

# BULLETIN DE LA BAIE DES ANGES

Trocadéro Forum Institute's monthly Newsletter



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This photo was taken at the  
ESG & Friends Forum in Sofia ,  
2025.

Conversation with Denimir  
Dimitrov, CEO , Zero Wave.

Welcome to the fourth issue of our monthly Newsletter!

Our mission is to train a new generation of leaders in Sustainable Leadership & Diplomacy, to give managers the tools to have a vision, foresight, leadership, navigate the complex geopolitical situation, all the while investing in R & D, technology and human capital and imagining and living in a sustainable inclusive city.

The Place du Trocadéro has a rich history, but one event stands out : the Universal Exhibition in 1878 and the Palais du Trocadéro designed by architects Gabriel Davioud and Jules Bourdais , which was inaugurated by French President Patrice MacMahon. The palace later transitioned to become the largest concert hall in Paris with a capacity of 4,600 seats , where Charles Lemeire painted a huge mural entitled "*La France sous les traits de l'Harmonie accueille les Nations*"

Inspired by these major events, and in the spirit of harmony and world peace, our school welcomes all nations and all peoples to join our mission of sustainability, understanding , dialogue and diplomacy .

# OPEN HOUSE : COME AND MEET US

## Written by the Academic Committee

We are pleased to announce that the Trocadéro Forum Institute has chosen to open its doors at the Campus Sud des Métiers at 13, Avenue Simone Veil in Nice, France.

After having visited several properties since October, the President has decided to open our school at this location in Nice .

We are pleased to bring together a renowned group of permanent and guest professors to our school, who bring with them their rich expertise and regional perspectives



Visiting the campus just before the Christmas holidays, Ellen Wasylina has made the decision to open our school there.

Here is the website : <https://www.campussuddesmetiers.com/le-campus/>

The Chambre de Commerce et Industrie (CCI) of Nice and its financial partners want to give young people the possibility to acquire a trade via an apprenticeship program with their 15 apprenticeship programs .

Stretching over 24,000 m2, the campus is powered by geothermal and solar panels , which powers the Meridia eco-quartier .

The City of Nice made the decision to heat, to cool, and provide hot sanitary water to this eco-quartier , and its 550,000m2 of buildings, , which includes 3,500m2 of housing, and 250,000m2 of tertiary buildings, thus avoiding 5,000 tons of CO2 per year .

Here are a few dates where we will be doing Open House off campus :

May 6

Paris : Villa Viardot , Bougival

End of May

Berlin

# COMING TO NICE

Written by the Welcoming Committee

*Boana jornada ! Bonjour !*

*Coma va? Comment ça va?*

Welcome to Nice, France !

Did you know that Nice has the third largest airport in France after Paris Charles de Gaulle (CDG) and Orly airports ?

There are direct flights to 124 cities in 43 countries, as well as direct flights to 17 French cities .

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The City of Nice has it all : an international airport , trains, trams, buses , museums, restaurants, mountains and the sea, and 300 days of sunshine  
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Now that you know a little bit more about the city of Nice, here are a few notable events during the month of May, according to [Seenice.com](http://Seenice.com) :

**La Fête de Mai** (spring festival) : At the Jardins de Cimiez , every Sunday in May

**Fête des Roses**, Cap Ferrat, May 16 and 17 , at the Villa Ephrussi de Rothschild , with guided tours of the 9 themed gardens , as well as workshops with florists and gardeners .

**European Night of the Museums**, May 23 : created in 2005, this Night in the Museum allows visitors to stay until 1 a.m. Check with your favorite museum and on the website of the French Ministry of Culture , for overall [information](#) .

Finally, here are some of the top brunch and breakfast spots in Nice :

<https://www.seenice.com/news/best-brunch-spots-in-694338>





# **MASTERS OF ARTS, SUSTAINABLE LEADERSHIP & DIPLOMACY**

**Written by the Academic Editor**

## **Spring 2027**

We have a wonderful academic program for you in Year 1, interspersed with outings, trips, activities throughout the year .

Every week you will have a professor coming in from another country, who will teach their subject.

Let's Zoom in on Semester 2 : After our Christmas break from December 12-January 10, we begin the Second Semester on January 11 with Ellen Wasylina's class in "Intercultural Communication" , followed by Ambassador Samad's course on "Great Power Rivalry".

