



SEMINAR ON COHESION POLICY AND EUROPEAN FUNDS FOR CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES TO THE EU

Barcelona, 1st to 14th of December 2008

1. Aims of the seminar

The main objective of the seminar is introducing the participants to the specific features of the Cohesion Policy of the EU, while offering a practical explanation of the Spanish experience in the negotiation, programming, management and control of the Structural Funds of the EU. Furthermore, the seminar will create the framework for: the exchange of experience among the participants; the creation of networks of partners and the design of local development strategies, coherent with the Lisbon objectives; the enhancement of capacities for elaborating projects that cope with the necessities of the participating countries and the requirements of the EU.

The seminar represents a unique opportunity to establish a network of contacts between different actors of distinct nationalities that share similar interests and consolidate their links with the Spanish institutions.

Academic coordination:

Dr. Francesc Morata, Director of the University Institute of European Studies (IUEE)

Dra. Blanca Vilà, Professor of International Private Law (UAB)

Event organized with the collaboration of:



1st WEEK

Sunday 30th

Arrival of participants

Monday 1st

Casa Convalescència UAB – C/ Sant Antoni M. Claret, 171, Barcelona

9.00h - 10.00h

Welcome, introduction to the course and personal presentation of the participants

Mr. Alfonso Díez Torres, General Director of Integration and Economic Affairs of the European Union, State Secretary for the EU

Mrs. Inmaculada Aguado-Muñoz Ramírez, Head of Unit, Central and Eastern Cooperation Area, AECID

Mr. Francesc Morata, Director of the University Institute of European Studies

10.00h – 11.00h

Enlargement and the Instrument for Pre-accession Assistance (IPA)

Mr. Alfonso Díez Torres, General Director of Integration and Economic Affairs of the European Union, State Secretary for the EU

Coffee break

11.30h - 12.30h

The Lisbon Strategy and its regional and local implications

Mr. Alexander Heichlinger, Senior Lecturer, European Centre of the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona

12.30h- 14.00h

The Cohesion Policy of the European Union: evolution and challenges (2007-2013)

Mr. Francesc Morata, Director of the University Institute of European Studies

Lunch

15.30 h – 16.30 h

The regional management of Structural Funds

Mrs. M. Antònia Monés, General Director of DG Analysis and Economic Policy, Department of Economy and Finance, Generalitat de Catalunya

21.00h Welcome dinner

Tuesday 2nd

Sala d'Actes de l'Edifici Londres - C/ Londres 55

9.30h -10.30h

The IPA –Instrument for Pre-Accession Assistance- Supportive Action: Objectives, target group and budgetary allocation

Ms Iwona Karwot, Lecturer, European Centre of the Regions,(EIPA-ECR), Barcelona

10.30h – 11.00h

Workshop: The Implementation of IPA. Presentations, analysis by countries (SWOT), working group and discussion

Moderator: *Ms Iwona Karwot, Lecturer, European Centre of the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona*

Coffee-break

11.30h -14.00h

Continuation

Lunch

15.30h – 16.30

The Cohesion Policy of the European Union and Spain: The institutional organization of Spain regarding the Cohesion Policy

Mr. José Antonio Zamora, Director, General Department of Community Funds, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Wednesday 3rd

Casa Convalescència UAB – C/ Sant Antoni M. Claret de Barcelona - C/ Sant Quintí

9.00h -10.00h

The formulation of the EU Cohesion Policy in Spain: the strategic directives, the elaboration of the national framework and the formulation of internal priorities

Mrs. Ana Raquel García Rubio, General Assistant Director, Subdirectorate of Territorial Programming and Evaluation of Communitarian Funds, Ministry of Economy and Finance

10.00h -11.00h

European Funds and the financing of the EU budget. Budgetary flows between EU and Member States. Global Approach.

Mrs. Ana De la Fuente Santorcuato, General Assistant Director, General Subdirectorate of Budgetary Relations with the EU, Ministry of Economy and Finance

Coffee Break

11.30h -12.30h

The implementation of the EU Cohesion Policy in Spain: means of control and financial evaluation.

