

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS:



EU@WORK SEMINAR ON EU AFFAIRS

19-22 November 2019, Brussels

Deadline for applications: 29 September 2019

The [Trans European Policy Studies Association](#) (TEPSA) invites you to take part a **4-day seminar** co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, that will take place at the heart of EU politics: Brussels. The seminar will offer 15 high school¹ or undergraduate² students and graduates an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials **on the role and functioning of EU institutions and on the state of play of the main EU policies.**

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on EU politics and actors, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of Brussels policymaking, thanks to high-level academic lectures;
- Enjoy guided visits in the main EU institutions;
- Meet professionals from EU institutions and learn from their experience;
- Meet and exchange views with students from different disciplinary and national backgrounds from all over the EU and beyond;
- Improve your analytical and argumentative skills;
- Enhance your employability.

A **draft agenda** of the seminar is attached to this call.

Dates, location and format of the seminar

The seminar is a 4-day event. It will be held in Brussels **from Tuesday 19 November to Friday 22 November 2019**. Full participation to all elements of the programme is compulsory. You will receive a **certificate of attendance** on the final day of the seminar.

The four days will be devoted to **attending expert lectures** and **meeting practitioners** from key EU institutions with the objective of complementing the insights gained during the lectures. The seminar includes visits to:

¹ If you are not 18 years old by 19 November 2019, you can join one of our seminars in 2020.

² The seminar is targeted to Bachelor's students and recent graduates, but Master's students interested in joining are also welcome to apply.



- The European Commission
- The Council of the European Union
- The European Parliament
- The European External Action Service (EEAS)
- The House of European History

At the end of the first day, a volunteer of the **European Solidarity Corps** will share his/her experience during a welcome drink. This will allow participants to discover new, exciting opportunities specifically shaped for young people and which could prove to be a stepping stone into future employment opportunities.

Throughout the seminar, dedicated sessions for analysis and discussion in the group will be provided in order to allow participants to critically reflect on the insights gained during the lectures and visits.

The seminar is organised by TEPSA under the academic lead of **Dr. Ilke Toygür, Analyst at the Elcano Royal Institute and Adjunct Professor at the University Carlos III of Madrid.**

Application procedure

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for 15 high-school and Bachelor students and recent graduates from different disciplines interested in learning more about EU affairs.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. **To apply** please send the following documents to TEPSA's Project Manager Giulia Bonacquisti (giulia.bonacquisti@tepsa.eu):

- 1) **Your CV**
- 2) **A cover letter** explaining your motivation to participate in the seminar.

Applications are open to both EU and non-EU citizens. However, we can only offer travel reimbursement (see below) to participants travelling from and to: **the member states of the European Union; Albania; Bosnia and Herzegovina; Kosovo; Montenegro; Serbia; and the Republic of North Macedonia.**

Applications are open until Sunday 29 September 2019 (midnight).

The **participation fee** for the total 4-day seminar is € 100. Participants will receive a **reimbursement for their travel and/or accommodation costs up to € 200** upon presentation of the original receipts and tickets (see list of eligible countries above).

After the selection decision has been communicated, participants will have one week to transfer the participation fee, which is not reimbursable. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the seminar.

About TEPSA

The Trans European Policy Studies Association - TEPSA - was established in 1974 as the first trans-national research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high quality research on European integration in order to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPSA is active on a wide range of research topics. Its main focus is on the issues of 'deepening' integration, with a special emphasis on the institutional architecture, and the 'widening' of the EU, particularly the past and future enlargement rounds and the European Neighbourhood Policy.

More information on our activities can be found at <http://www.tepsa.eu/>





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DRAFT AGENDA*

* Please note that this is a draft programme that can still be subject to changes

TUESDAY 19 NOVEMBER

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

14:30 – 15:00

REGISTRATION & COFFEE

15:00 – 16:00

OPENING & INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR by Ilke Toygür (Academic Coordinator of the Seminar & Elcano Royal Institute) and the TEPSA Team

16:00 – 17:30

INTRODUCTORY LECTURE by Ilke Toygür: "The EU's institutional infrastructure and decision-making process: an introduction"

18:00

WELCOME DRINKS AND INFO SESSION ON THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS with

- Lope Gallego (Programme Manager, Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission) (tbc)
- Manon Levrey (former European Solidarity Corps participant)

Venue: Ginette Bar, Place du Luxembourg 5

WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 10:30

LECTURE by Ilke Toygür: "The European Commission: initiator of the EU legislation and the guardian of the Treaties"

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11



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11:00 – 13:00

VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION with an official from the European Commission

Venue: European Commission Visitors' Centre, Charlemagne building, Rue de la Loi 170

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:00

VISIT TO THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION with an official from the Council of the EU

Venue: Council of the European Union, Justus Lipsius building, Rue de la Loi 175

16:30 – 18:00

LECTURE by Ilke Toygür: "The Council of the European Union, key decision maker, and the European Council, the driver of the EU's political agenda"

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 10:30

LECTURE by Ilke Toygür: "The European Parliament and the democratic dimension of the EU"

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

11:00 – 13:00

VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT with an official from the European Parliament

Venue: European Parliament, Paul Henri Spaak building, Rue Wiertz 60 (tbc)

13:00 – 14:00

LUNCH BREAK

14:00 – 16:45

VISIT TO THE EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE: "The Global Strategy for EU's Foreign Security Policy", with an official from the EEAS

Venue: European External Action Service, Rond-Point Robert Schuman 9A



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17:00 – 18:00

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP with Ilke Toygür

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FRIDAY 22 NOVEMBER

09:00 – 11:00

GUIDED TOUR OF THE HOUSE OF EUROPEAN HISTORY

Venue: House of European History, Rue Belliard 135

11:30 – 12:00

ANALYSIS & DISCUSSION IN THE GROUP with Ilke Toygür

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

12:00 – 13:00

CLOSING REMARKS AND FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS with Ilke Toygür (Academic Coordinator of the Seminar & Elcano Royal Institute) and the TEPSA Team

Venue: Fondation Universitaire, Room E. Francqui, Rue d'Egmont 11

13:00

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