The week of January 18 takes us to Istanbul , Türkiye , where Professors Güney and Korkmaz will teach their respective courses in "Middle East Security" and "Foreign Policy Analysis".

When back again in Nice on January 25, Professor Lagdami will teach her course online : "Human Rights at Sea", while Ellen Wasylina will continue her class in Intercultural Communication.

We start off the month of February with the second half of our Cybersecurity course which will be taught by Dr Vladimir Bunic.

The week of February 8 will begin with Gustav Magnusson's course in "Exploring Liveable Cities", alongside the suite of Intercultural Communication .

We will spend the week of February 15 in Dubai , with Dr. Rebel Hanna , who will teach his course entitled , "ESG & non-financial reporting".

We have the next two weeks off ! And in the next issue, we will look at the end of the Semester 2 !

***English and French  
language lessons are  
available online now  
to better prepare you  
for your studies and  
your stay in Nice,  
France***



# EXECUTIVE MASTERS IN ETHICAL SUSTAINABLE GOVERNANCE

**Written by the Academic Editor**

We designed this Executive Masters program with you in mind, tailored to your needs and to your schedule. We recommend starting with Block 1, and combining it with 2 or 3 other blocks . Here below are our currently available blocks.

## **Block 1 : Vision to Lead**

Key words : Vision, Foresight, Management , Finance, Risk, Geopolitics, Resilience

## **Block 2 : Invest to be innovative & competitive**

Keywords : R & D, Innovation, Technology, Competitiveness, Artificial Intelligence,

## **Block 3 : Attract, retain and manage Human Capital**

Keywords : Human Capital, Ethics, Emotional Intelligence, Critical thinking, World citizen, multicultural

## **Block 4 : Manage resources sustainably while creating value**

Keywords: Sustainable Business model, Resource management, Clean mobility, sustainable liveable cities, Zero Carbon construction , supply chain, value chain

## **Block 5 : Industrial Transformation Management**

Industrial Revolution, advanced Factory Physics and Operational performance, Smart Facility design and Industry 4.0 integration

## **Block 6 : Sustainable Leadership for Women**

Sustainability, ESG, Leadership, AI strategy, AI Ethics, Communication

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***Professional  
Certificates will be  
open in January 2026  
on a rolling basis***

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# SPOTLIGHT ON OUR PROFESSORS

TUNE IN TO OUR PODCAST WITH  
DR. ANCA GORON

**Dr. Anca Goron, PhD**

Each month in this section, we will highlight one of our professors in our Masters of Arts program.

With over 20 years of experience spanning groundbreaking fields like neural AI, space exploration, IoT, and smart cities, Anca is a true pioneer. As a Forbes-recognized entrepreneur and advocate for women in AI, her journey is as inspiring as it is impactful. She is Head of Artificial Intelligence at AVA Research & Consulting.

Dr. Anca D. Goron is a leading AI researcher and entrepreneur. She holds a Ph.D. in Artificial Intelligence and brings over 11 years of academic research and more than 20 years of AI industry experience across multiple domains. Her work has earned her recognition among Forbes USA's Top 100 Female Founders and Stanford University's Top 40 Female Data Scientists, with recent articles published in MIT Science Policy Review Magazine and award-winning AI initiatives. Most notably, her AI-based collaboration with artist Aziza Kadyri received the Gold Medal at the 18th International Triennial of Textile in Łódź. In 2025, Dr. Goron was named to the Most Inspirational Women in Web3 & AI list, positioning her as a prominent voice of the new AI generation.

Through her company, AVA Research, she leads pioneering projects exploring how AI can empower businesses, creativity, and society. Her recent work includes launching the Brain AI Manifesto, a creativity augmentation through AI initiative, through which she curates AI art experiments and participates in debates on AI's impact on the creative industries. She regularly speaks at leading AI universities and international conferences alongside global leaders in ethics and innovation.

