

Working with Europe and the EU – A New Context Online, 28-30 November 2023

Dear all,

We're delighted to confirm your place on the Europe Faculty Practitioner Level training course **Working with Europe and the EU - A New Context**, on **Tuesday 28 November to Thursday 30 November 2023**.

The course is being delivered by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), on behalf of FCDO Europe Faculty, and we will be communicating directly with you. All calendar invites, meeting links and course materials, with instructions for how to access them, are being issued direct by EIPA.

Course timings and delivery

The course will run from 0930-1630 each day and will be delivered virtually via MS Teams.

Programme & pre-course reading

Attached is a copy of the programme for the course, and details of the set pre-course reading. **Please note:** the course is Practitioner Level and therefore it is essential you have some knowledge about the UK-EU relationship to ensure you get the most benefit from the learning.

Before the start of the course, you must have completed and be familiar with:

- **Foundation Level Module 3 – Topics 4, 5 and 6**
- **Approaching EU Policy-Making Pre-reading**

This material forms the basis of the course, and will build on it over the three days.

You will need it!

Any other reading suggestions are optional.

Commitments from you

A lot of time has been invested in developing this training. We therefore ask you to please commit to attending the whole course, to participate with your full engagement and provide feedback in a constructive and mindful way – including responding to a follow-up survey about how the course has benefitted your job and career.

If you are not able to attend, please let us and Europe Faculty IA.EuropeFaculty@fco.gov.uk know ASAP, so your place can be offered to someone else.

Sharing of details of other delegates

On the basis of previous feedback, it is proposed to share everyone's names, departments, job titles and contact details in advance of the course, with a view to facilitating networking. You are, of course, able to opt out of this. Please let Europe Faculty IA.EuropeFaculty@fco.gov.uk know if you wish to do so.

**We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 28 November,
and ask that you join in good time ready for a
prompt 09:30 (UK time) start.**

Preparatory materials

In advance of the course, please read:

- FCDO Foundation Level learning materials (on EIPA's learning platform).
- 'Approaching EU policy-making', Edward Best, EIPA (on EIPA's learning platform)

In addition you should **read the following for Day 1:**

Briefing – Single-use plastics and fishing gear. Reducing marine litter
(European Parliamentary Research Service, 2019):

[https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/625115/EPRS_BRI\(2018\)625115_EN.pdf](https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2018/625115/EPRS_BRI(2018)625115_EN.pdf)

You may find the following articles useful to prepare for Day 3:

Nathalie Tocci, 'On foreign policy, EU has to speak up — even if it's not with one voice'

<https://www.politico.eu/article/eu-foreign-policy-vision-belarus-sanctions/>

Ian Bond and Luigi Scazzieri, 'Can Josep Borrell get EU foreign policy off the ground?'

https://www.cer.eu/sites/default/files/bulletin_128_article1_IB_LS.pdf

Richard Youngs 'The EU's strategic autonomy trap'

<https://carnegieeurope.eu/2021/03/08/eu-s-strategic-autonomy-trap-pub-83955>

Jodie Keane, Maximiliano Mendez-Parra and Dirk Willem te Velde, 'The EU's Trade Policy Review – and the five debates it triggers'

<https://odi.org/en/insights/the-eus-trade-policy-review-and-the-five-debates-it-triggers/>

Andrew Sherrif, 'Brexit and development cooperation: a major connection problem'

<https://ecdpm.org/talking-points/brexit-development-cooperation-major-connection-problem/>

The following suggestions are optional, and may be useful for future reference

European Commission: https://ec.europa.eu/info/about-european-commission_en

Council of the EU: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/council-eu/>

European Parliament: <https://www.europarl.europa.eu/about-parliament/en>

European Council: <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/>

Trade and Cooperation Agreement (TCA)

- The full text of the TCA agreement itself can be found [here](#).
- A [summary explainer](#) published on gov.uk
- The **Institute for Government** think tank [explainer](#), with a handy table on the main provisions and brief commentary
- The **UK in a Changing Europe** think tank comprehensive report entitled [Brexit and Beyond](#), with contributions from leading experts on different aspects of the agreement.
- A series of short blogposts is also available, including by [Prof Anand Menon](#), [Prof Tim Bale \(UK politics of the deal\)](#), [Jill Rutter \(governance and domestic architecture\)](#), [Prof Sarah Hall \(financial services\)](#), [Dr Bryce Stewart \(fisheries\)](#)