



European Training Programme – Unlocking the Workings of the EU

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European Training Programme

The *European Training Programme* provides 12 sessions of professional trainings over a period of three months to diplomats, policy makers and corporates who wish to gain an in-depth and inter-disciplinary understanding of how the EU works, policy areas and changing treaty and inter-constitutional developments. The weekly trainings take place inside the European Parliament and at the European Neighbourhood Council (ENC) offices in Brussels.

Objective of European Training Program

- Providing trainings that help understand the workings of the EU with speakers from the academic, government and private sector perspectives;
- Covering inter-disciplinary and 'practical' areas including everything from external relations in trade, energy and investments to security, innovation, and banking sector reform;

1st Module: 09/04/2018-30/06/2018¹

2nd Module: 01/10/2018-21/12/2018

3rd Module: 21/01/2019-08/04/2019

All three modules will cover the same topics but three times throughout the year, so as to give the opportunity to those who were not available to attend in the first one to participate in the second or third one.

Each module consists of 12 weeks. One session per week, four sessions per month, two hours (including a break) per session. A total of 12 sessions per module.

¹ The total cost of participation is €350. In case of failure to attend all twelve (12) sessions, each attendant is allowed to conclude the full cycle of seminars in the following module without additional charges.

Topics of Sessions

1-2 weeks: *EU structures and decision-making under Lisbon Treaty provisions*

- EU institutions and their interaction
- Strengthening of the EU economic governance in the aftermath of the financial crisis
- The EU budget
- Impact of BREXIT on EU governance, financing, policy formulation and decision making

3-4 weeks: *EU thematic (internal) policies (1)*

- Sustainability (environment, circular economy and climate change issues, including financing for adaptation and mitigation).
- Innovation (Innovation Union, Digital Europe, Connecting Europe, Horizon 2020 programme and annual action plans, Smart cities)

5-6 weeks: *EU thematic (internal) policies (2)*

- Industrial Development (SMEs development and their internationalization-COSME programme and the role of the EIB)
- Investment (The EFSI programme and EU policies and incentives to attract FDI to Europe)

Week 7-8: *Trade and Foreign Investment Policies and Issues (1)*

- EU Trade Policies and the new EU anti-dumping legislation
- EU Market Access and rules of origin provisions in the context of globalized supply chains)
- New Risks (fiscal dumping, competitive devaluations, exchange rate manipulations)
- The EU in WTO

Week 9-10: *Trade and Foreign Investment Policies and Issues (2)*

- The EU and International Sanction Regimes
- The EU's FTA, BIT, CU, DCFTA, EPA, EBA, PCA and AA negotiations and agreements.
- Development policies and policies towards the countries in transition (BRICs, ACPs, transition countries in the EU Neighbourhood and the Balkans)
- Investment facilitation instruments (the role of the EIB, EBRD and European Investment/Development financial institutions)



Week 11: EU External Policies

- Public diplomacy
- Human Rights
- Strategic Communication
- EU and Civil Society Organisations (EU external instruments (EIDHRs, PI, IfS, thematic DCI))

Week 12: EU policies and instruments in the fields of Security, Defence, anti-Terrorism and Migration

- EU relations with the UN and NATO
- The role of the European Defense Agency
- EU Civil Instruments

Parliamentary Session Format

Each session includes a 45 minute part in which a high-level official or Ambassador from the EU institutions, NATO or the European Parliament will speak on a specific policy subject. The second part of the session lasts 60 minutes and includes two experts, one from the corporate and one from the academic sector.

1st Part

45min. Includ. Q&A:

Key-note speech by
Amb./PermRep/MEP/EC/EEAS officials

15 minute coffee break

2nd Part

60min. Includ. Q&A:

2-person Expert Panel², consisting of 1 corporate and 1 academic or expert speaker (NGOs, Academia, Private Sector, Industrial Associations etc.)

² All Expert Panel meetings will be held under Chatham House Rules.



The sessions are held in the European Parliament and include a networking coffee break, whereas the sessions held at the European Neighbourhood Council will include wine, cheese, snacks and other refreshments.

All sessions are estimated to attract on average between 20 and 30 participants from cross-sectoral work sectors, including diplomats, EU officials, private sector and NGOs.