



**European Movement
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EMI TRAINING ACADEMY

SUMMER SCHOOL

13 to 19 September 2010

Brussels, Belgium



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Introduction

We have created the European Union but still struggle to find our Europeans. There is no more important source of future European legitimacy and active citizenship than Europe's youth. This explains why reaching out to young people has been and remains a key priority for the European Movement.

There are many ways to encounter the European idea and ideals but few can substitute the feeling, meaning and excitement of spending time together with other young Europeans exploring how and why, though we come from diverse cultural, linguistic, regional and national backgrounds, we share so much in common in terms of values



Pat Cox, President of the EMI

The European Movement Training Academy is pleased and proud to offer young Europeans access to our Brussels based facility as a place to meet each other while also meeting key experts who can introduce them to the policies, politics and institutions of the European Union.

For example, when a young Romanian student spends a week in Brussels, not only learning from those who know how the system works but also experiences all the informal learning through association with young colleagues from a host of other EU member or candidate states, this is when the idea of being European begins to gain a real, deep and durable personal meaning. It turns the abstract concept of "European citizenship" into a personal and concrete reality.

The twenty students who participated in this Summer School not only valued the training they received from highly qualified speakers but also experienced the feeling of truly belonging to Europe. They built many friendships across borders and discovered how much they shared in common.

In their respective ways these young people will be future actors in our society. Giving them the chance to experience "Brussels" through its many and varied multicultural facets is an investment not just in their own future but also that of the future of the European Union. We are happy to invite you to share this experience, to discover what it means to be a young European, at the European Movement Training Academy.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pat Cox". The signature is stylized, with a large, looped "P" and a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

Pat Cox,
EMI President



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The European Movement: Making Europe Move!

The **European Movement** is an international organisation **open to all political, economic, social and cultural trends in civil society.**

Its objective is to contribute to the establishment of a united Europe founded on the respect for basic human rights, principles of peace and democracy, liberty and solidarity, as well as the active participation of citizens.

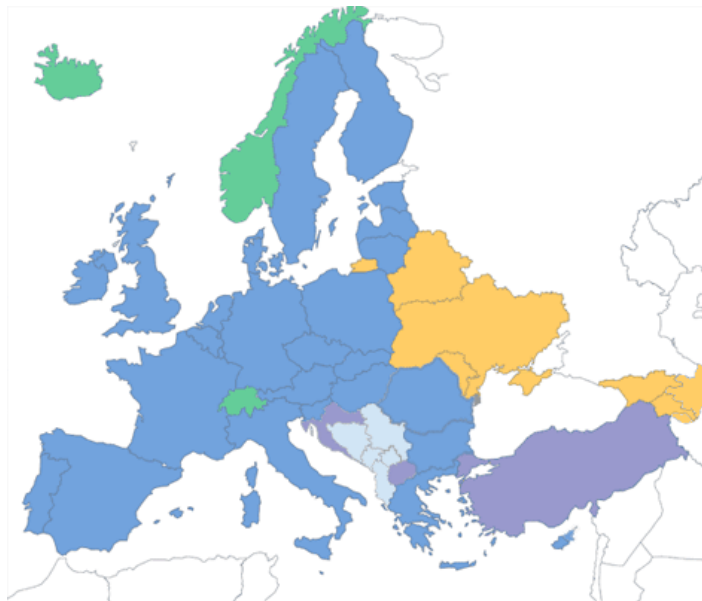
Its **43 national councils and 30 international member organisations** work towards bringing together representatives

from national and European associations, political parties, the industry and trade unions.

The European Movement has been chaired by many **illustrious European political figures** throughout its history including, Paul-Henri Spaak, Robert Schuman, Walter Hallstein, Jean Rey, Gaston Thorn, Enrique Barón Crespo, Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, Mário Soares and José-Maria Gil Robles.

The **EMI office in Brussels** acts as a facilitator for its members in Brussels, and provides a forum for debate. Its permanent team of 7 runs various projects and activities involving the Member Organisations and European citizens, such as :

- The 9 the May Europe Day celebrations
- EMI Briefings on latest EU developments
- Seminars and conferences on a wide range of topics
- Educational, cultural and informative projects



Presentation of the Summer School 2010

Monday 13 September to Sunday 19 September 2010

Brussels, Belgium

The Summer School is an intensive, high-level training on the European Union provided by the European Movement International's Training Academy.