Mrs. Inmaculada Sanz Sanz, General Assistant Director, General Subdirectorate of Inspection and Control, Ministry of Economy and Finance

12.30 – 13.30

The experience of the organization management of FEDER: practical cases
Mr. Jorge Orozco, General Deputy Director, General Subdirectorate of Management of FEDER
Ministry of Economy and Finance

Lunch

15.30h -16.30h

The experience of the organization and management of the European Social Fund: practical cases.
Mr. Carlos Tortuero, General Director of the Administrative Unit of the European Social Fund
Ministry of Labour and Immigration

16.30h -17.30h

The experience of the organization and management of FEOGA-O/FEADER: practical cases.
Mr. Fernando Miranda Sotillos, President of Spanish Fund of Agricultural Guarantee (FEGA)
Ministry Environment, Marine and Rural Area

Thursday 4th

9:30-13:30

Aula COPCA- Edifici CIDEM/COPCA, Passeig de Gràcia, 94

Study visit

Program ACCIÓ (CIDEM/COPCA)

Lunch

15.30 – 17.00

Barcelona Activa - C/ Llacuna, 164-164

Practical case: creation and consolidation of the Sarajevo project.

Project "Vivero de empresas" Barcelona Activa

Barcelona City Hall

Friday 5th

Sala d'Actes de l'Edifici Londres - C/ Londres 55

9.30 h -11.00h

The management of territorial cooperation: INTERREG

Mr. Joan Lúria, General Deputy Director of DG Analysis and Economic Policy, Department of Economy and Finance, Generalitat de Catalunya

Coffee – break

11.30 h -13.30h

Workshop: Creation, functioning and management of networks of local and regional, public and private partnerships.

Mr. Octavi de la Varga, Head of the European Cooperation Office, Diputació de Barcelona

Lunch

15.30 h - 17.30 h

Practical management of the cycle of a project. The logical framework: tools of implementation

Mrs. Victoria Planas, Responsible for the Centro-American, Mexico and Caribbean Area, Catalan Fund of Cooperation for Development

17.30 h – 19.00 h

Financial rules and mechanisms of the Structural Funds

Mr. Albert Sorrosal, Director of DEX-Europa Consultoria

21.00h Dinner

Saturday 6th

Guided visit of Barcelona

Sunday 7th

Departure to Brussels

Informal visit of Brussels

2nd WEEK

Monday 8th

9.30h - 12.30h

Visit to the European Commission (DG Regio)

The Cohesion Policy and the candidate and pre-candidate countries

Lunch

15.00h - 17.00h

Visit to the Permanent Representation of Spain to the EU

The participation of Spain in the elaboration of the Cohesion Policy

Tuesday 9th

9.00h - 11.30h

Visit to the European Commission (DG Enlargement)

IPA for candidate and pre-candidate countries

12.00h

Delegation of the Catalan Government to the EU (Rue de la Loi, 227)

The role of the ACs in the Cohesion Policy

Delegation of Spanish Autonomous Communities (ACs)

The role of the ACs in the Cohesion Policy

Return to Barcelona

Wednesday 10th

Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI) – Elisabets, 10

10.00h – 11.00h

EU Financial Instruments for the local governments

Mr. Josep Rodríguez, Responsible officer with the support to local governments

European Cooperation Office

Mrs. Kontxi Odriozola, Expert of the Office of European Cooperation

Diputació de Barcelona

Coffee break

11.30h – 13.30h

Workshop: Preparation, development and implementation of a local project

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Lunch

15.30 h - 18.00h

Simulation Exercise: Group discussion about an idea and development of a project to submit to EU funding.

Moderated by: *Ms Stephanie Horel*, Lecturer, European Centre of the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona

Thursday 11th

Sala d'Actes de l'Edifici Londres - C/ Londres 55

9.00h - 11.00h

Continuation of the previous day

Coffee break

11.30h - 13.30h

Panel: Presentation of results of the working groups of the previous day

Evaluation panel: *Ms Stephanie Horel, Mrs. Laura Carrasco and Mr. Gian-Luca Bombarda*

Experts of EIPA – ECR Barcelona

Lunch

15.30h -17.30 h

European Funds: processes of negotiation and coordination

Mrs. Cristina Serrano, Deputy Director General for Economic and Financial Affairs, Secretary of State for the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

21.00h Dinner

Friday 12th

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9.30h -11.00h

Public contracting and the European projects

Mr. Hugo Ruiz Taboada, Director of TAS Europrojects

Coffee break

11.30 – 13.30

Institutional capacities for sustainable regional development

Mr. Kenneth Hanf, Professor of Political Science, University Pompeu Fabra, IUÉE

Lunch

16.00h – 18.00h

Graduation ceremony

Representative of the AECID

Representative of Secretary of State for the EU

Mr. Francesc Morata, Director of the University Institute of European Studies

21.00h Dinner

Saturday 13th / Sunday 14th

Departure of participants