



**Regional Training and Consultancy Programme on
Public Administration for the Mediterranean Partners
EUROMED TRAINING OF PUBLIC ADMINISTRATIONS**

SEMINAR ON EU BASICS

PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION and GENERAL INFORMATION

Introduction

The European Centre for the Regions, the Barcelona Antenna of the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), is the Programme Management Unit (PMU) for the "Regional Training and Consultancy Programme on Public Administration for the Mediterranean Partners" (EuroMed Training of Public Administrations) of the European Commission, funded under the MEDA Programme.

The programme is the extension of an initiative submitted to the European Commission starting in 2000 which resulted in the holding of a Conference organised by the ECR in Barcelona on 7 and 8 February 2000 entitled the "Meeting of the Representatives of the Public Administrations of the Euro-Mediterranean Partners in the Framework of the Euro-Mediterranean Partnership".

Objectives

This programme falls under Chapter II of the Barcelona Declaration of November 1995 and aims to provide training on European affairs to Civil Servants from the Southern Mediterranean and the Middle East, while also envisaging the creation of a network of training centres in public administration between the Euro-Mediterranean Partners.

The ultimate objectives of this programme are to contribute to the creation of a free trade area by 2010, to expand the knowledge on EU affairs in the Mediterranean Partners in order to contribute to the implementation of the association agreements, and to develop in the Mediterranean Partners a critical mass of experts in the EU integration process.

With a duration of 3 years and a budget of 6 million Euros, this programme is aimed at the 10 Mediterranean Partners. It consists of 4 modules: 1) EU Basics; 2) EU Programme Basics; 3) EU Advanced; 4) Train-the-Trainers; and the creation of a network of training centres on public administration.

EU Member States will be involved in this programme through consultancy, participation in training actions whenever necessary as well as through participation in the Network of Euro-Mediterranean Partners Training Institutes.

EU BASICS MODULE

Introduction

12 Seminars will be organised on EU BASICS. Each seminar will last 5 days and each will be open to 60 participants. The purpose of these seminars will be to assure a basic level of knowledge to up to 720 civil servants from the Mediterranean Partners' public administrations. All 12 seminars will have, in principle, the same contents which will be repeated on each occasion.

Participants

10 Mediterranean Partners. Every partner will provide 6 participants per EU BASICS Seminar.

Working languages

The EU BASICS seminars will be held in English and French, with simultaneous translation during the working sessions and consecutive translation during the visits.

Basic documentation

Copies of the presentations provided by the speakers in their original language (either English or French) will be distributed to all participants.

Venue

Crowne Plaza Brussels City Centre Hotel
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PROGRAMME

Monday, 2 May 2005

- 09.00 Welcome and Presentation of the Programme**
Adela GÓMEZ, Project Officer, DG EuropeAid Co-operation Office, European Commission, Brussels (BE)
Eduard SÁNCHEZ MONJO, Supervisor, EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme; Director, European Institute of Public Administration - European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona (ES)
- 09.15 Presentation of Participants**
- 09.50 Presentation of seminar contents and goals**
Stéphanie HOREL, Co-ordinator of the EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme, European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona (ES)
- 10.00 Origins and Evolution of the EU**
Chair: *Walid AMMAR*, Director General, Ministry of Public Health, Beirut (RL)
Speaker: *Blanca VILÀ*, Professor of International Law, Autonomous University of Barcelona (ES)
- 11.00 Coffee break**
- 11.30 Origins and Evolution of the EU (continuation)**
Chair: *Ali LAHYANI*, Responsible for International Cooperation, Secretariat of State in charge of Literacy and Non-formal Education, Rabat (MA)
Speaker: *Blanca VILÀ*
- 12.30 Debate**
- 13.00 Lunch**
- 14.00 Key aspects of the Euro-Mediterranean Process**
Chair: *Ruwan AWEIDAH*, Desk Officer to Belgium-Germany-Austria, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ramallah (PA)
Speaker: *Andrés BASSOLS*, Unit 'Barcelona Process and Gulf Countries, Iran, Iraq and Yemen', Directorate General for External Relations, European Commission, Brussels (BE)
- 14.45 The MEDA Programme**
Chair: *Wareef AL-YAZJY*, Employee in EIA Department/General Commission for Environmental Affairs, Damascus (SYR)
Speaker: *Adela GÓMEZ*
- 15.30 Debate**
- 16.00 Coffee break**

- 16.30 Key aspects of the Euro-Mediterranean Process (continuation)**
Chair: *Eduard SÁNCHEZ MONJO*
Speaker: *H.E. Muhyieddeen TOUQ*, Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan to the EU
- 17.15 Debate**
- 17.30 End of the day**