The European Movement International, with its growing network of 43 National Councils and 30 International member associations across Europe has direct access to professionals of the EU structures at all levels. Thanks to the Summer School, students are able to meet a variety of speakers, ranging from MEPs to lobby experts and activists involved in European civil society organizations.

This year, the EMI gathered an international group of 20 students and recent graduates, all with a strong interest in European affairs. The participants were recruited following their proven knowledge of the EU, their proficiency in English and their motivation. The September 2010 Summer School dealt with a series of themes such as the Future of the EU, Lobbying and Networking, European Citizenship and the work of European Political Parties (see detailed agenda below).

With various professionals sharing their views on the same topic, the participants were able to get a more complete picture of the issues raised. Common sessions were organized with up to 3 speakers presenting different points of views and giving way to very lively debates. For example, the session where representatives of 3 European political parties explained their opposing views was very informative and entertaining indeed!

During the Summer School in Brussels, the students visited the European Parliament and the Committee of the Regions, and received a welcome pack containing useful material and information.

As the Summer School is also a cultural experience, the dinners took place in different restaurants where the participants were able to taste various European delicacies available in Brussels (Greek, Spanish, Italian, Belgian...). During their stay, the participants visited the city, its most famous sights and its surroundings, and even traveled to some of the nearest Belgian historical cities.



Welcome packs provided by Europe Direct and the Brussels-Europe Liaison Office

The summer school was a great opportunity for the participants to make new friends from 9 different countries: Armenia, Czech Republic, France, Germany, Greece, Italy, Ireland, Romania and the United Kingdom. In today's world where networking is an imperative, this is one of the most valuable aspects of the training.

The EMI is proud to give young people the chance of coming to Brussels to have a truly practical experience of the EU, which is sometimes more useful than any theoretical course.

This year was a great success as all the students were delighted with the training and went home feeling very motivated to get involved and "make Europe move!"



Programme of the Summer School 2010

Monday 13 September

19h00 : Welcome dinner at restaurant “Volle Gas”, 21 Place Fernand Coq

Tuesday 14 September

9h30: Opening and welcome

Diogo Pinto, EMI Secretary General

10h30-12h00: Theme: The Future of Europe

Jo Leinen, MEP, Chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and food Safety and EMI Vice-President

Andrew Duff, MEP, Member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee, former EMI Vice-President

Carlos Coelho, MEP, Member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

13h00-14h00: LUNCH

14h30-16h30: Theme: Lobbying and Networking

Giuseppe Porcaro, Secretary General of the European Youth Forum

Carey Evans, Senior Consultant, Fleishman & Hillard

Amandine Bach, Policy Officer, European Women’s Lobby

16h45-17h45: Theme: History of the European Union

Pier Virgilio Dastoli, Advisor, Directorate B (Representations), DG Communication, European Commission; Former Secretary General of the EMI

19h30: Dinner at restaurant “Tapas Locas”, Rue du Marché au Charbon 74

Wednesday 15 September

9h00-10h00: Theme: Programmes available to Youths through the EU and CSOs

Hugues Thibaut, Secretary General of the European Movement Belgium

Elvira Buijink, Project Assistant, European Movement Belgium

10h00-11h00: Theme: European Citizenship – Part I

Daniel Woehl, Policy Officer for EU Citizenship, European Commission, DG JUST

Tibor Vaszi, Policy Officer for EU Citizenship, European Commission, DG JUST

11h30-12h30: Theme: Programmes available to Youths through the EU and CSOs

Ruben Loodts, Secretary General of JEF (Young European Federalists)

12h45-13h45: LUNCH

14h00-15h00: Theme: Programmes available to Youths through the EU and CSOs

Pascal Lejeune, European Commission, Acting Director, Directorate E “Youth and Sports”,
DG Education and Culture

15h30-17h00: Theme: The EU institutions from the inside and decision-making process

