

# Erasmus Programme for Public Administration



## Origin & purpose

The **Erasmus Public Administration** programme was launched in 2008 on the initiative of the European Parliament. It is organised and managed by the European School of Administration (EuSA) with the aim of helping young national civil servants dealing with EU affairs, and through them their administrations, to learn more about EU history, decision-making processes and how the institutions function.

## What to expect

### **Networking**

Meet fellow public administrators, share experiences, exchange ideas and best practice and build a new network across the Member States.

### **EU Institution visits**

Visit the EP Hemicycle, attend a midday Press Briefing and visit the European Council as well as the House of European History.

### **Job-shadowing**

Experience 2.5 days job shadowing at an EU institution or agency.

### **Gain knowledge**

Through presentations from high-level officials from the EESC, Court of Justice, EEAS, Court of Auditors, Committee of the Regions, EDPS and the Ombudsman office, the participants will learn about the EU institutions. They will also participate in a simulated Council Working Party and receive a practical introduction to the main principles of multilingual communication.

## Organisation

Two 10 day sessions are held each year (Spring and Autumn) with a maximum of 45 participants per session. EuSA carries out the selection and nomination of participants based on proposals from the Member States Permanent Representations of the EU.

## Eligibility Criteria

1. must be a national of a Member State
2. have no more than 5 years and no less than 6 months experience in their current post
3. must work in EU Affairs at a national, regional or local administration in one of the Member States
4. cannot have worked as a trainee or completed a period of work experience in the past in any institution

## Administration and logistics

EuSA will organise and finance accommodation for the duration of the programme only. Should any participants choose to arrive earlier or remain in Brussels after the programme has ended, the extra nights accommodation should be paid by the participant or the sending authority.

All travel expenses (local and overseas) and all meals, should also be paid by the participant or the sending authority.

## What participants said...

*"If you have an opportunity to take part in this programme, go for it, after two weeks in Brussels you will leave with knowledge, experience and insights but also fun, new connections and friends."*

*"A great opportunity to see the EU from another perspective."*

*"This programme enhanced my knowledge about the EU, and allowed me to establish a new network of colleagues from all over Europe."*