Fact Sheet:

Das Progressive Zentrum, in cooperation with the Progressive Policy Institute and the Alfred Herrhausen Gesellschaft, developed a project draft on “New Urban Progress” which is based on targeted measures to strengthen the relationship between Germany and the United States. The project draft focuses on “the urban city” as a space where creative transformative processes concerning 1) the future of labor, 2) cultural inclusiveness, and, 3) equal opportunity and social mobility are possible. A one-week delegation trip is currently in the planning, during which 20-24 project fellows will be able to lead elaborative discussions on the meaning of these three core topics, exchange ideas on connected issues, and forge personal alliances. The group of project fellows will consist of German and US-American “Leading Figures of Tomorrow” from various sectors of society: from civil society, the culture & media sector, people working on the ground, as well as experts of economics and (practical) science. Due their different backgrounds they will bring a range of perspectives and areas of expertise to the table. The selected fellows are expected to act as spokespeople for the project and provide impulses for its future scope of action.

The Project shall take place during the time frame from September 21st, 2019 to August 31st, 2022. The first delegation trip (Germany) will commence in March 2021, the second (USA), in October 2021. In the course of these trips, the delegation is expected to visit a number of cities and will, thus, have the opportunity of becoming familiar with a range of city projects and learn from the various background stories from the involved sectors of society. In addition, further content-driven inputs, such as workshops, will be incorporated into the program. A Sounding board, which is composed of six renowned experts in their respective fields (for each of the three core topics two experts from the USA and Germany), will serve as advisors during the nomination process to the project fellows and accompany the projects’ development. Also, well-known Personalities of city life in Germany and the USA shall take up the role of patrons.

If the application process is successful, the project will take place within the scope of the German Program for Transatlantic Encounters (“Transatlantic-Program”) which is financed by the European Recovery Program (ERP) belonging to the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy.