Summer School on EU Policy Making
Analysing civil rights in today’s EU

Monday 3 - Friday 14 July 2023 (20th Edition)

HIGHLIGHTS

- Intensive 5 ECTS programme
- Inter-university summer school: week 1 in Brussels, week 2 in Vienna (online alternative available if health situation would not allow for a physical Summer School)
- Perfect for students and professionals
- Includes in-depth study visits to prime international institutions
- Organised by a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence on the doorstep of the main EU institutions

YOUR BENEFITS

- Broadened expertise on the functioning of the EU, its intricate decision-making process and the roles of various actors involved
- Insider knowledge on the 2023 focus area: civil rights in today’s EU
- Close connection with other students and professors, a network that will help boost your career
- A diverse and multicultural group of friends

“I found it a very well designed course with committed people behind it and an impressive participation of quality speakers from different institutions, organisations, and political or academic bodies. Great presentations from accomplished academics and professionals in their field. It is definitely worth it and gives the opportunity to the participants to have access to different knowledge sources and the opportunity to pose questions to representatives of different policy areas.”

- Efthymia Papadimitriou, 2021 Summer School student
What does it cost?
For updated tuition fees and study costs please check our website.

The programme will grant one full tuition fee waiver to one student. This waiver will be attributed on the basis of merit and motivation, and will in general, but not exclusively, be granted to a student from a partner country neighbouring the EU.

Who can apply?
It is recommended to be in the final year of a Bachelor degree. Candidates from partner countries neighbouring the EU are especially encouraged to apply. All candidates must demonstrate a high level of motivation and interest. A good level of English is necessary.

What can you study?

WEEK 1 (BRUSSELS)
Introduction to the various decision-making actors and key policy areas. Throughout the summer school, students will analyse the central theme through a civil rights-based lens. Lectures, discussions and exercises are complemented with study visits to EU institutions.

WEEK 2 (VIENNA)
In-depth knowledge on EU policy making, with a focus on external affairs. Lectures and interactive exchanges with experts are complemented with visits to the UN, the OSCE and the EU Delegation in Vienna.

OPTIONAL: COMBINE WITH ONLINE LEARNING PROGRAMME

The Postgraduate Certificate in EU Policy Making (25 ECTS) is a 1- or 2-year blended learning programme that combines this summer school with 5 online EU Modules accessible 24/7.

- Either you kick off in September (with the EU Modules), or in July (with the Summer School)
- Find out more on www.brussels-school.be

About our school
The Brussels School of Governance is an alliance between the Institute for European Studies and Vesalius College. This Summer School is a programme that is organised by the Institute for European Studies (VUB), a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.

It has been amazing! As a Mexican, I believe that understanding the functioning of the EU is extremely important because of the strong relations between Mexico and the European Union. Definitely the best experience for me was the visit to the European institutions plus the exceptional participation of each spokesperson in every lecture. I find this combination quite accurate since personally it has been very helpful in understanding the workings of the EU policymaking process. Simply put, a creative, interactive and productive summer school.

- Vanessa Espinoza, 2022 Summer School student

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