

WHAT IS TEPSA



The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) is the first transeuropean research network in the field of European affairs. It consists of leading research institutes and universities throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. TEPSA's aim is to provide high quality research on European integration based on a 'Triple A' approach: **Analysis, Assessment and Advice** in order to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe.

TEPSA is international non-profit association under Belgian law (AISBL) and was established in 1974. Today TEPSA consists of 39 member institutes and associate members located in 35 European countries. TEPSA and its member institutes aim at providing expertise and stimulating discussion on EU policies and politics by conducting research projects, organizing conferences and trainings and facilitating the interaction between the research and policy-making communities and between citizens from different member states.

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PROFESSIONAL TRAINING ON EU AFFAIRS

WHAT?

High-quality training on EU
governance

FOR WHO?

Young professionals in EU affairs

HOW?

Working Europe Seminars
Career Skills Trainings
TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conferences

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ABOUT PONT

PONT – Professional Training on EU Affairs aims at building a bridge connecting students and young researchers with EU practitioners, in order to improve their employability. PONT consists of teaching and training activities in selected policy fields, with the objective to give graduates and young researchers the opportunity to deepen their knowledge of a policy field and develop their professional skills, preparing them to take up a job in public administration, the EU institutions, NGOs, academia or think tanks across Europe. The two main branches of the project are the Working Europe Seminars (mainly for postgraduate students and recent graduates) and the Career Skills Trainings (mainly for young professionals and researchers). The PONT project, spanning from 2015 to 2018, is co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme of the EU — Jean Monnet Support to Associations, and is coordinated by Prof Johannes Pollak, Professor at Webster Vienna Private University and Head of the Research Group “European Integration” at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna.

PRE-PRESIDENCY CONFERENCES

The **Pre-Presidency Conferences (PPC)** take place twice a year in the capital of the country holding the Presidency of the Council of the EU prior to the beginning of its mandate. The main aim of Pre-Presidency Conferences is to bring together PONT young researchers, academics and researchers from the broad TEPSA network, policy-makers, media and civil society in order to discuss the agenda and challenges of the upcoming Council Presidency.



WORKING EUROPE SEMINARS



Working Europe Seminars (WES) are 5-day courses taking place every spring in Brussels. They offer 20 Master/PhD students from different national and disciplinary backgrounds the opportunity to gain first-hand insights from high-level professionals from EU institutions, academia, civil society and the private sector on the current top priorities and trends of EU policy in selected policy fields. Through a series of lectures, meetings and visits to EU institutions and Brussels-based organizations, participants can improve their knowledge of EU policy, enhance their analytical and argumentative skills and start building their network.

WESS offer participants a chance to:

- Acquire and deepen their knowledge on EU politics in selected policy fields, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of Brussels policy-making;
- Meet high-level professionals from EU institutions, academia, NGOs and business associations, and learn from their experience;
- Meet and exchange views with students from different disciplinary and national backgrounds from all over the EU and beyond;
- Enhance their employability.

Working Europe Seminars are coordinated by Prof Jaap W. de Zwaan, Emeritus Professor of European Union Law at Erasmus University Rotterdam and Lector in European Integration at the Hague University of Applied Sciences.

CAREER SKILLS TRAININGS



Career Skills Trainings (CST) are 5-day trainings taking place every autumn in Brussels. They aim at guiding recent graduates from Master's programmes, PhD students and young researchers into the practicalities of working. 20 young professionals are selected every year to take part in the training that will help them identify and acquire skills needed in the field of EU policy-making, including for jobs in the European institutions and think-tanks. Career Skills Trainings aim at introducing the participants to the Brussels arena and developing skills which are not part of most academic curricula, yet are vital for the employability of young researchers and professionals in the field of EU affairs, such as:

- Policy-oriented research
- Research communication and dissemination
- Media-literacy
- Public speaking
- Policy advice
- Project management and fund-raising
- Networking skills.

These trainings also offer participants an opportunity to establish useful contacts with academics, think-tankers and policymakers in Brussels.

Career Skills Trainings are coordinated by Prof Hanna Ojane, Jean Monnet Professor at the University of Tampere.