



TEPSA

Trans European Policy Studies Association

EU @ WORK SEMINAR ON CLIMATE ACTION



27–30 OCTOBER 2020, ONLINE

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

The [Trans European Policy Studies Association \(TEPSA\)](#) invites you to take part in an online 4-day seminar. The seminar, co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme of the European Union, will offer 15 Master students and graduates an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials on **climate action**.

By attending this seminar, you will:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on EU policies regarding climate action, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of policy-making in Brussels;
- Meet high-level professionals from EU institutions and think tanks and learn from their experiences;
- Meet and exchange views with students from different disciplinary and national backgrounds;
- Improve your analytical and argumentative skills;
- Enhance your employability.

DATES, LOCATION AND FORMAT OF THE SEMINAR

The seminar is a 4-day event. It will be held online via Zoom from **Tuesday 27 to Friday 30 October 2020**. A certificate will be issued to all participants following their full attendance at the seminar.



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The four days will be devoted to attending online expert lectures and meeting practitioners from key EU institutions, think tanks, and civil society organisations, with the objective of complementing the insights gained during the lectures. The seminar includes visits to:

- The European Parliament;
- The European Commission;
- The Council of the European Union;
- A Brussels-based NGO working on climate action;

At the end of the first day, a volunteer from the European Solidarity Corps will share their experience during a virtual get-together. During this session, an EU Official in charge of the European Solidarity Corps Programme will provide further details and insights on the programme. This will allow you to discover new, exciting opportunities specifically shaped for young people and could prove to be a stepping stone to 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 online meetings. A detailed draft agenda of the seminar can be found at the end of this document. Please note that this is a draft that can be subject to changes.

The seminar is organised by TEPSA under the academic lead of **Dr. Katja Biedenkopf**, Associate Professor of Sustainability Politics at Leuven International and European Studies (LINES), KU Leuven.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for 15 Master's students and recent graduates from different disciplines (e.g. Political Science, European Studies, International Relations, Law, Economics) interested in learning more about the EU Climate Policy.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. To apply please send the following documents to **TEPSA's Project Officer Pol Vila Sarriá** at pol.vila@tepsa.eu by **Sunday 27 September 2020** (midnight):

- Your CV;
- A one-page cover letter explaining your motivation to participate in the seminar.

Applications are open to both EU and non-EU citizens. The participation fee for the 4-day seminar is € 200.

After the selection decision has been communicated on **Friday 2 October 2020**, participants will have one week to transfer the participation fee. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the seminar. Participation fees shall not be reimbursable.



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DRAFT PROGRAMME

TUESDAY 27 OCTOBER

INTRODUCTION DAY

14:00 – 15:00

- OPENING & INTRODUCTION TO THE SEMINAR
With DR. KATJA BIENDENKOPF, ACADEMIC COORDINATOR OF THE SEMINAR & KU LEUVEN, AND THE TEPSA TEAM

15:00 – 16:30

- INTRODUCTORY LECTURE: "WHY IS CLIMATE ACTION IMPORTANT AND WHO ARE THE KEY EU-LEVEL ACTORS?" With DR. KATJA BIENDENKOPF

17:00 – 18:00

- ONLINE GET-TOGETHER AND INFO SESSION ON THE EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS with MANON LEVREY, FORMER PARTICIPANT, AND VIOLETA BIRZNIECE, EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS TEAM

WEDNESDAY 28 OCTOBER

THE EU GREEN DEAL

09:00 – 10:30

- LECTURE ON THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL with DR. KATJA BIENDENKOPF

11:30 – 12:30

- MEETING THE CABINET OF FRANS TIMMERMANS with STEFANIE HIESINGER

14:00 – 15:00

- MEETING DG CLIMA – DISCUSSION ON THE EU EMISSIONS TRADING SYSTEM (ETS) with METTE QUINN, HEAD OF UNIT FOR EU ETS IMPLEMENTATION, EUROPEAN COMMISSION, DG CLIMATE ACTION

15:30 – 16:30

- DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS SESSION with DR. KATJA BIENDENKOPF

17:00 – 18:00

- NETWORKING SESSION with ROMAIN LAUGIER, CLIMATE AND ENERGY POLICY OFFICER, WWF



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THURSDAY 29 OCTOBER

INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS

09:30 – 11:00 ▪ LECTURE ON THE EU IN INTERNATIONAL CLIMATE NEGOTIATIONS with DR. KATJA BIEDENKOPF

12:00 – 13:00 ▪ MEETING THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT – DISCUSSION ON THE UN CLIMATE CHANGE CONFERENCE COP 26 with BAS EICKHOUT, MEP, GROUP OF THE GREENS

14:30 – 15:30 ▪ MEETING THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION with RUDY VOLDERS, CHIEF ADVISER INTEGRATED EUROPE IN THE CABINET OF THE PRESIDENT, AND OANA VALCELEANU, ADVISER GREEN DEAL- ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS

16:30 – 17:30 ▪ DISCUSSION & ANALYSIS SESSION with DR. KATJA BIEDENKOPF

FRIDAY 30 OCTOBER

CONCLUDING DAY

09:30 – 10:30 ▪ MEETING THE EUROPEAN ENVIRONMENTAL BUREAU with KHALED DIAB, COMMUNICATION MANAGER

11:30 – 12:30 ▪ CLOSING REMARKS AND FEEDBACK FROM PARTICIPANTS



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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.

More information on our activities can be found [here](#).



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