Rainer Wieland, European Parliament Vice President, and EMI Vice President

19h30: Dinner at restaurant « Skievelat », Rue J. Stevens 16-18

Thursday 16 September

9h00-11h00: Theme: The work of European Political Parties

Philip Hansen, Political Advisor, ELDR

Ines Prainsak, Assistant to the Deputy Secretary General, EPP

Jan Kreutz, Adviser: Social and economic policy, climate change and energy, PES

11h15-12h45: Theme: The Role of Civil Society in the EU construction process and its future
Development

Bruno Boissière, Representative in Brussels of CIFE

Helmut Müllers, Secretary General of CESI

Conny Reuter, Secretary General of Solidar

12h45-13h30: LUNCH

14h00-15h30: Theme: The EU institutions from the inside and decision-making process

Jillian van Turnhout, Member of the EESC

16h30-17h30: Theme: The EU institutions from the inside and decision-making process

Serafino Nardi, Administrator, Cabinet of the Secretary General
of the Committee of the Regions

19h30: Dinner at restaurant “L’Abruzzo”, 34 rue de Savoie, 1060 Brussels

Friday 17 September

9h00-10h00: Theme: European Citizenship - Part II

Sophie Beernaerts, Head of Unit C2, Citizenship Policy, DG Communication,
European Commission

10h15-11h45: Theme: European Citizenship – Part III

Jessica Chamba, Vice President of the EMI and Chair of the Political Committee Citizens
Europe and European Identity

Philippe Grosjean, Treasurer and IT Administrator, Permanent FORUM of European Civil
Society

12h00-13h00: Theme: Programmes available to Youths through the EU and CSOs

Michal Makowiecki, Board member, AEGEE

Miroslava Ganzarcikova, Board member, AEGEE

13h00-14h00: LUNCH

14h15: European Parliament Info Point

19h30: Dinner at restaurant “Plaka” , Rue du marché aux Fromages

Saturday 18 September

13h00: Lunch

20h00: Dinner at restaurant “Santouri”, 30 rue Rollebeek

Sunday 19 September

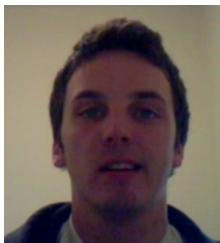
Departures



Visit at the European Parliament with Rainer Wieland, EP Vice President

Participants

Joseph Bourke, Ireland

**Background:**

2002-2008: Cistercian College Roscrea

2008-2011: B.A. in Economics, Politics & Law, Dublin City University

"It was extremely worthwhile and helped me learn a lot about the inner workings of the EU on an institutional level and also how various interest groups operate. Above all it was great fun, I met great people and it is a week I will never forget. Thanks EMI :) »

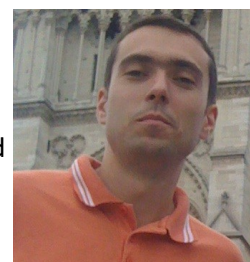
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Alexandru Bogdan Ciochină, Romania

Background:

Bachelor in Finance and Insurance; Master's degree in Financial Management and Banking; final year in Law, Al I Cuza University Iasi, Romania.

Erasmus Mundus student: second Master's degree in System Dynamics, UiB, Bergen, Norway.



"The training was an outstanding opportunity to learn about the European institutions, to discuss the issue with important people from the EU structures and to meet nice people with common interests in the European values."

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Carmen Dencker, Germany

**Background:**

Carmen studied political science in Hamburg and Bordeaux. She is now preparing her Bachelor's Thesis. In her Master she would like to specialise in European Affairs.

"I would like to thank the EMI team in Brussels for organizing such a varied and interesting programme. During this week I got a direct insight into the practical dimension of decision-making in the European Union, which is complementing my theoretical knowledge. Besides, I got a lot of new ideas for my future."

Carmen can be contacted through the EMI

Aisling Dillon, Ireland

Background:

2009-10: Second Class Honours Bachelor of Laws, National University of Ireland Galway

2005-09: First Class Honours Bachelor of Corporate Law International,

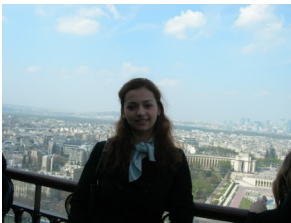
National University of Ireland Galway



"I thoroughly enjoyed the EMI Training Academy 2010. It was a fantastic experience. It was a great opportunity to meet like-minded young people from across Europe and beyond. The lectures were interesting and have further stimulated my interest in European Union affairs".

