

COURSE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION AND NEGOTIATION FOR DIPLOMATS FROM CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

Organised by the AECID in collaboration with the Secretariat of State for the EU, the Diplomatic School and the FIIAPP

To take place from 2nd to 18th June 2008, in the Diplomatic School headquarters in Madrid and in Brussels

The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation is the entity for the management of Spain's policy of cooperation for development, and is ascribed to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. The main aim of the AECID is to contribute to the economic growth and the social, cultural, political and institutional progress of developing countries, basing its activity on the principles of defence and promotion of Human Rights and of sustainable, participatory development and equitable development for men and women.

1. Aims of the seminar

With this Seminar, the AECID intends to inform the representatives of guest countries about Spain's experience in the process of integration in the European Union and, at the same time, describe the country's foreign policy, bearing in mind the Economic and Monetary Union, common policies, regional policies and EU foreign policy. Within this framework, special reference will be made to Spain's policies regarding cooperation for development.

The central aim of the Seminar is to offer a complete, global picture of Spain's experience in matters related to the process of European integration, while adapting lectures to the particular characteristics of candidate and potential candidate countries, within the framework of the Stabilisation and Association Agreement with South-eastern Europe, and, at the same time, discuss the most important areas of community politics and international cooperation. The matters to be considered can be summed up as the following:

- Spain's experience in the process of integration in the EU.
- Outline of the major lines of Spanish and European foreign policy.
- The European Union: institutions, policies, workings and integration processes.
- Strategy and instruments of Spanish policies regarding cooperation for development.
- The enlargement of the EU, the process of Stabilisation and Association of the EU with the Western Balkans.
- Spain's experience in the Management of Community Funds.
- The "twinning" programme of the European Commission and the FIIAPP.
- Practical workshop on negotiation techniques at a European Union level.
- Visit to Brussels to study the workings of the Permanent Representation of Spain (REPER) and of EU institutions.

2. Participants

The Seminar is aimed at diplomats from EU candidate and potential candidate countries: Croatia, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Turkey, Serbia, Montenegro, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Albania. Participants are selected by the Foreign Affairs Ministries of the aforementioned countries in collaboration with the Spanish Embassies in these countries. Diplomats from the Embassies of the aforementioned countries residing in Spain will also be invited to participate in the Seminar.

The Seminar, which will take place in Madrid and Brussels, includes training, travel to and from the country of origin, accommodation and maintenance, and expenses accruing from the cultural and business trips which form part of the academic programme of the Seminar. The language used in the lectures and the different activities of the Seminar will be English. The Seminar will take place in the Diplomatic School headquarters, Paseo de Juan XXIII, 5, 28040 Madrid (Telephone +34 91 553 53 00; website: www.mae.es/escuela_diplomática). Public transport in the zone, besides taxi, includes: Metro, Metropolitano Station, line 6; buses, circular and N° 132.

3. Teaching organisation

The list of lecturers is made up of Spanish diplomats and distinguished experts from the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation, the Permanent Representation of Spain in the European Union (REPER), and other administrations involved in European integration.

The agenda of the Seminar includes:

- Lectures of a theoretical nature about different aspects of the EU, making special mention of the Spanish experience and the present situation of the aspects being dealt with. The lectures will be of one hour's duration, including a final period for questions.
- A practical workshop regarding negotiation techniques within the European Union, involving the simulation of two meetings: firstly, that of a Council Working Group and, secondly, that of a Commission Management Committee. This workshop will be graced by the presence of experts from the European Union Secretariat of State of the Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and from the Ministry of the Environment and Agriculture and Fisheries.
- Study visit to Brussels, during which meetings will be held with the Spanish Permanent Representation and with EU institutions.

