

PROGRAMME

TEPSA TRAINING "Inside the European Parliament"

11-13 October 2023
Online

DAY ONE

11 October 2023

14:00-15:00

Introduction and Overview

Lorenzo Mariani, Project Manager, TEPSA

Participants will be welcomed to the training and introduced to its content and functioning. The ActEU project will be presented to set the scene of the topics discussed as part of the seminar, and participants will reflect on the importance of youth participation in the upcoming European elections.

15:00-15:15

Break

15:15-16:30

Lecture: Understanding the European Parliament

Manuel Müller, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Participants will learn about the historical background of the European Parliament, its modern composition and structures, and its role and functions in the EU system, as well as the Parliament's decision-making processes and legislative procedures.

16:30-16:45

Break

16:45-18:00

Debate: European Parliament and EU Governance

Alena Carna, European Parliament

Ilke Toygür, Director of IE Center for Innovation in Global Politics and Economics & Professor of (Geo)Politics of Europe & TEPSA Board Member

Moderation: Jaap Hoeksma, Euroknow

The discussion will surround the EP's place in the institutional triangle, its role in shaping EU legislation, its relationship with other institutions, oversight and accountability mechanisms in the Parliament, its relations with interest groups, and the role of national liaison offices.

DAY TWO

12 October 2023

14:00-15:15

Debate: The European Parliament and Citizens

Daniela Braun, ActEU Scientific Lead & Professor of Political Science at Saarland University

Louisa Parks, Associate Professor at University of Trento

Ophélie Omnes, Founder, OMNES Legal & Positive Lobbying

The chief topic of discussion in this session will be electoral procedures for European elections, and the key challenges facing the upcoming European elections in 2024. Participants will come to understand the significance of the European Parliament for citizens and the role of the EP in promoting democracy and safeguarding citizens' rights.

15:15-15:30

Break

15:30-16:45

A Day at Work in the European Parliament

Ilaria Giustacchini, Accredited Parliamentary Assistant at the European Parliament

Participants will meet with a professional working day-to-day in the Parliament and gain a first-hand insight into what it is like to work there. They will discover the intricacies of Committee work and policy development, learn how MEPs represent their constituents' interests and concerns at European level, and much more.

16:45-17:00

Break

17:00-18:00

Group Activity: Engaging Youth in European Politics (Pt.1)

Lorenzo Mariani, Project Manager, TEPSA

At the culmination of the TEPSA Training "Inside the European Parliament", participants will take their learnings and get the chance to apply them practically. Participants will have the opportunity to engage with their peers and build working relationships, all the while exploring key questions on the main challenges faced by the EU in the lead-up to the European elections. The importance of youth voter turnout will be a key theme.

DAY THREE

13 October 2023

Morning

Autonomous Group Work

Groups will have the chance to meet spontaneously to continue the discussion and prepare the final group presentations.

14:00-15:00

Interactive Discussion

Michael Kaeding, ActEU Coordinator & Professor for European Integration and European Union Politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen

In closing the second day, participants will have the chance to reflect on the lessons they have learned thus far and discuss the thorny issue of how to encourage youth voter turnout at the upcoming 2024 European elections.

15:00-16:30

Group Activity: Engaging Youth in European Politics (Pt.2)

Michael Kaeding, ActEU Coordinator & Professor for European Integration and European Union Politics at the University of Duisburg-Essen

Lorenzo Mariani, Project Manager, TEPSA

Participants will build on the discussion during the group activity in day 2, on the autonomous group work and on the interactive session in day 3 to prepare a final presentation of their work.

16:30-17:00

Wrap-up and Conclusion