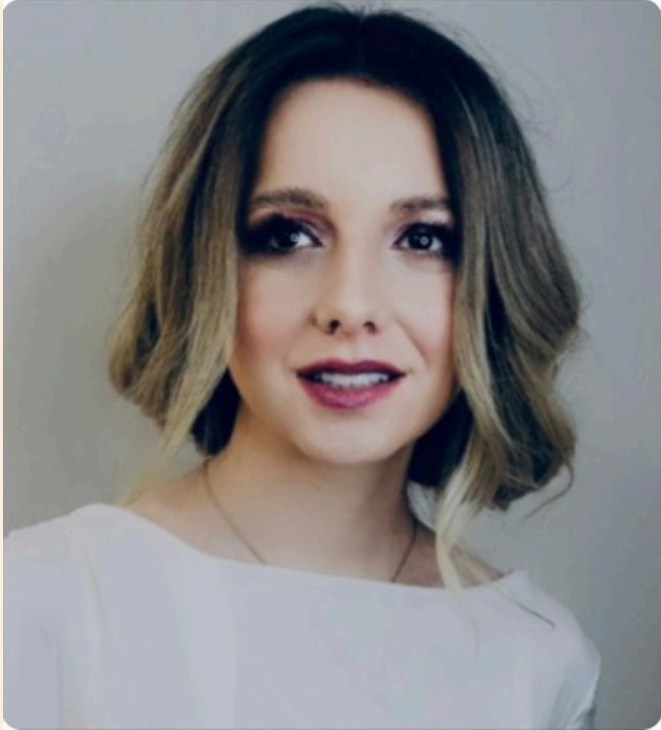
In our two-year program , she will teach the following courses :

Semester 1 : AI Governance & Global Policy

Semester 2 : Intelligence in Defense & National Security

Semester 3 : The Skills of the Future : Creativity & AI

Semester 4 : AI for Diplomacy & Sustainable Innovation



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# SAVE THE DATE

## Written by the Events Editor

As we look forward to Spring, we are available to meet with you, our future students in three different ways :

1) weekly virtual Open House :  
<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/2026/02/20/virtual-open-house/>

2) In person Open house in Nice on April 9 :  
<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/2026/01/27/open-house-portes-ouvertes/>

3) Monthly Happy Hour in Nice :  
<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/2026/02/23/come-and-meet-us-at-an-afterwork-near-you/>

With 16 professors in 16 cities and 15 Senior and Junior Ambassadors in a city near you, here are the cities where you will be able to meet us , and learn more about our school :

**April** : Paris, Berlin

Nice : April 9 and 23

**Montpellier** : **April 27 - 30**

**May** : Paris, Berlin

**Bougival** : **May 6**

Nice : May 21st

Berlin : end of May

**June** : Paris, Berlin

**University of Rzeszow** , **June 11-12**

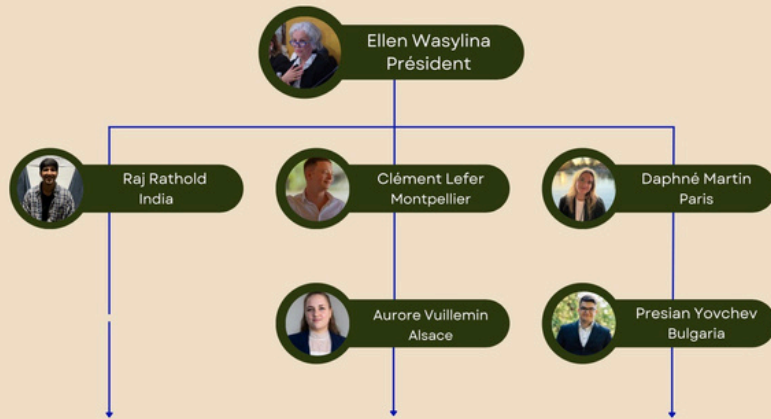
Nice : June 25

Stay tuned to our podcast (by clicking on the logo), where Ellen will interview our new Senior and Junior Ambassadors , who will also be featured every month in the section below .



*Tune into to our  
podcast*





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## AMBASSADOR NOMINATIONS

Written by the Academic Counselor

We are pleased to announce that Ellen Wasylina convened three online meetings in December with her former students (2011-2016; 2021-2025) and has appointed 14 honorary senior and junior ambassadors .