FIRST WEEK
LECTURES: THE EUROPEAN UNION AND COOPERATION, THE SPANISH EXPERIENCE

Monday: 2nd June

09.30-10.15: Presentation of the Course by the AECID, the Diplomatic School and the FIIAPP

Mr. Enrique Iranzo - Head of Studies, Diplomatic School

Ms. Inmaculada Aguado-Muñoz Ramírez - Technical Adviser, Department of Cooperation with Eastern Europe, AECID

Mr. Agustín Fernández - Head of Unit Europe, FIIAPP

10.30-11.10: Inauguration

Mr. Diego López Garrido - Secretary of State for the European Union

Mr. Ricardo Martínez Vázquez - Director for Cooperation with Africa, Asia and Eastern Europe, AECID

Mr. Ignacio Sagaz Temprano - Ambassador Director of the Diplomatic School

Mr. Javier Jiménez de Gregorio - Director of Cooperation Programmes, FIIAPP

Mr. Alfonso Dastis - Adviser, Directorate of State for the European Union

11.10-11.40: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: The Spanish experience of Adhesion to the EU

Mr. Jorge Toledo - Head of the Secretary of State for the European Union's Office

12.50-13.50: Spain in the European Union: present situation and future prospects

Mr. Jorge Toledo - Head of the Secretary of State for the European Union's Office

14.00-16.00: Welcome lunch

16.00-18.00: Guided tour of Madrid de los Austrias

Tuesday: 3rd June

09.00-10.00: Mediterranean policy of the EU and the Barcelona Process

Mr. José Luís Pardo - Deputy Director General for General Affairs

10.10-11.20: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation. Special reference to the Directorate of State for the EU

Mr. Alfonso Dastis - Adviser, Directorate of State for the European Union

12.50-13.50: Spanish foreign policy: priorities and challenges

Mr. Carlos Fernández-Arias - Deputy Director General for Foreign Policy and Common Security

14.00-16.00: Lunch

16.00-17.00: Permanent Representation: composition and functions. Its relations with Member States and with common institutions

Mr. Raúl Fuentes - Counsellor to the Permanent Representation

17.10-18.10: Community Law and the role of the Spanish State in its fulfilment

Ms. Nuria Díaz Abad - State Lawyer at the European Court of Justice

Wednesday: 4th June

09.00-10.00: European institutions and their relations with Member States

Ms. Francisca Pedrós - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for Institutional Affairs

10.10-11.10: Territorial organization of the State and its relations with the EU

Ms. Francisca Pedrós - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for Institutional Affairs

11.10-11.40: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: Spanish foreign policy towards Central and Eastern European countries

Mr. Ramón Abaroa - Deputy Director General for Central and Southern Europe

12.50-13.50: The European enlargement policy and the Spanish perspective

Mr. Alfonso Díez Torres - Director General for Integration and Coordination of General and Economic Affairs of the European Union

14.00-16.00: Lunch

16.00-17.00: The Stabilisation and Association process and the Spanish perspective

Mr. Javier Dago - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs

17.10-18.10: Spanish strategy for communication and information of European affairs

Mr. José Rodríguez Spiteri - Ambassador on Special Mission for Projects in the Framework of European Integration.

Thursday: 5th June

09.00-10.00: Spain's current political, economic and social situation

Mr. Román Escolano - Commercial Officer and State Economist

10.10-11.10: The Economic and Monetary Union

Ms. Cristina Serrano - Deputy Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs

11.10-11.40: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: EU regional politics, (I): General aspects

Ms. Begoña Montoro - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for Economic and Financial Affairs

12.50-13.50: EU regional politics, (II): the different mechanisms

Ms. Emma Navarro - Assistant Deputy Director General, Deputy Directorate for Economic and Financial Affairs

14.00-16.00: Lunch

16.00-17.00: European energy policy

Mr. Pablo Benavides - Ambassador on Special Mission for the Institutional and Financial Cooperation of the European Union with New Member Countries and New Neighbours of the EU

17.10- 18.10: The internal market and the Lisbon process

Mr. Miguel Fuertes - Director General for the Internal Market and other Common Policies.

