

360° of EU affairs. Brussels Summer School

Institute for European Studies & Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences
Université libre de Bruxelles



19-31 July 2021

This summer school examines current challenges of EU integration; through academic lectures, roundtables and panels with high level officials and experts in EU affaires, it provides an introduction to EU politics with a focus on EU institutions, interests representation, lobbying and decision-making. An innovative pedagogical approach is proposed which combines in depth knowledge in EU studies, learning of new professional skills, visits, networking and mentoring sessions as well as cultural and political tours of Brussels.

The program alternates lectures, visits, panel discussions, networking sessions and cultural events. It is an initiation to understand the EU and an opportunity to discover Brussels, as capital of Belgium and headquarter of EU institutions and many international organisations.

Assessment and graduation: active participation (30%), writing of a policy brief (15%), writing of an interview (15%) and submission of a final paper 10 days after the programme (40%).

Welcome pack and study material: participants will receive a reader covering all the topics listed in the program below. The reader will contain key concepts, boxes, useful links and practical information to go further.

Day 1 19	<p>9h-10h: Welcome to the <i>Université libre de Bruxelles</i> and the <i>Institute for European Studies</i> Ramona Coman, Associate Professor, President of the Institute for European Studies Frank Mattheis, Researcher, Institute for European Studies Program presentation. What's your professional dream? Tour de table.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*</p> <p>10h15-12h: EU's interactions with regional and international organisations in Brussels Oliver Đajić, <i>NATO-EU partnership</i>, Policy Officer for NATO – EU partnership at the North Atlantic Organization - Division for Political Affairs and Security Policy Andrew Bradley, OACP</p> <p>12h-13h: Lunch time</p> <p>13h-14h: Virtual tour of EU institutions</p> <p>14h-15h: Brussels, a cosmopolite capital for businesses and international organisations. Virtual tour of the city</p>	
Day 2 20	9h-12h	<p>9-10h Keynote opening: Pia Ahrenkide Hansen Director-General of the Directorate-General for Communication of the European Commission</p> <p>10h15 – 12h Lecture: Introduction to the politics of the EU (part 1) Prof. Olivier Costa (College of Europe)</p>
	12h-13h	Lunch time
	13h-15h	<p>Lecture: Introduction to the politics of the EU (part 2) ULB/IEE Academic: Prof. Olivier Costa (College of Europe)</p>
Day		Public Holiday (Belgian National Day)

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Day 3 22	9h-12h	<p>Lecture: How did we get here? The deepening and widening of EU integration process. Treaties, institutions and policies – an overview Prof. Ramona Coman (Phisoc, IEE-ULB) & Prof. Luciano Morganti (VUB)</p> <p>Round table discussion based on readings: EU integration – failure or success? Prof. Ramona Coman (Phisoc, IEE-ULB) & Prof. Luciano Morganti (VUB)</p>
	12h-13h	Lunch time
	13h-15h	<p>Workshops: The EU media ecosystem and crisis communication Christophe Leclercq, Europe's MediaLab (Fondation EURACTIV, IEE-ULB) Tom Moylan (European Commission)</p>
Day 4 23	9h-12h	<p>Lecture: Interest representation in Brussels. Mapping the actors. Lobbying techniques. Meet the professionals. Dan Luca (Senior Director, EURACTIV)</p>
	12h-13h	Lunch time
	13h-15h	<p>Inside the Council. Who gets what and how? How does the rotating presidency work? Dialogue with diplomats and practitioners Diplomacy rules and norms in intergovernmental negotiations Chair: Ramona Coman (Phisoc, IEE-ULB) Paula Rocha, Counselor for Cooperation Affairs, Permanent Representation of Portugal to the EU Oana Dutescu, Head of Unit Outreach and Engagement, General Secretariat of the Council of the EU Dr. Vivien Sierens, Second Secretary – Deputy Antici, Permanent Representation of Belgium to the EU</p>
Day 5 WE 24	Free day	
Day 6 WE 25	Free day	
Day 7 26	9:00 – 12:00	<p>Lecture: A more (geo)political European Union? The EU's open strategic autonomy Prof. Mario Telò (IEE-ULB, TBC)</p>
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	<p>Dialogue with practitioners The EU institutions' roles in international crisis Hugues Mingarelli, former EU Ambassador</p>
Day 8 27	9:00 – 12:00	<p>Lecture: How powerful is the European Parliament? Prof. Nathalie Brack (Phisoc, IEE-ULB)</p> <p>Political parties in the EU. Contrasting visions of EU integration Prof. Nathalie Brack (Phisoc, IEE-ULB)</p>
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	<p>Meeting with Members of the European Parliament. Prof. Nathalie Brack (Phisoc, IEE-ULB) <i>MEPs/EU Officials TBC</i></p> <p>Skills session: what is a parliamentary assistant? What other options for young professionals to enter the administration?</p>

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		Dialogue with Parliamentary assistant at the European Parliament
Day 9 28	9:00 – 12:00	Lecture: Decision-making in the EU. Procedures and case studies Who gets what and how? Prof. Seda Gurkan (Phisoc, IEE-ULB) Civil servant, European Parliament, TBC
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	Lecture: The Member States: Still the Main Drivers of EU integration? Prof. Christian Lequesne (Science Po Paris)
Day 10 29	9:00 – 12:00	EU in the world. The multiple dimensions of the EU external action Prof. Mario Telò & Frederik Ponjaert (Phisoc, IEE)
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	Normative power versus strategic interests? How the EU interacts with other world regions and international organisations Dr. Frank Mattheis (IEE) Dr. Wolfram Vetter (Ambassador, EEAS)
Day 11 30	9:00 – 12:00	The Conference on the Future of Europe: towards a new era of European integration? Dr. Alvaro Oleart (Maastricht University; IEE-ULB)
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	Study afternoon. Case study preparation. The EU budget and the struggle for own resources Frederik Mesdag , College of Europe, Academic Assistant, European Political and Governance Studies Department (Bruges campus) Lorenzo Giuglietti , College of Europe, Academic Assistant, European Political and Governance Studies Department (Bruges campus)
Day 12 31	9:00 – 12:00	Simulation game: Negotiating the EU budget Frederik Mesdag , College of Europe, Academic Assistant, European Political and Governance Studies Department (Bruges campus) Lorenzo Giuglietti , College of Europe, Academic Assistant, European Political and Governance Studies Department (Bruges campus) Guillaume Rey , European Parliament - Committee on Budgets Secretariat (TBC)
	12:00-13:00	Lunch time
	13:00-15:00	Your views on EU integration. Debate Dr. Alvaro Oleart (Maastricht University; IEE-ULB) Essay submission to be submitted the 10th of August. Virtual Graduation ceremony and celebration

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