



European Studies Masters Programme, Faculty of Economics and Management at the University of Latvia
INTENSIVE SEMINAR at EU INSTITUTIONS, NATO and THINK TANKS (BRUSSELS & LUXEMBOURG)
06-11 NOVEMBER 2016

Students from the University of Latvia (Riga), Riga Stradiņš University (Riga), School of Business of the University of Applied Sciences and Arts Northwestern Switzerland (Olten), and Bremen University of Applied Sciences (Bremen) have been invited to attend the 2016 Intensive Seminar

Day	Time	Activity
06 November, Sunday	14:00-24:00	Check in at the Citadines Toison d'Or Brussels <i>61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, Metro: Louise</i> <i>(keys will be distributed from 14:00 to 24:00 hours)</i>
07 November, Monday	8:45	Meet at the hotel lobby <i>Students should ensure that they have their identity cards or passports with them at all times as required by EU Institutions</i>
	9:15-11:30	COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>The Justus Lipsius building, 175 Rue de la Loi, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 09:15 – Arrival, Security Check and Welcome by Mrs Dominique BRYON 9:45-11:15 – "The Council, the European Council and Institutional Dynamics" by Mrs Simonetta COOK , Political Administrator, General Secretariat of the Council Group: 49 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)
	11:30-12:15	LUNCH in the nearest Cafes on participants' expenses
	12:30-14:00	NATO AT INFO POINT EUROPA <i>Rue Archimède 1, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 12:30-14:30 – Briefing by Mrs Guna SNORE , Programme Officer for Youth Engagements/ Defense Capabilities/ Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, Engagements Section, Public Diplomacy Division Group: 30 persons (Riga, Swiss)



07 November, Monday	15:00-17:00	PERMANENT MISSION OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>31-33, Boulevard du Régent, Brussels Metro: Art Loi</i> 15:00-15:30 – Arrival and Security Check 15:30-17:00 – "Introduction to EU-Russia Relations" and Q&A by Mr Sergey KOPYRKIN , Deputy Permanent Representative of Russia Group: 30 persons (Riga, Swiss)
	19:00	Dinner on Invitation by LECSA (Latvian European Community Studies Association) <i>Location TBA</i>

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08 November, Tuesday	8:45	Meet at the hotel lobby
	9:15-13:00	EUROPEAN EXTERNAL ACTION SERVICE <i>2 Rond-point Schuman, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 09:15 – Arrival and Security Check. Welcome by Ms Nicole MEIJER in the main entrance of the EEAS building 09:45 – "Function and role of the European External Action Service" by Mr Martin DIHM , Adviser, Strategic Communications Division 10:45 – Coffee break 11:00 – "ASEM and EU – Asia Relations" by Mr Michael REITERER , Principal Adviser to the Managing Director Asia and Pacific 12:00 – Briefing on Migration Issues by Mr Andrej GROSELJ , Policy Officer, Migration and Human Security Division Group: 49 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)
	13:00-14:00	LUNCH in nearest Cafes on participants' own expenses



<p style="text-align: center;">08 November, Tuesday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">EUROPEAN ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COMMITTEE AND THE COMMITTEE OF THE REGIONS <i>Rue Belliard 101, Brussels, room JDE 70 Metro: Maelbeek</i></p> <p>14:00 – Arrival and Security Check 14:15-15:00 – Briefing on the European Economic and Social Committee by Mrs Susanna RITARI 15:00-15:15 – Break 15:15-16:15 – Briefing on the Committee of the Regions by Mr Klaus HULLMANN, Administrator, Directorate for Communication, Committee of the Regions</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 30 persons (Riga, Swiss)</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">DG EDUCATION AND CULTURE, EUROPEAN COMMISSION <i>Rue Joseph II 70, Brussels Metro: Maelbeek & Arts-Loi</i></p> <p>16:30-17:30 – "EU Education Policy and and Modernisation of Education" by Mr Adam TYSON, Acting Director General, DG EAC, Modernisation of Education II: Education, policy and programme, Innovation, EIT and MSCA</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 30 persons (Riga, Swiss)</p>

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<p style="text-align: center;">09 November, Wednesday</p>	4:45	Meeting at the hotel lobby
	4:50	<p style="text-align: center;">Departure by bus from the hotel Citadines to Luxembourg Toison d'Or Brussels, 61-63, avenue de la Toison d'Or, 1060 Bruxelles</p> <p>04:50 – Departure</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 48 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)</p>
	8:15-14:30	<p style="text-align: center;">COURT OF JUSTICE OF THE EUROPEAN UNION <i>Visitors' entrance - rue du Fort Niedergrünwald, Luxembourg</i></p> <p>8:15 – Arrival and Security Check 08:45-09:15 – Salle de conférences - Thomas More Briefing of <i>Case C-670/15 Šalplachta</i> by Mr R. LANDONI, trainee, Protocol and Visits Directorate 09:30-11:15 – Hearing of <i>Case C-670/15 Šalplachta</i> 11:15-11:30 – Break</p>

