

# PROGRAMME OF THE SUMMER SCHOOL

**Advanced Intensive Seminar on the EU  
(6 – 17 July 2015)**

## Background - Previous activities

The College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium) organises the Advanced Intensive Seminar on the European Union. This seminar is construed 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](http://www.coleurope.eu)). Participants will be accommodated at the College residences.

### Target group

The Summer School is intended for up to 12 participants (2 per ReSPA Member and Kosovo\*), senior to mid-level professionals **with solid 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 installment 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 independency.

# Full Programme Overview

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## Week 1

Monday 6 July	Tuesday 7 July	Wednesday 8 July	Thursday 9 July	Friday 10 July
09.00 - 10.00 <b>Welcome to the College of Europe and Presentation of the Programme</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b>The EU Internal Market and Accompanying Policies</b>	9.30 - 12.00 <b>EU Negotiation: Mechanics and Dynamics in the Council of the EU</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b>Growth and Cohesion in the European Union</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b>Workshop</b> <b>EU Negotiation Skills</b>
10.15 - 12.30 <b>The EU after the Lisbon Treaty - Part I</b>		12.00 - 12.30 <b>EU Negotiation: Presentation of the Simulation Exercise</b>	12.30 - 12.45 <b>Group picture</b>	
<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	
14.00 - 16.00 <b>The EU after the Lisbon Treaty - Part II</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b>La Dimension Sociale de l'Intégration Européenne</b> - or - <b>Justice and Home Affairs: Police and Judicial Co-operation in Criminal Matters in the EU</b> - or - <b>Reporting Skills</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b>Presentation Skills</b> - or - <b>EU Competition Policy</b> - or - <b>EU Energy Policy</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b>EU Regional Policy</b> - or - <b>EU Development Policy</b> - or - <b>Public Relations and Communications Management Skills</b>	14.00 - 17.15 <b>Interest Representation in the European Union - Presentation &amp; Case Study</b>
16.15 - 18.30 <b>Workshop</b> <b>EU Decision Making Process</b>	17.15 - 18.30 <b>Keynote speech</b> <b>Topic to be confirmed</b>	17.15 - 18.45 <b>Guided walk in Bruges</b>	17.15 - 18.45 <b>Panel Debate</b> <b>Topic to be confirmed</b>	17.15 - 17.45 <b>Debriefing and Presentation of the week ahead</b>
19.30 <i>Welcome Drink and Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>	19.30 <i>Barbecue &amp; Quiz night</i>	19.00 <i>Dinner</i>

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### Week 2

Monday 13 July	Tuesday 14 July	Wednesday 15 July	Thursday 16 July	Friday 17 July
9.30 - 12.30 <b>The Structures and Overview of EU Foreign Policy</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b>EU Trade Policy and Relations</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b><u>Simulation Exercise</u></b> <b>Simulation Exercise: EU Negotiation in the Council of the EU</b>	9.30 - 12.30 <b>EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policies</b>	10.00 - 13.00 <b>New Security Challenges</b>
<i>Working Lunch</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>	<i>Lunch break</i>
14.00 - 17.00 <b>External Aspects of EU Internal Policies</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b>La gestion de crise dans la politique étrangère de l'UE : étude de cas</b>  - or - <b>EU External Energy Challenges</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b><u>Simulation Exercise</u></b> <b>Simulation Exercise: EU Negotiation in the Council of the EU</b>	14.00 - 17.00 <b>EU-Asia relations</b>  - or - <b>The EU Democracy Promotion and Human Rights</b>	14.00 - 16.00 <b>Debriefing, Evaluation &amp; Awarding of Certificates</b>
<i>19.00 Dinner</i>	<i>19.00 Dinner</i>	<i>19.00 Dinner</i>	<i>19.00 Farewell Dinner</i>	
<i>20.00 Film "The President"</i>				