



Seminar on Environmental Policy of the EU for Candidate and Potential Candidate to the EU

1st -13th of December 2009

Madrid - Barcelona

1. Aims and format of the seminar

The aim of the seminar is to foster the administrative capacities of the target countries - candidates (*Turkey, Croatia, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia - FYROM*) and potential candidate countries (*Albania, Bosnia – Herzegovina, Montenegro and Serbia*) - and facilitate the transfer of knowledge and good practices with regards to environmental policies in the context of the EU normative and requirements for this sector. The seminar will introduce the participants to the specificities of the EU Environmental Policy, while offering practical examples of the Spanish experience in the management of community funding for environmental related projects. Infrastructures, renewable energy, local development, cross-border cooperation, human resources, all these will be issues to be tackled during the seminar, either in the framework of the lectures or during the different workshops where the participants are welcome to get actively involved.

The seminar will take place successively in *Madrid and Barcelona* and will comprise several main sections dealing respectively with the institutions, proceedings and policies in place at EU and Spanish level in the environmental field; the implementation of the EU environmental programs, and finally the management of European funding in this sector.

Furthermore, the seminar will create the framework for: the exchange of experience among the participants; the creation of networks of partners; the enhancement of capacities for elaborating projects that cope with the necessities of the participating countries and the requirements of the EU. The seminar represents a good opportunity to establish a network of contacts between different actors of distinct nationalities that share similar interests and at the same time consolidate their links with the Spanish institutions.

The lecturers of the seminar will be experts specialized in the study of environmental policies of the EU, as well as practitioners from different levels of the Spanish administration and the European Union.

2. Participants

The target audience is composed of both academic personnel and civil servants from all levels of government from the above mentioned countries. They should experience in the study/management of IPA funds, environmental policies or the process of EU enlargement.

During the seminar the participants are expected to prepare and present brief overviews of the evolution and present situation in their country regarding of the general topic of the seminar. *Further details on the format and submission procedure will be provided to the selected participants in due time.*

The working language of the seminar and the related activities is **English**.

All expenses related to training, return travel from the country of origin, accommodation and maintenance, as well as the expenses related to the study and cultural visits are fully covered by the organizers.

3. Registration and contact

The applicants are invited to visit the IUEE web page www.iuee.eu and follow the registration procedure thereafter.

The deadline for submission of applications is the 6^h of November 2009.

For further information please check the IUEE web page or call +34.93.581.3065 / +34.93.581.3181

PROVISIONAL AGENDA¹

FIRST PART: MADRID

Tuesday, 1st of December

Arrival of participants

Wednesday 2nd of December

INTRODUCTION TO EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICIES AND CONSEQUENCIES FOR CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATE COUNTRIES

9.30 Welcome, presentation of the course and personal presentation of the participants
Escuela Diplomática, AECID and IUEE

10.00 The EU Environmental Policy: Priorities with regard to the Western Balkans and Turkey
Representative of DG Environment

11.00 Energy, Environment and Climate Change: the European view
DG Energy / DG Environment

12.00 COFFEE BREAK

12.30 The domestic implementation of European Environmental Policy: regulatory instruments market instruments, the right to information and court appeal.
IUEE experts

14.00 Lunch

15.00- The approximation to EU environmental standards: the Twinning programs
Spanish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, FIIAPP

16.00-16.30 Open questions

WELCOME DINNER: Restaurant "Casa Patas"

Thursday, December 3rd

THE SPANISH EXPERIENCES IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

9.30. The European Sustainable Development Strategy in Spain
Spanish Ministry for the Environment, Rural and Marine Affairs

10.30 The Spanish experience with regards to the EU Environmental Policy: the organization scheme and coordination proceedings
Spanish Ministry for the Environment and Rural and Marine Affairs

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

12.00 The Environmental policy integration in regional development policy: the Structural Funds
Spanish Ministry of Economy and Finance

¹ The agenda could be modified according to the availability of the lecturers and experts.

13.00. Promoting renewable energies
Spanish Ministry of Industry, Tourism and Trade

14.00 Lunch

Cultural visit: *Madrid de los Austrias*

Friday, December 4th

ROUND TABLE 1 – CANDIDATE AND POTENTIAL CANDIDATES COUNTRIES AND THE PROCESS OF ACCESSION: THE STATE OF ART AND MAIN PROBLEMS of the accession process

IUEE moderator

Morning session 9.30 – 12.30

Country delegations:

1. Albania
2. Montenegro
3. Macedonia (FYROM)
4. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Afternoon session 14.00 – 16.30

Country delegations:

5. Croatia
6. Serbia
7. Turkey

Saturday, December 5th

Guided tour to Segovia

Sunday, December 6th

DEPARTURE TO BARCELONA

SECOND PART: BARCELONA

Monday, December 7th

Visit to Environmental Infrastructures (ECOPARC / FORUM BESÓS)

Tuesday, December 8th

National Holyday: Tour of Barcelona

Wednesday, December 9th

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE EU ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY: EXPERIENCES FROM SUB-NATIONAL ACTORS

9.30. Environmental evaluation of plans, programs and projects, and environmental sustainability evaluation.

Department of Environment and Housing, Catalan Government

10.30. Integral intervention of the environmental administration

Department of Environment and Housing, Catalan Government

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

12.00 Voluntary Systems of Environmental Management (EMAS)

IUEE Experts

13.00 Open questions and debate

13.30 Lunch

15.00 Workshop: Environmental Experiences

IUEE – EIPA Experts

Thursday, December 10th

EU environmental FUNDING: PROJECTS, PROGRAMS AND INTERVENTIONS

09.30 The management of urban waste

Catalan Waste Agency

10.30. Integrated water management

Catalan Water Agency

11.30 COFFEE BREAK

12.00 Environment and urban development: the URBAN experience

Barcelona City Hall

13.00 Environment and Rural Development: the LEADER experience

Department of Agriculture and Fishing

14.00 Lunch

15.30 Workshop: Local Environmental Experiences, Agenda 21

Diputació de Barcelona

Friday, December 11th

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Country delegations:

8. Albania
1. Montenegro
2. Macedonia (FYROM)
3. Bosnia and Herzegovina

Afternoon session 14.00 – 16.30

Country delegations:

4. Croatia
5. Serbia
6. Turkey

16.30 Conclusions and graduation ceremony

Saturday, December 12th / Sunday, December 13th

Departure of participants