Friday: 6th June

09.00-10.00: The Pre-accession Instrument and IPA Committee

Mr. Javier Dago - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs.

10.10-11.10: Twinning instruments and the TAIEX programme: the Spanish experience. With special reference to twinning with candidate and potential candidate countries

Mr. Pablo Barbará - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs and Spanish National Contact Point for Twinning and TAIEX

11.10-11.40: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: Management of the Twinning programme in Spain

Mr. Agustín Fernández - Head of Unit Europe, FIIAPP

12.50-13.50: The Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation and the cooperation with Central and Eastern Europe

Ms. Inmaculada Aguado-Muñoz Ramírez - Technical Adviser, Department of Cooperation with Eastern Europe, AECID

14.00-16.00: Lunch

16.30-18.30: Guided tour to the Prado museum

Saturday: 7th June

Free day

Sunday: 8th June

Trip to Segovia and La Granja.

SECOND WEEK

Monday: 9th June

09.00-10.00: Spanish experience as President of the Council

Mr. Alfonso Dastis - Adviser, Directorate of State for the European Union

10.10-11.10: Spanish experience in the negotiation of the European Constitution

Mr. Camilo Villarino - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for Institutional Affairs

11.10-11.40: Coffee break

11.40-12.40: Spanish experience in the negotiation of justice and domestic affairs

Mr. Juan José Sanz - Deputy Director General for Justice and Home Affairs

12.50-13.50: Spanish experience in environmental and climate change matters

Ms. Teresa Molina - Assistant Deputy Director General. Deputy Directorate General for Industry, Energy, Transport and Communications and Environment

14.00-16.00: Lunch

16.00-17.00: Spanish participation in Council Work Groups

Mr. Juan Antonio Martín Burgos - Counsellor to the Permanent Representation

17.10-18.10: Spanish participation in European Commission Committees

Mr. Jaime del Olmo - Technical Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries

Tuesday: 10th June

09.00-10.00: Spanish experience in the negotiation of Common Agricultural Policy

Mr. Cleto Sánchez-Vellisco - Deputy Director General for Agriculture and Fisheries Affairs

10.10-11.25: Coffee Break

11.30-12.30: Spanish experience in the negotiation of fishing policies

Mr. Juan Herrero - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for Agricultural and Fisheries Affairs

12.45-13.45: Lunch

Flight: Madrid-Brussels -----

THE EUROPEAN UNION: STUDY VISIT IN BRUSSELS

Wednesday: 11th June

Visit to the Spanish Permanent Representation

Thursday: 12th June

Visit to the Council and the Commission

Friday: 13th June

Visit to the European Parliament

Saturday: 14th June

Guided tour of Brussels

Sunday: 15th June

Flight: Brussels-Madrid -----

THIRD WEEK

NEGOTIATION WORKSHOP IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS

Monday: 16th June

09.00-18.00: Negotiation workshop (I): introduction to negotiations in the EU

Mr. Enrique González - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs

Ms. María Pérez Sánchez-Laulhé - Technical Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs

Mr. José Manuel Rodríguez - Head of Service, Deputy Directorate General for Justice and Home Affairs

Tuesday: 17th June

09.00-18.00: Negotiation workshop (II): simulation of a meeting of a Council Working Group

Mr. Enrique González - Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs

Ms. María Pérez Sánchez-Laulhé - Technical Adviser, Deputy Directorate General for General Affairs

Mr. José Manuel Rodríguez - Head of Service, Deputy Directorate General for Justice and Home Affairs

Wednesday: 18th June

09.00-18.00: Negotiation workshop (III): simulation of a meeting of an Agriculture Management Committee

Mr. Jaime del Olmo - Technical Adviser, Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries

Ms. Cristina Soriano Román - Head of Area for Industrial and food Products, Ministry of Environment, Agriculture and Fisheries

18.00-18.30: Evaluation

18.30-19.00: Graduation ceremony

Night: FAREWELL DINNER WITH FLAMENCO SHOW