		<p>11:30-12:15 – Salle de conférences - Thomas More</p> <p>Briefing with Mrs I. FREIJA, Legal Secretary, Chambers of Judge Egils Levits</p> <p>12:15-13:00 – Guided tour of the Court's buildings</p> <p>Group: 48 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)</p>
	13:15-14:30	<p style="text-align: center;">LUNCH</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Restaurant - Galerie - Cantine on participants' own expenses</i></p>
		<p style="text-align: center;">EUROSTAT <i>(at the Court's facilities)</i></p> <p>14:15-14:45 – Overview Presentation on Eurostat by Mrs Baiba GRANDOVSKA</p> <p>14:45-15:30 – Presentation on Unemployment by Mr Boyan GENEV</p> <p>15:30-15:45 – Break</p> <p>15:45-16:30 – Regional statistics by Mr Oliver MULLER and Mrs Asa ONNERORS</p> <p>Group: 48 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)</p>
09 November, Wednesday		<p>Meeting with Dr Hubert PETIT, Honorary Ambassador, European Commission and Professor at the Strasbourg University</p>
	16:30-18:00	<p>16:30-17:15 – International careers and opportunities within EU institutions</p> <p>17:15-18:00 – Briefing on EU diplomatic service, and experience in Africa</p> <p>Group: 48 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)</p>
	18:30-21:30	<p>Return by bus to the Citadines Toison D'Or hotel in Brussels</p> <p>Group: 48 persons (Riga, Bremen, Swiss)</p>

Day	Time	Activity
10 November Thursday	7:30	<p style="text-align: center;">Meeting at the hotel lobby</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PERMANENT REPRESENTATION OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA TO THE EUROPEAN UNION</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Avenue des Arts 23,1000 Brussels, Metro: Arts-Loi</i></p>
	7:50-10:45	<p>07:50 – Arrival and Security Check</p> <p>8:00-8:45 – Briefing by Ms Sanita PAVLUTA-DESLANDES, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Latvia to the European Union</p> <p>8:45-9:30 – Briefing by Ms Antra TRENKO, representative of the Bank of Latvia</p> <p>Group: 18 persons (Riga)</p>

10 November Thursday		PARLAMENTARIUM <i>Willy Brandt building, Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels Metro: Trône</i> 9:45-10:45 – Visit to the Parlamentarium
	11:20-12:45	MID-DAY PRESS BRIEFING AT THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION <i>Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Brussels Metro: Schuman</i> 11:20 – Arrival and Security Check 11:30 – Coffee in EC Cafeteria on participants' own expenses 12:00 – Mid-day Press Briefing Guided by Mr Uldis SALAJEVs , Press Assistant to Alexander Winterstein, Deputy Chief Spokesperson and Spokesperson for Budget & Human Resources Group: 18 persons (Riga)
	12:30-13:00	LUNCH in Commission Canteen on participants' own expenses
	13:45-16:00	EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT <i>Paul Henri-Spaak building on rue Wiertz 60, Brussels. Room: PHS 4B49</i> Metro: Trône 13:45-14:00 – Arrival and Security Check 14:00-14:45 – Briefing on the European Parliament by Mr George STYLIANOU 14:45-15:30 – Briefing on the Transatlantic Relations Unit by Mr Alexandros KARIDES , Acting Head of Unit, Transatlantic Relations Unit Group: 19 persons (Riga)
	13:30-18:00	BRUEGEL <i>Rue de la Charité 33, Brussels Metro: Madou/Parc</i> 16:30-18:00 – “Briefing on Bruegel and Brussels-based Think Tanks” by Mr Matt DANN , Secretary General Group: 19 persons (Riga)
	18:30-19:30	SWISSCORE <i>Apero, Rue du Trône 98, 1050 Brussels Metro: Trône</i> STARTS AT 17:30, Riga group arrives a little later, after visit to Bruegel Group: 31 persons (Swiss, Riga)

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	8:20	Check-out and meeting at the hotel lobby
11 November Friday	8:45-13:00	<p style="text-align: center;">EUROPEAN COMMISSION <i>Charlemagne Building, Rue de la Loi 170 (entrance from: rue du Taciturne), Brussels, Room: CHAR DURI, Metro: Schuman</i></p> <p>08:45 – Arrival and Security Check. Welcome and Introduction by Mrs Christina OLDMAN, Visitors Centre</p> <p>09:00 – “The Role of the EC as the executive of the EU and the ten political priorities of the Juncker Commission” by Ms Cristina Catalina CHIRITA, Speakers Pool DG Communication</p> <p>10:15 – Break</p> <p>10:30 – “Digitalisation of the Single Market” by Mr Vesa VANHANEN, DG Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs</p> <p>11:15 – Break</p> <p>11:30 – “EU Trade Policy - What does Europe do for trade? – TTIP” by Mr Wojtek TALKO, DG Trade</p> <p>12:15 – Briefing on EU Employment Strategy by Mr Lars ENGSTEDT, DG Employment</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Group: 31 persons (Riga, Swiss)</p>
	13:00-14:30	End of the Study Visit