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Valentina Enache, Romania



Background:

International Relations and Marketing

"I found the EMI Training to be a great opportunity for people who are interested in enriching their EU knowledge and/or who want to pursue a career in EU's institutions or other organisations which are directly involved in the decision-making process. Also, it was an awesome experience to meet people from fellow EU member countries (as well as non-member countries) and to exchange ideas about the policies and state of the EU."

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Irene Ferrario, Italy

Background:

-July 2007: B.A. Modern Language Studies- University of Hull (UK)

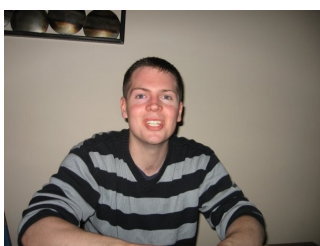
-November 2008: M.A. EU Policy-Making (Euromasters)- University of Bath Consortium



"The EMI Training Academy gave me the opportunity to gain a privileged insight into EU Institutions and working processes taking place in Brussels. It is an opportunity that I would highly recommend."

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Darren Gleeson, Ireland



Background:

- BA in Journalism (second class honours, upper) from Dublin City University
- MA in Politics (European) from University College Dublin (Second class honours, upper)
- Intends to pursue research into EU integration.

“ The EMI Summer School not only helped me learn more about the everyday workings of the EU, but it also made me feel more European, through meeting many great people from Member states and beyond.”

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Lilit Kharaybedyan, Armenia

Background:

- Yerevan State Linguistic University, Department of English language and Area Studies (1997-2002)
- American University of Armenia, Department of Law (Master in Comparative Legal Studies, 2003-2005)



“I estimate the entire program – both the lectures and site visits – very informative and useful. As a representative of the only non-EU country involved in the program, I really feel proud of having the chance to be in Brussels and learn about the EU institutions from their representatives themselves. Besides, I find communication with the youth from other countries as a new opportunity for networking, which can promote fruitful collaboration in future.”

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Eleonora Kinnicutt, Italy



Background:

I graduated from Tufts University in Boston in May of 2009 with a double major in International Relations and Public Health. I spent my third year at the Università di Bologna where I concentrated on EU law and governance.

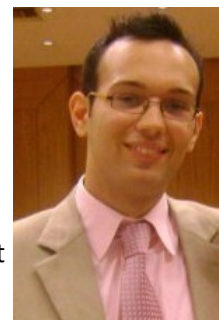
“This training academy was a unique opportunity, for someone with my interest in European affairs, to gain firsthand insight into the functions of the institutions and their influence among civil society. The training provided the opportunity to discuss and debate on the most prominent topics facing Europe today, in a truly welcoming and intellectually stimulating environment.”

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Orestis Kouloulas, Greece

Background:

- 2009: Bachelor degree in International and European Studies in the University of Piraeus, Greece
- 2008: Erasmus in the University of Ghent
- currently doing a Master in European Politics and Policies at the Katholieke Universiteit Leuven.



"The EMI Training Academy is a high-quality seminar, ideal for anyone who wants to know how EU functions, meet students from all over Europe and get in contact with the right people at the right place!"

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Naira Marmaryan, Armenia



Background

- MA in Roman and Germanic Languages, Yerevan State Linguistic University after V. Brusov, 1998
- Lecturer/Teaching at the Faculty of Linguistics and Intercultural Communication at Yerevan State Linguistic University after V. Brusov, 1998-2008
- Currently an Erasmus Mundus ECW Lot 6 beneficiary in European Studies, Ruse, Bulgaria

"I derived great pleasure from participating in the program. Personally for me it was both an enjoyable and informative training. The whole atmosphere made us feel so welcome and integrated!"

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Jessica Matthews, United Kingdom

Background:

- current: undergraduate BScEcon in Politics, Cardiff University (dissertation on Climate Change, the EU, and the British Press.)
- applying for a Masters course in European politics and EU-related/World affairs.



"I have found the EMI Training academy rewarding in many ways. The experience has given me the chance to boost my knowledge on various aspects on the European Union and its inner workings. In addition, by exposing me to the EP, the Committee of the Regions, various MEPs and those working within the European sphere, this has allowed me to have full appreciation of its day-to-day tasks. Furthermore, by attending this EMI Training it has allowed me to learn from as well as make many friends from other European countries which has made the training academy all the more special, and something I would highly recommend."

