change is changing the relationship between women and men in partnerships and within the family. The German government is using its demographic strategy to take account of this."

At its second event, the *Berlin Demography Forum* will be focusing more on international participants to strengthen cross-national dialog and promote the exchange of best practices. Leading demography professors from countries including Brazil, China, France, the UK, Austria and Poland will be participating in the event to enrich this dialog.

For the first time, the event will feature not only numerous panel discussions and presentations, but also a "Young Expert Panel" sponsored by the Robert Bosch Foundation, in which young people discuss the challenges posed, opportunities offered by, and possible solutions to demographic change with representatives from the 80+ generation.

Another feature will be the "Forum Berliner Impuls" (Berlin impetus forum). This is a forum for discussion involving representatives from business, academia and civil society with the aim of coming up with impetus for the issue of demographic change. This "impetus" is then commented on by four politicians.

The forum is being organized by the ESMT European School of Management and Technology in Berlin.

About the BDF:

The Berlin Demography Forum is a cross-party, international discussion platform on demographic change. The forum brings together international players from politics, industry, academia and civil society to discuss solutions and contribute to sustainable development. A further aim is to raise public awareness of the implications of demographic change. The forum is held once a year, with the kick-off event taking place in January 2012. The initiators are the Ministry for Family, Senior Citizens, Women and Youth (BMFSFJ) and Allianz. The conference will be chaired by Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger and Prof. Jörg Rocholl, PhD. The forum is organized by the European School of Management and Technology.

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