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# Inspirations for the Future

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## Inspirations for the Future: a Conversation with Syrian, Jordanian and Lebanese Youth and Young Entrepreneurs

The German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) invites the press to a side event to the Brussels II Conference on Supporting the future of Syria and the region. The event is organised by the EU Regional Trust Fund in Response to the Syrian Crisis, in partnership with UNICEF, DAAD-led HOPES Consortium and SPARK.

“Inspirations for the Future: a Conversation with Syrian, Jordanian and Lebanese Youth and Young Entrepreneurs” will feature a dialogue between EU-Commissioner Johannes Hahn and youth, students and young entrepreneurs from Syria, Jordan and Lebanon.

It will take place on 23 April, at 15h30-18h30p.m, in the Solvay Library, Rue Belliard 137, 1040 Brussels.

**Programme**

15h00: Registration

15h30: Opening remarks by Commissioner Hahn, Geert Cappelaere, MENA Regional Director of UNICEF, Dorothea Rüland, Secretary General of DAAD, and CEO Yannick Dupont, CEO of SPARK

15h40: Panel discussion between Commissioner Hahn and Youth

15 min break: Possibility of meeting/exchange/interviews with Commissioner Hahn

17h00: Aeham Ahmad, the Pianist of Yarmouk

17h30-18h30: Network reception and Exhibition

**Information on participating / attending:**

This event is accessible by personal invitation. To journalists it is open upon registration. Please register by COB on April 19, 2018 at [NEAR-MADAD@ec.europa.eu](mailto:NEAR-MADAD@ec.europa.eu)

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