



**Working with Europe and the EU – A New Context**  
**King Charles Street, London, 30 September – 2 October 2024**

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 **Monday 30 September to Wednesday 2 October 2024**.

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. We will issue all calendar invites, meeting links and course materials, with instructions for how to access them.

**Course timings and delivery**

The course will run from 09.30-16.30 each day and will be delivered in person. The MS Teams chat will be used during the training to provide links and information to participants' devices.

The course will be taking place in the **Mayhew Theatre, EG.118A, Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office, King Charles Street, London**. If you need to be escorted in the building, you should go to the main Reception at the front of the building where staff will issue you with a Visitor's pass. Do make sure you have your government office pass with you for ID purposes. You will then be collected and escorted to the room. Please arrive in good time to clear security. We would be grateful if you can bring your official laptops with you as they may be needed for some of the interactive exercises. In advance of the course, please make sure your laptop will connect to Gov Wi-Fi.

**Programme & pre-course reading**

Attached is a copy of the programme for the course, and details of the set pre-course reading. If you prefer a hard copy of the programme or other documents, do print and bring them with you. **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 to your best ability and provide feedback – 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](mailto: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](mailto:IA.EuropeFaculty@fco.gov.uk) know if you wish to do so.

**We look forward to seeing you on Monday 30 September,  
and ask that you arrive at FCDO Reception by 09:00  
for a prompt 09:30 (UK time) start.**



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## Preparatory materials

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### 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 documents useful for Day 2:

House of commons – TCA services – temporary business travel

[CBP-9130.pdf \(parliament.uk\)](#)

UK-EU Trade and Cooperation Agreement Implementation Report (1 January 2021-31 December 2022) June 2023

<https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/649d625706179b00113f7514/UK-EU-Trade-and-Cooperation-Agreement-implementation-report-January-2021-to-December-2022.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](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/>

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

European Commission: [https://ec.europa.eu/info/about-european-commission\\_en](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)