

Call for Applications: EU@Work Seminar

Brussels, 12-15 November 2018

The [Trans European Policy Studies Association](#) (TEPSA) invites you to take part in EU@Work seminar, a 4-day seminar co-funded by the Europe for Citizens Programme, that takes place at the heart of EU politics: Brussels. The seminar will offer 20 high school¹ or undergraduate² students from all academic disciplines an opportunity to gain first-hand insights from researchers, EU practitioners, policymakers and officials on the current top priorities and trends of EU politics.

By attending this seminar, you will be able to:

- Acquire and deepen your knowledge on EU politics, gaining valuable insights into the practicalities of Brussels policy-making
- Meet high level professionals from EU institutions and think tanks 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

Dates, location and format of the seminar

The seminar is a 4-day event. It will be held in Brussels from **Monday 12 November to Thursday 15 November**. Full participation to all elements of the programme is compulsory. Moreover, you will receive a certificate of attendance on the final day of the programme.

The four seminar days in Brussels will be largely devoted to visiting practitioners from several EU institutions (European Commission, European Parliament, Council of the EU and the EEAS) and think tanks with the objective of complementing what you learnt during the lecture sessions.

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

On the last day of the seminar, you will be asked to combine the theoretical and practical insights you gained during the week in a simulation game. This exercise will divide students into groups representing different EU institutions, then you will have to discuss on a given topic and then report to a plenary. Thanks to this exercise, you will be able to comprehend the complex character of EU negotiations and improve your argumentative skills.

¹ If you are not 18 years old by the 12 November 2018, you can join one of our seminars in 2019

² The seminar is targeted to bachelor's students, but master's students interested in joining are also welcome to apply

The training seminar is organised by TEPSA and will be led and 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.

Application procedure

The EU@Work Seminar is designed as an interdisciplinary seminar and is open for twenty high school and Bachelor students interested in learning more about EU affairs.

Participants will be selected by a review committee. To apply please send 1) your CV and 2) a cover letter explaining your motivation to participate to natalia.martin@tepsa.eu. Non-EU citizens are also encouraged to apply. Applications will be accepted until **7 October (midnight)**.

The participation fee for the total 4-day seminar amounts to € 100. Participants can receive a reimbursement for their travel and/or accommodation costs up to € 200. After the selection decision has been communicated, participants will have ten days to transfer the participation fee, which is not reimbursable. Failure to do so in time will result in exclusion from the training.

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/>

