

Intensive Seminar on the European Union

12th edition

The **CLASSIC formula** (4-22 July 2005)

The **COMPACT formula** (11-15 July 2005)

The **Intensive Seminar on the European Union** is a training programme that aims to impart a general perspective as well as a specific understanding of EU structures and policies. It is organised by the College of Europe and taking place on the campus in the historical city centre of Bruges.

During the seminar, practitioners and academics - experts coming from the College's network of top specialists in European affairs - guide the participants in:

- **acquiring state-of-the-art knowledge on the EU**, its institutional framework and latest policy developments
- **experiencing how the EU works in practice**, through a series of practical activities enhancing their professional skills in working on EU-related matters.

AN INTERACTIVE EXTRANET SITE

Participants have access to an **interactive extranet site** dedicated to the Seminar. It is a very user-friendly tool that allows the participants to download reading materials, exchange views in discussion fora, and keep contact with trainers and other participants after the Seminar.



Participants

The participants have a relevant university degree, a good command of English (the language of the Seminar), and several years of working experience.

Each year, a group of sixty to eighty highly motivated professionals from different backgrounds and **from 20 countries worldwide** attend the Seminar. The majority are civil servants, but managers from private companies or NGO's, lawyers, and academics are also represented



Main features and assets

The CLASSIC formula (3 weeks)	The COMPACT formula (1 week)
<p>The "CLASSIC" formula is the well-known College of Europe's three-week summer training programme on the EU, with a new skills-oriented third week.</p> <p>With a broad offer of parallel and optional courses during the three-week programme, participants can shape their own programme by opting for training sessions according to their professional background, their degree of knowledge of the EU, and their specific interests.</p> <p>The extranet site allows them to customise their programme by selecting and registering for the sessions of their choice. Reading materials and handouts will remain available on this site during one year after the end of the seminar</p>	<p>The "COMPACT" formula is a new alternative one-week programme focusing on the EU's latest developments. This format is specifically designed for a limited audience (maximum: 25 participants) of time-constrained professionals with a solid proven knowledge on the EU.</p> <p>Evening conferences and debates of the second week of the classic programme are open to participants of the compact seminar.</p> <p>Optional extra week</p> <p>Participants can choose to take part in the last week of the three-week classic programme to work on EU-related professional skills. This week is not only a practical complement to the policy-oriented programme, but also an additional opportunity to meet and share experiences and knowledge with the other participants.</p>
<p>Debating on the EU with the experts: High profile guest speakers will address some controversial topics through conferences, debates and key-note speeches.</p> <p>Experiencing the EU and enhancing practical skills: Interactive sessions focusing on the EU practice-oriented knowledge and professional skills represent an essential part of the programme</p> <p>Extending professional and personal networks: the highly international character of the Seminar, combined with several organised social events, enables participants to experience a truly multicultural environment and extend their network of professional and personal contacts.</p>	

Programme structure

	The CLASSIC formula (3 weeks)	The COMPACT formula (1 week)
4-8 July 2005	<p>WEEK 1 of the Seminar focuses on the key aspects of European integration and EU's decision-making process. Parallel sessions offer a choice between a more introductory approach to the topics and an approach that builds further on the participants' existing knowledge of the issues at hand. The week ends with the first policy-oriented sessions, covering several aspects of the EU's external relations.</p>	
11-15 July 2005	<p>WEEK 2 starts off with a one-day trip to Brussels, with visits to the EU institutions and discussions with EU officials. The programme continues with policy-oriented sessions, taking an analytical approach to the major EU policies, and examining the latest legislative and reform initiatives. The late afternoon sessions are devoted to panel discussions and debates on the current challenges facing the EU.</p>	<p>The daily programme follows five broad themes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recent changes to the EU structure and its internal workings - State of affairs in key EU policies - Major challenges for EU political, economic and social integration - The EU's role as a global player - EU initiatives towards increased competitiveness
18-22 July 2005	<p>WEEK 3 is devoted to practice-oriented knowledge and professional skills; a set of simulations, exercises and workshops aims to enhance the participants' ability to deal with EU affairs.</p> <p>Various <i>simulation games</i> (EU funding strategy, crisis management at EU level, EU Council of Ministers negotiation); <i>cases studies</i> (lobbying); <i>workshops</i> involving group discussions and presentations by the participants; and <i>other practical sessions</i> addressing the participants' professional needs (EU Press coverage, EU Terminology)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to the detailed programme</p>	<p>Optional extra week= WEEK 3 of the classic programme</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Please refer to the detailed programme</p>

Facilities

Accommodation is provided in one of the College's Guest Residences in the historic centre of the city of Bruges. All rooms offer 3-star comfort with the possibility to connect laptops or notebooks to the Internet through the College e-network.

Participants also have access to the College's European Documentation Centre and Library, one of the world's largest information centres on the EU, where they can consult the collections, study, have full use of the computer room, and access to a wide range of electronic information resources and facilities.

Registration and admission procedure

The registration fee amounts to:
€ 3.900 for the classic formula
€2.250 for the compact formula + €1.000 for the optional extra week

It covers:

- Tuition
- Accommodation in one of the Guest Residences of the College of Europe
- Full board for the whole duration of the seminar
- Social events during the whole stay in Bruges
- Support material and documentation distributed during the lectures
- Visit to the European institutions in Brussels
- Certificate of attendance

The registration deadline is **3 June 2005**. Since the number of participants is limited, early registrations (before 1 May 2005) are encouraged, and benefit from a 10% reduction.

To be validated, the registration form should be sent along with a CV. When filling in the registration form, applicants should not forget to choose between the classic formula and the compact formula.

The College of Europe reserves the right to select participants on the basis of their professional and academic profiles.

Please note that the compact formula is open to a maximum number of 25 participants. Specific conditions for applying:

- The application should include a short motivation letter in addition to the registration form and the CV
- The application should clearly demonstrate a sound knowledge of EU affairs
- The applicants should have at least 3 years of relevant working experience

Registration form available online