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Marie McGloin, Ireland



Background:

Currently preparing a PhD on 'Cultural Appropriateness and Responsiveness of the Irish Higher Education and Training Needs of Migrants: an Exploration of the Experiences of Migrants', IT Sligo, Ireland

"I found the Training week informative, insightful and now have developed a greater understanding of the workings of the EU institutions. I found the presentations very interestingly presented, I think the choice of the professionals and experts were just right and the week was very well planned as it covered a wide variety of topics and subject areas. Visiting the actual EU institutions was also a fantastic idea and made it more alive. I would definitely go again."

Marie can be contacted through the EMI

Agnès Nahan, France

Background:

- 2008: Graduate in International and European Law, University of Angers, France/ University of Limerick, Ireland - Commendation
- 2009: MA in European and Public Policy, Queen's University Belfast, Northern Ireland, UK—Commendation



"The EMI Training Academy was an excellent opportunity to enhance my perspective on the European Union by meeting with policy makers and other actors involved in various ways in the construction of Europe. It has enabled me to get a full and practical picture of what European integration is about and the issues and remaining obstacles that makes Europe such an intense and attractive project to work on."

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Alexandre Roure, France



Background:

- LLM in EU law, University of Essex
- Undergraduate studies in law, Université du Sud Toulon Var and University of Essex (Erasmus student)

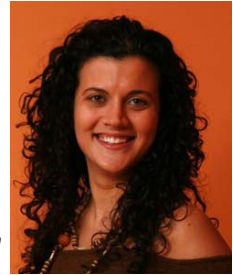
"The training academy organised by the EMI was a powerfully insightful week on what is happening in Brussels, and it provided me information that I had never been able to find in any textbooks. It was also a chance to get myself explain what lobbying consists in by lobbyists themselves. The training academy is a no-brainer for anyone genuinely interested in European affairs, politics or law."

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Paola Sabato, Italy

Background:

Bachelor in International Communication (Major in Communication, Linguistics, Intercultural mediation), Master in European Studies



"Since my MA studies getting into EU subjects has always been more theoretical than practical. I really enjoyed being part of the EMI Training Academy as it gave me not only a deep insight within EU institutions work, but made me aware of such a range of practical possibilities of truly participating the Union as active citizens. It was very useful to discuss and further improve my vision of an EU closer to me, closer to the youth."

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Marco Schwarz, Germany



Background:

- MA Social and Political Sciences (studied in Germany, Spain and the Czech Republic), graduated from the University of Göttingen in 2008.

- Currently assistant to the director of the Europa-Union Deutschland (UEF Germany).

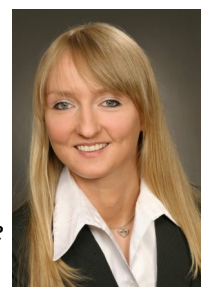
"I really enjoyed working together a whole week with people from all over Europe at the EMI Training Academy!"

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Sylvia Student, Germany

Background:

Master of Arts in Slavonic and Romance Studies at the Ruhr University in Bochum/ Germany.



"The Training Academy in Brussels was a very interesting experience not only regarding the different organisations and speakers during the week but also because of the international ambience."

Sylvia be contacted through the EMI

Julius Tweer, France



Background:

Master of Arts, Intercultural European Studies, Universities of Regensburg (Germany), Clermont-Ferrand (France) and UCM Madrid (Spain)

"I think the EMI Training is a great opportunity to get a high value insight into the european institutional framework. Its focus on european citizen-policy and EU-lobbying is of the greatest interest. The broad range of interesting and engaged speakers made it a great experience."

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Vlastimil Vanek, Czech Republic

Background:

- Current: Erasmus student, studying European integration, University of Linköping, Sweden
- Current: Master's Degree in International relations and European Studies, Metropolitan University of Prague, Czech Republic
- Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, University of Hradec Kralove, Czech Republic



« I want to profoundly recommend participation in this Training programme. I really appreciate I could be a member of this programme, where I could deepen my knowledge about the EU, meet really interesting people and see all the components of decision making process and what influences it. »

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Contact the EMI

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