Tuesday, 3 May 2005

- 09.00 The EU Institutions, other EU bodies and agencies. (European Commission, Council, European Parliament, European Court of Justice and Court of Auditors and other bodies and agencies)**
Chair: *Imed TURKI*, Director for Employment Promotion, Ministry of Employment and Vocational Integration of Young People, Tunis (TN)
Speaker: *Edward BEST*, Professor, Head of the European Decision-making Unit, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht (NL)
- 10.30 Debate**
- 11.00 Coffee Break**
- 11.30 The EU Decision-making process (actors involved and procedures)**
Chair: *Zeynep Pinar OZTURK*, Environmental Engineer, Ministry of Public Works and Settlement, Ankara (TR)
Speaker: *Edward BEST*
- 12.30 Debate**
- 13.00 Lunch**
- 14.30 Departure for the Council**
- 15.15 The Role and Functioning of the Council**
Wolfgang BÄRWINKEL, Principal Administrator in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels (BE)
Alexander ZAFIOROU, Principal Administrator in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, Brussels (BE)
- 16.30 Return to the Hotel and end of the day**

Wednesday, 4 May 2005

09.00 EC policies overview

Chair: *Leila MOUFFOK*, Head of the Legislative Affairs Office, Ministry of Justice, Alger (DZ)

Speaker: *Timm RENTROP*, Lecturer, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht (NL)

10.00 Debate

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 EC policies overview (continuation)

Chair: *Ali SAID MOHAMMED*, Head of Environmental Unit in EPADP, Giza (ET)

Speaker: *Timm RENTROP*

12.00 Debate

12.30 Lunch

13.30 Departure for the European Parliament

14.00 Presentation on the functioning of the European Parliament and visit to the Institution

Speakers: *Juan RODRÍGUEZ*, Visits Service, European Parliament

Michal KRUPINSKY, Visits Service, European Parliament

16.00 Return to the Hotel and end of the day

Thursday, 5 May 2005

09.00 EU Law (nature, application and supremacy)

Chair: *Uri BRUCK*, Sr. Director International Affairs, Department of Customs and VAT, Jerusalem (IL)

Speaker: *Antonio BAR CENDÓN*, Jean Monnet Chair of Constitutional Law of the EU and Professor of Constitutional Law, Valencia University (ES)

10.30 Debate

11.00 Coffee break

11.30 The Constitution of the European Union: the different levels of Government and degree of integration within Europe

Chair: *Rawa FAKHOURY*, Diplomatic Attaché, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Amman (HKJ)

Speaker: *Antonio BAR CENDÓN*

12.30 Debate

13.00 Lunch

Free afternoon (Belgian holiday)

Friday, 6 May 2005

09.00 The Structures dealing with the European Union and the Euro-Mediterranean Affairs in the Mediterranean Partners. Presentation by the participants (15 min. each)

Chair: *Stéphanie HOREL*

Speakers: Representatives from the Mediterranean Partners

Lebanon: *Farah EL KATIB*, Attaché at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Morocco: *Lahcen OUALAYAD*, Director of the MEDA PMU “Network of Cultural Centres”, Ministry of Culture

Palestinian

Authority: *Azzam IRMEILI*, General Director, Ex-Detainees Rehabilitation Programme

Syria: *Fatima HAJ MOUSA*, Technical Staff, Ministry of Local Administration and Environment

Tunisia: *Nejmeddinne BEN YOUSSEF*, Administrator, Agency for promotion of State heritage and Cultural promotion

10.30 Coffee break

11.00 The Structures dealing with the European Union and the Euro-Mediterranean Affairs in the Mediterranean Partners. Presentation by the participants (15 min. each) (continuation)

Chair: *Stéphanie HOREL*

Speakers: Representatives from the Mediterranean Partners

Turkey: *Tijen KUCUKYILDIZ*, Assistant Expert, Undersecretariat for Foreign Trade Central Anatolian Exporters Union General

Algeria: *Mohamed IKHOU*, Subdirector at the Ministry of Fishery

Egypt: *Laila Mohamed Adel BAZA*, Economic Researcher, Ministry of International Cooperation of Egypt and *Doaa Talaat EL KAWASS*, Economic Researcher, Ministry of International Cooperation of Egypt

Israel: *Sagi KARNI*, First Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Jordan: *Zeina TOUKAN*, Head of Aid Coordination, Ministry of Planning and International Cooperation

12.00 **Debate**

12.30 **Final Declaration**
Eduard SÁNCHEZ MONJO

12.50 **End of the seminar**
Eduard SÁNCHEZ MONJO

13.00 **Lunch**