During the month of January , Ellen interviewed the following ambassadors on her podcast :

### Senior Ambassadors (2011-2016)

- Sagar SV, India
- [Hatime Oukrid, UAE, January 22](#)
- Yann Kasay, France
- Sacha Daunar, France
- Christophe Bispo, France
- Lidia Krasowski, Germany
- Chirine Tachefine, France
- Zora Younsi, France

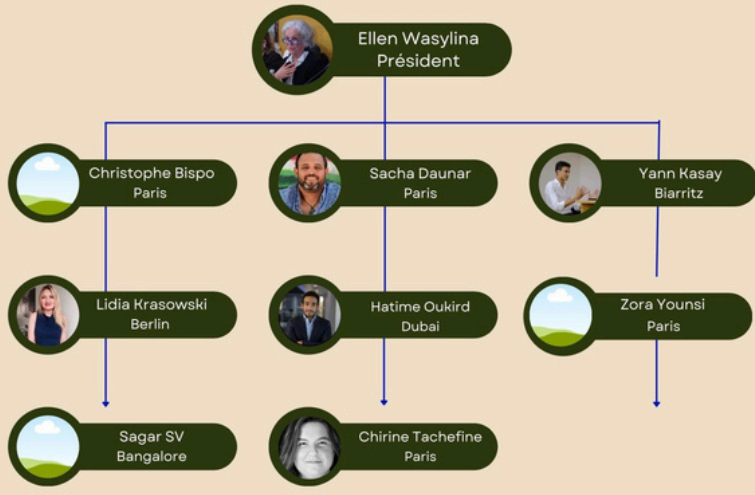
### Junior Ambassadors (2020-2025)

- Clément Lefer, France
- Daphne Martin, France
- Raj Rathold, India
- Presian Yovchev, Bulgaria
- [Aurore Vuillemain, France, January 6](#)



# Senior Ambassadors

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## AMBASSADOR SPOTLIGHT

Written by the Academic Counselor

Here is the profile of our

### Senior Ambassador Chirine Tachefine (2014)

Chirine Tachefine is currently Head of international relations in Paris, France.

She met Ellen Wasylina while doing her MBA at the École Supérieure de Gestion (ESG) in 2014.

Short bio : She is a senior professional in international education and training strategy, with a strong track record in developing institutional partnerships and leading large-scale capacity-building programs. She combines a strategic vision with hands-on leadership and close stakeholder collaboration to deliver sustainable impact in international and multicultural environments.

Career highlights \*

- Lead strategic international partnerships in the field of higher education and vocational training across the Middle East
- Oversee end-to-end governance of large-scale, multi-year education and training programs
- Coordinate complex, cross-functional projects involving academic, institutional, and international stakeholders
- Drive business development and program expansion through high-value partnerships, including Princess Nourah University and the Saudi Entertainment Academy





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## OFFICIAL PARTNERS

### Written by the Partnership Advisor

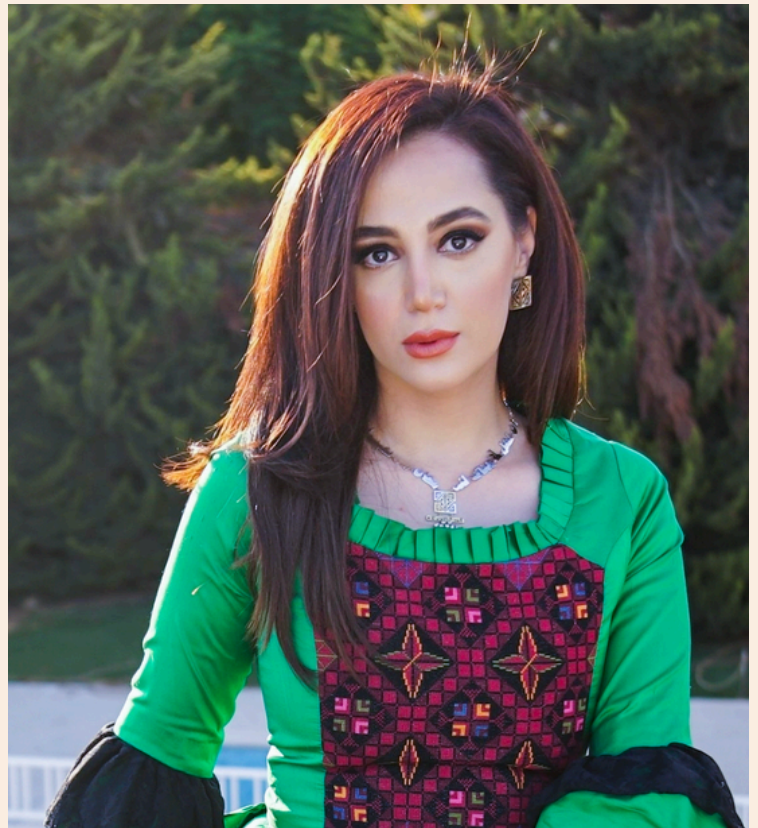
We are pleased to announce that Ellen Wasylina convened online meetings in January 2026 , and is pleased to announce the following partners to accompany the Trocadéro Forum Institute :

