



EuroMed Training of Public Administrations

**Regional Training and Consultancy Programme on
Public Administration for the Mediterranean Partners**

EU ADVANCED

Economic and Monetary Union (EMU)

PROGRAMME

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INTRODUCTION and GENERAL INFORMATION

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 42 months 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 ADVANCED MODULE

Introduction

10 Seminars will be organised on EU ADVANCED. Each seminar will last 5 days and each will be open to 30 participants. The purpose of these seminars will be to assure a level of advanced knowledge to up to 300 civil servants from the Mediterranean Partners' public administrations. All 10 seminars will be developed around different topics which have been chosen by the National Coordinators of each Mediterranean Partner.

Objectives

The objectives of the EU ADVANCED seminars are:

- To ensure to the participants an in-depth knowledge, in this case in the field of *European Economic and Monetary Policy*, which is of their interest in the framework of the Association Agreements with the EU.
- To enable the participants to have an expert's working knowledge on EU Policies that will qualify them to spread relevant information on these matters as well as to develop a working relation with the EU Institutions and EU Member States on these matters.
- To develop bilateral and multilateral administrative cooperation.
- To encourage an exchange of experience, knowledge and best practices.

Methodology

The contents of the seminar will be:

- a) Introduced by experts and academics from the EU Member States
- b) With a practice-oriented focus, and
- c) By means of presentations and interactive exercises

Regional scope

This is a Euro-Mediterranean Regional programme and therefore it involves all Euro-Mediterranean Partners. The beneficiaries will be the Mediterranean Partners.

Background documentation

Power point presentations on the contents of the seminar; EU documents; EU web pages.

Participants

The participants in the seminars will be representatives of each Mediterranean Partner public administrations. Every MP can propose up to (3) participants per EU ADVANCED seminar.

The participants should have a practical experience in the field concerned, be knowledgeable of EU affairs and have a good command of the English and/or French language.

They shall as well enjoy enough power to disseminate the received information.

Working languages

English and French, with simultaneous translation.

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PROGRAMME

Monday, 16 April 2007

09.45hrs Welcome and Presentation of the Programme

Stéphanie HOREL, Co-ordinator of the EuroMed Training of Public Administrations Programme; Lecturer, European Institute of Public Administration-European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona (ES)

10.00hrs Presentation of the seminar contents and objectives

Alexander HEICHLINGER, Senior Lecturer, European Institute of Public Administration-European Centre for the Regions (EIPA-ECR), Barcelona (ES)

10.10hrs Presentation of Participants

Each participant will be asked to present him/herself, his/her view on the topic, the programme and its relevance to his/her work.

11.00hrs Coffee break

11.30hrs The EU and its Mediterranean Partners

Stéphanie HOREL

- The Barcelona Process
- The MEDA Programme
- The Association Agreements
- The European Neighbourhood Policy: objectives and financial measures
- Questions and discussion

13.00hrs Lunch

THE ECONOMIC AND MONETARY POLICY OF THE EU

14.30hrs I. Workshop (in working groups): Multiple-Choice Quiz on the What, Why and What for regarding the EMU (i.e. provisions, conditions, developments)

Introduction to and instructions for the workshop by *Alexander HEICHLINGER*
Participants

15.15hrs Coffee break

15.45hrs Solutions of the MPQ in the framework of the presentation on the EMU history and background information on its added value

Alexander HEICHLINGER

Bernard ZAHRA, National expert at the Cabinet of the Secretary General, EU Committee of the Regions (CoR); Former administrator at the DG ECOFIN, European Commission, Brussels (BE)

17.15hrs End of the first day

Tuesday , 17 April 2007

09.30hrs Actors, instruments and interests in the decision-making process and policy in the EMU

Alexander HEICHLINGER

- Overview of the different actors involved, the stability and growth pact, the convergence criteria as well as arrangements with non-participating EU partners

11.00hrs Coffee break

11.30hrs The European Central Bank, the Eurosystem and the European System of Central Banks (ESCB): tasks, organisation and functioning

Michael STURM, Principal Economist, DG International and European Relations, European Central Bank (ECB), Frankfurt (DE)

13.00hrs Lunch

14.30hrs Consequences and implications for the public administrations:

Bernard ZAHRA

- Preparatory arrangements in public administrations
- Step-by-step approach and transition policy
- Effective tools and instruments applicable to create *Eurofitness* in the public sector

15.30hrs Coffee break

16.00hrs How to ensure a smooth change-over: Some case studies

Alexander HEICHLINGER

Good practices on

- Legal adaptation and institutional changes
- Adjustment of internal organisation
- Coordination with other administrative levels
- Awareness-building activities

17.15hrs End of the second day

Wednesday, 18 April 2007

09.30hrs The ECB, the EURO and the neighbouring regions

Michael STURM

11.00hrs Coffee break

11.30hrs EMU accession issues: Application, preparation and implementation-The experience of a new EU Member State

Peter OCKO, Deputy National Coordinator of Euro introduction in the Czech Republic, Czech Government, Prague (CZ)

13.00hrs Lunch

15.30hrs Future challenges and pending issues in the EMU – Price stability, structural reform (Lisbon agenda) and macro-economic trends in a globalised economy

Claude GNOS, Associate Professor and Director of the *Centre d'Etudes Monétaires et Financières* (Center for Monetary and Financial Studies), University of Bourgogne, Dijon (FR)

17.00hrs Question & Answer session

Alexander HEICHLINGER

17.45hrs End of the third day

Thursday, 19 April 2007

09.00hrs Departure for a study visit to the Czech Ministry of Economy and Finance

09.30hrs Visit to the Czech Ministry of Finance- Meeting counterparts in charge of economic and monetary policies

Drahomíra VASKOVA, Deputy Director of the Financial Policy Department, Head of the Coordination of Economic Policies Unit, Czech Government, Prague (CZ)

10.30hrs Coffee break

11.00hrs Departure for a study visit to the Czech Central Bank

11.30hrs Visit to the Czech Central Bank- Meeting counterparts in charge of economic and monetary policies

Petr PROCHÁZKA, Deputy Executive Director of the General Secretariat and Director of the EU & International Organisations Division, Czech Central Bank (CZ)

12.30hrs Return to the Hotel Boscolo Carlo IV

13.00hrs Lunch

14.30hrs *II. Workshop (in working groups): Drafting of a single currency strategy and of preparatory measures for its implementation*

Introduction to and instructions for the workshop by *Alexander HEICHLINGER*
Participants

16.00hrs Coffee break

16.30hrs Presentation by the appointed spokesperson of each working group
(max.10-15 min)

17.15hrs End of the fourth day

Friday, 20 April 2007

09.30hrs Presentations by the participants of their experience, organization and best practices to harmonize their legislation with EU economic and monetary policy

Chair: *Stéphanie HOREL*

11.00hrs Coffee break

11.30hrs Continuation

12.30hrs Conclusions and Final Declaration

Stéphanie HOREL

13.00hrs End of the seminar
