



College of Europe
Collège d'Europe



PROGRAMME OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

Classic Intensive Seminar on the EU

(29 June – 10 July 2015)



Background - Previous activities

The College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) organises the Classic Intensive Seminar on the European Union. This seminar is conceived as a Summer School of two weeks training programme providing professionals with in-depth knowledge and practical skills on EU decision-making and policies. With a focus on the latest developments and practice-oriented insights, the seminar aims to improve participants' professional skills and performance when working on EU affairs. Each year, a group of forty to fifty highly motivated professionals from all over the world representing the public and private sectors, civil society and academia participate in the Intensive Seminar to improve their EU knowledge and skills what will enable ReSPA participants to have a good opportunity for networking with other professionals.

Venue

The seminar will take place at the [College of Europe, Bruges campus](http://www.coleurope.eu) in Belgium (www.coleurope.eu). Participants will be accommodated at the College residences.

Target group

The Summer School is intended for up to 6 participants (1 per ReSPA Member and Kosovo*), senior to mid-level professionals **with basic experience in EU affairs** and actively taking part in the European Integration processes and national law approximation procedure/harmonization of national legislation with EU acquis, from the following institutions: Central EU coordination institution, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Justice, Ministry of Public administration, Ministry of Economy and regional development, Ministry of Finance, as well as other state bodies actively involved in the European Integration process.

Description

The programme offers an intensive and practice-oriented learning experience in a truly European environment giving you the possibility to:

- Improve, extend and update your knowledge and understanding of the EU through the in-depth analysis offered by a series of sessions on EU policies
- Strengthen your professional skills through exercises in managing the information flow in EU affairs, communication, negotiation and lobbying practice
- Experience 'Brussels' during and after the sessions with EU practitioners and visits to the EU institutions
- Enjoy a unique opportunity to debate the EU and extend your personal and professional network with participants of over 30 different nationalities
- Benefit from the College's European Documentation Centre and Library - one of the world's largest repositories of EU information materials

Participants' obligations

ReSPA participants in the Summer school, in order to receive the certificate of attendance, must:

1. attend 100% of the class room sessions and study visits;
2. submit, at the latest 4 weeks after the end of the Summer School, a report (max 8 pages) in English on how the topics and experience obtained within the Summer school courses relate to their working experience. In the report, the participants are supposed to explain how the knowledge and skills obtained during the Summer School they intend to use in the performance of their professional duties.

Please note that the remaining second instalment of per diems will be paid to the participants upon receipt of confirmation of their regular attendance, boarding passes and valid instructions for payment from abroad, as well as the submission of reports. *Only participants who comply with all the above stated conditions will receive the certificate of attendance.*

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence

Full Programme Overview

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Week 1

Monday 29 June	Tuesday 30 June	Wednesday 1 July	Thursday 2 July	Friday 3 July
9.00 - 10.00 Welcome to the College of Europe and Presentation of the Programme	9.30 - 12.30 The EU Legal Order – Part I	9.30 - 12.15 Europeanisation of National Politics: The Impact of the EU on its Member States	9.30 - 12.30 Policy-Making in the EU	STUDY VISIT TO BRUSSELS <u>European Parliament</u> The European Parliament and the work of an MEP
10.15 - 12.30 History of the European Integration		12.15 - 12.45 Visit of the College Library		
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 - 18.00 Institutions & Decision-Making in the EU	14.00 - 16.30 The EU Legal Order – Part II	14.00 - 17.30 EU Terminology	14.00 - 17.30 Workshop The Challenge of Democracy and Legitimacy in the EU	European Commission Inter-Institutional Relations: Meeting with an Official of the European Commission European External Action Service The European Union's External Relations
19.30 <i>Welcome Drink and Dinner</i>	17.00 - 18.30 Workshop Careers with the European Union (EPSO information)	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>
	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	20.00 <i>Guided Tour of Bruges</i>	20.00 <i>Film "In Bruges"</i>	

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Week 2

Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
09.00 - 09.30 Debriefing and Presentation of the week ahead	9.30 - 12.30 The EU Internal Market and Accompanying Policies	9.30 - 12.00 EU Negotiation: Mechanics and Dynamics in the Council of the EU	9.30 - 12.30 Growth and Cohesion in the European Union	9.30 - 12.30 Workshop EU Negotiation Skills
09.30 - 12.30 European Economic Integration		12.00 - 12.30 EU Negotiation: Presentation of the Simulation Exercise	12.30 - 12.45 Group picture	
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 - 17.00 Economic Crisis in Europe	14.00 - 17.00 La Dimension Sociale de l'Intégration Européenne - or - EU Development Policy - or - Reporting Skills	14.00 - 17.00 Presentation Skills - or - EU Competition Policy - or - EU Energy Policy	14.00 - 17.00 EU Regional Policy - or - Justice and Home Affairs: Police and Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters in the EU - or - Public Relations and Communications Management Skills	14.00 - 17.15 Interest Representation in the European Union - Presentation & Case Study
	17.15 - 18.30 Keynote speech Topic to be confirmed		17.15 - 18.45 Panel Debate Topic to be confirmed	
19.30 <i>Drink and Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.30 <i>Barbecue & Quiz night</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>