**The International Advisory Board (IAB) convened on January 13 and we are pleased to announce that the following women have accepted to join us . We would like to highlight Zeina Barhoum :**

Zeina Barhoum is a Grand Prix award winning Opera singer. In 2017, she founded Amman Opera Festival, the first Opera focused festival in the Arab World under the Patronage of HRH Princess Muna Al Hussein.

She performed on some of the world's most prestigious stages and venues including the Kensington Palace, The Hofburg Palace, Cadogan Hall, The UNESCO Paris, The Rimini Opera and Campidoglio in Italy, Austria, the UK, France, Ukraine, China, Jordan, UAE and Lebanon with renowned artists, including Italian Baritone and tutor Walter Alberti, Roberto Alagna who is the acclaimed successor of Pavarotti and Andrea Bocelli.

To continue reading her profile :  
<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/international-advisory-board/zeina-barhoum/>





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ROLLING ENTRY DATES

Contact our Director of Executive Programmes, André Dan, on our [website](#)

## CONVERSATION WITH ANDRÉ DAN

Written by the Partnership Advisor

Here is a recent conversation between André Dan and Ellen Wasylina, as he takes on the role of Director, Executive Programmes at TFI.

Ellen: Welcome to TFI, dear André!

André: Thanks very much, dear Ellen!

Ellen: I know that you are very ambitious ... like me ...and think big! What are your ambitions for our Executive program?

André: As a former graduate of the HEC Paris Executive MBA, we must strive for excellence, establish a great network, and achieve a recognized and respected prestige by and for Executives.

Ellen: How do you think we can achieve this very ambitious goal?

André: first of all, by guaranteeing an irreproachable pedagogy, which includes a rigorous selection process, accompanying our professors, and achieving excellence in every class delivery.

Ellen: But there are two sides to this Excellence equation, correct?

André: Indeed! TFI needs to attract the best talent towards our Executive program.

Ellen: There is a lot of competition out there! How do we achieve this very noble goal? How would we find the ideal candidate?

André: by organising meetings online via Zoom, where we present our program; sending out our brochures; establishing partnerships with companies; and by word of mouth.

To conclude, these three pillars create a virtuous circle of pedagogical excellence which result in a sustainable economic model for TFI and all of its partners.

Ellen: we look forward to working with you, dear André, and together, make TFI a true reference in higher education excellence.

To get to know André Dan, his profile is available on our website:

<https://trocaderoforum-institute.org/our-team-2026/>



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## NICE CULINARY SPECIALITIES

Written by the Culinary editor

Coming to Nice will not only be an academic experience, but a culinary one .

Food is the best way to get to know people, how they eat, what they like, what fruits and vegetables they use in their daily meals .

For the month of May, here is a typical Niçois recipe that can be either savory or sweet , made from Swiss chard ou "*Blettes*" in French .

Here is the recipe in French, taken from the [Ville de Nice website](#) :

### La tourte de blettes salée ou sucrée

La tourte de blettes (la torta de blea en niçois) est une spécialité culinaire niçoise à base de blettes, qui peut être servie aussi bien comme un plat, salé, que comme un dessert, sucré. Malgré la présence de blettes, il s'agit d'une pâtisserie, consommée froide ou tiède. Les feuilles de blettes finement hachées y sont mêlées entre autre à des pignons et raisins secs. La tourte se sert le plus souvent abondamment nappée de sucre glace.



This tarte or tourte is typically served for the "*Fête de Mai*" in Nice .

Recipe and Photo : <https://nicesecret.co/fete-des-mai-a-nice-la-recette-officielle-de-la-celebre-tourte-de-blettes-salee/>

what changes in this savory recipe for a "*tourte*" are the following ingrédients :

- kg de blette
- 1 oignon
- 150 g de jambon blanc
- 1 œuf
- 100 g de riz cuit
- 2 gousses d'ail
- 100 g de pignons
- 200 g de fromage râpé (parmesan)
- Poivre, sel