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Dear IFAIR-Family, dear supporters, partners and friends,

Ukraine, Euro-Crises and Syria – to name but a few – shaped the political landscape of a year of crises in 2015. International Relations were at the center of public attention, and will be for the years to come. IFAIR was proud to take part in some of the large foreign policy debates during the past year. In IFAIR's fifth year since its establishment, we realized more projects than ever before and were able to continuously increase our professionalism. Your enormous interest and participation was a strong testimony to our main goal: To let the young generation participate in the world of foreign affairs. We would like to thank everyone that supported us last year to make our work possible.

Our Highlights 2015

- Number of members increased by 26 % to a total of 121.
- 3.650 people follow our activities on facebook ([in a brand-new design](#)).
- Our Open Think Tank grew to 350 submissions and was visited 49.003 times.
- [EU-ASEAN Perspectives](#) has established itself successfully as a cornerstone of EU-ASEAN relations and presented its final report in June in Brussels to EU- and ASEAN embassies.
- The [Trilateral Peace Talks – Germany, Russia, Ukraine](#) in May were a beacon of understanding in midst of the Ukraine-crisis
- 15 of our members talked to former Undersecretary of State Dr. Born at our [camp-side-talk](#) about careers in foreign affairs and current events
- Our [Core Team](#) grew by four competent and dynamic new members: Hanna Elten, Ravenna Sohst, Johannes Klein and Florian Winkler.
- With donations and project funding of over 9.000,- EUR, multiple non-monetary donations, voluntary work and two strategic meetings in 2015 (Berlin and Munich), IFAIR has reached a new level of professionalism as an organization



Further Info on Three of Our Key Projects

Impact Group : [„EU-ASEAN Perspectives“ – Teil 2](#)

In March, 20 students or young professionals from Europe and South-East-Asia met online for a workshop to discuss current issues of EU-ASEAN relations. This led to a



policy paper which a core delegation presented to representatives from politics, diplomacy, science and civil society during a delegation trip to Brussels in June. The paper was taken up and discussed by several public institutions and governments in the EU and ASEAN region afterwards. (Pic: Project leader Nelly Stratieva (2. from right), Lukas Rudolph (1. from right) and Kilian Spandler (2. from left) present the final report to representatives of EU and ASEAN-States at our closing event in Brussels)

Impact Group: [„Trilateral Peace Talks“](#)

At the start of May, IFAIR brought 30 young academics and actors from civil society from Germany, Russia and the Ukraine together in Berlin for the „Trilateral Peace Talks“. The four-day event aimed at an intense exchange between the participants. Topics were the current crises in Ukraine, but particularly trying to work on common ground regarding origins, media coverage and possible solutions for the crisis. The results were presented to the public in an innovative format at BMW-Stiftung Herbert Quandt in Berlin. (Pic: Some participants in front of the Berlin wall during the cultural program)





Impact Group: „Arms Trade“

In the midst of the debate about German arms support to the Peshmerga, IFAIR discussed arms trade in February at the LMU Munich with experts – among others – from the



Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and the Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC). IFAIR-member Lukas Hafner on the panel had qualified before through a competitive essay challenge, that IFAIR had organized. (Pic: Crowded lecture room at LMU München)

Finance and Members Report



(Pics: Recently our core team was joined by (left-right) Hanna Elten, Johannes Klein, Florian Winkler and Ravenna Sohst)

In 2015 we welcomed 25 new members in our ranks, among those three international members in Germany and six members who live abroad (EU/non-EU). This is a sign of growth of our network on a global scale. In total, IFAIR now has 121 regular and 16 honorary members. Our core team grew to a number of 16, leaving us with ever more capacity for new projects. Finally, IFAIRs finances represent the appreciation of our work through third parties in 2015:

Earnings in EUR		Expenditures in EUR	
Membership fees	720,00	Administration (e.g. Website)	246,04
Donations	4.748,05	Project Weapons Trade	29,16
Specific Project Funds	3.523,40	Project Trilateral Peace Talks	6.200,00
		Project EU-ASEAN Perspectives	197,95
		Event with StS a.D. Dr. Born	20,48
Total	8.991,45	Total	6.693,63



What will happen in 2016?

- The following Impact Groups are ongoing or will commence in 2016:

[EU-ASEAN – Part III](#)

In the third edition of our successful format for dialogue „EU-ASEAN Perspectives“, participants from all over Europe and South East Asia will shed light on the topic of migration from different points of view. In summer, a delegation visit to South East Asia is planned for the first time.

[UN Parliament](#)

The Impact Group „UN Parliament“ organizes a simulation for students under the title *Model UN Parliamentary Assembly Preparatory Committee* as well as a scientific symposium dealing with *Democratization of World Politics or Continuation of Hegemonic Structures? The Idea of a World Parliament*.

[LACalytics](#)

The Impact Group „LACalytics“ initiates an interregional program that connects young experts and students from Latin America, the Caribbean and the European Union through a commonly written and published policy paper. In October 2016 the results will be presented to and discussed with the public at a closing conference.

[German-Russian Student Exchange: A Culture of Remembrance](#)

Under the slogan "Memory as a Tool of Change: Lessons learned from Germany", IFAIR invites a group of Russian students to Berlin to discuss with their German exchange partners about remembrance and responsibility regarding totalitarian regimes of the 20th century.

- All current and new members are invited to participate in the above projects (contact via links to project-sites above) or come to us with their own ideas for projects. Further, IFAIR will have multiple openings to join as regional directors in 2016. Finally, you are continuously invited to submit articles for IFAIR.eu or our columns at Diplomatic Magazine or the European.

We wish you all a successful 2016 and hope to see you again soon!

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