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Spanish seminar

European Reciprocal Training Programme and Information Programme in
Member States

“Spain and its social, economic and political landscape within
the European Union”



National Institute of Public Administration (INAP)

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Introduction

The National Institute of Public Administration (hereafter, INAP) is presenting a joint programme of the European Reciprocal Training and the Information Programme for the European Commission.

The purpose of these programmes is to strengthen the relations among European Public Administrations and their ties with the European Commission, while also deepening mutual trust among these organizations.

This seminar is offered to experience civil servants from different Member States and officials from the European Commission and aims at giving participants an overview of the Spanish political and administrative institutions within the European Union, together with a social, economic and cultural landscape.

Finally, apart from the presentations of the selected speakers and a panel discussion about Spanish public policies, there are also programmed visits to the Congress or Senate, Castilla-La Mancha Autonomous Community or the Reina Sofía Museum.

Description

Target group

Officials of the European Commission and civil servants from other European countries.

Language

The seminar will be conducted in English.

Objectives

The aim of this seminar is to familiarize the participants with the culture, political, administrative and economic structures of Spain.

Contents

- Political system.
- Territorial organization.
- Spanish role in the European policies.
- Some samples of Spanish public policies.
- Social landscape.

Other activities

- Guided tour of the Congress (the lower Chamber) or Senate.
- Study visit to Toledo (Castilla-La Mancha Autonomous Community)
- Guided tour of Reina Sofia Museum.

Tuesday 26th

15.30-16:00 Registration at *INAP*

16.00-16.30 **Welcome and presentation of the programme.**

Mr Manuel Arenilla Sáez, Director of INAP

Ms Marta Cimas Hernando, Director of International Relations Department

16.30-17.30 **Political system: Government-parties dimension.**

18.30-19.30 **Guided visit to Reina Sofia Museum.**



Wednesday 27th

Visit to Toledo:

09:00 to 10:30 Transfer to Toledo

10:30 to 14:00:

- **The Parliament (“Cortes”) of Castilla La Mancha**
- **The role of Castilla-La Mancha as Autonomous Community:**
 - **within the Spanish political and administrative organization**
 - **coordination at European and national level**

14:00 to 16:00 Lunch

16:00 to 18:00 **Guided visit to Toledo**

18:00 to 19:00 Transfer to Madrid

Thursday 28th

9.00-10.30 **The Spanish social landscape: main changes in the Spanish society since its accession to the European Union.**

10.30-10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45-12.30 **Panel discussions: “Public Policies: Education, Culture and Sports”**

Ministry of Education, Culture and Sports.

12.30-14.00 **State organisation-CCAA role. Federal-unitary dimension. State-CCAA coordination.**

13.30-16:30 *Lunch break*

16.00-18.00 **Counterparts visit.**

Friday 29th

09:00-09:30 Transfer to the Senate

09.30-11.00 **The Senate: organization and functions**

Guided meeting to the Senate building

11:00-11:30 Transfer to the INAP

11:30-13.00. **European policy coordination.**

13:00- 13:30 **Seminar evaluation.** Closing of the seminar and certificate-giving ceremony.

(Group picture).

13:30- 14.30 **Farewell cocktail**