**Winter School on EU Policy Making**

**Digital rights and diplomacy in today’s EU**

**Monday 6 - Friday 17 February 2023**

**HIGHLIGHTS**

- Intensive online programme (5 ECTS)
- Inter-university Winter School: organised in collaboration with the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and University of Vienna
- Learn how EU institutions work, both in theory and in practice
- Perfect for students and professionals
- A challenging and truly interactive online study experience (workshops, simulation game, etc.) with special attention to the social side
- 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: digital rights and diplomacy in today’s EU (freedom of expression, data protection, disinformation resilience, and platform responsibility)
- Close connections with other students and professors, a network that will help boost your career
- A diverse and multicultural group of friends

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*The Winter School was the perfect complement to my International Business Relations BA and to broaden my knowledge of policy making. I had very high expectations when I applied, and actually, it turned out to be even much better than I had imagined. I learned a lot due to the combination of interesting lectures by university lecturers and experts from the field and the simulation game, where we could put our theoretical knowledge into practice. There was a lot of active interaction and discussion among the students and with the great lecturers, too. I was impressed how our group of students - beyond national and digital borders - grew together. Do not miss out on that great opportunity!*  

- Ines Attenereder, 2022 Winter School student
What can you study?

1. **WEEK 1**
   You review the main EU institutions, decision-making procedures and key policy areas, while theoretically exploring questions of governance, participation and legitimacy. Lectures, discussions and exercises will be facilitated by both academics and practitioners.

2. **WEEK 2**
   You acquire in-depth knowledge on EU policy making in a number of fields (constitutional and legal issues, foreign and security policy, human rights protection) and also focus on EU foreign relations.

   During both weeks, you will also cover selected EU policy areas with a focus on digital rights.

What does it cost?

For updated tuition fees and study costs, please check our website (Education > Short Programmes > Winter School).

The Brussels School of Governance will grant one full tuition fee waiver to one student of the winter school programme. 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 in their letter of intent.

A good level of English is necessary.

About our school

The Brussels School of Governance is an alliance between the Institute for European Studies (Vrije Universiteit Brussel) and Vesalius College. This Winter School is organised by the Institute for European Studies.

Optional: Combine with blended learning programme

The Postgraduate Certificate in EU Policy Making (25 ECTS) is a 1- or 2-year blended learning programme that combines this winter school (or its summer school counterpart) with 5 online EU Modules accessible 24/7. Find out more on our website (Education > Certificate Programmes).