European Diplomatic Programme

Seconded national experts
The 19th edition of the European Diplomatic Programme (EDP) will start during the Austrian Presidency in Vienna in October 2018 and conclude during the Romanian Presidency in Bucharest in June 2019.

Objective
The EDP is a common project between the EU Member States and EU Institutions and is part of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy. In practice, EEAS is responsible for the EDP's overall coordination. The programme is executed by the Member States’ Foreign Ministries, the EEAS, the General Secretariat of the Council and the Commission. The programme has three general aims:

- help European diplomats create networks that foster a European identity in foreign policy;
- raise awareness among national diplomats about the European dimension of diplomacy;
- provide a teaching environment whose framework transcends the strictly national.

Structure and participants
EDP participants are young diplomats from Member States and officials of the European External Action Service, the European Commission and the General Secretariat of the Council.

The EDP is composed of 4 modules taking place at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the EU Member States, EEAS, GSC and EC in Brussels. Each year, an overall theme is chosen for the EDP. The themes covered so far are:

- "The EU Global Strategy: from Vision to Action" (2018-2019)
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- "Emerging challenges and global issues in current diplomacy" (2016-2017)
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- "Emerging challenges and global issues in current diplomacy" (2013-2014)
- "The European Union and the Strategic Partnerships" (2012-2013)
- "Europe and its neighbours" (2011-2012)
- "New systemic challenges for the EU: external action coherence" (2010-2011)
- "EU-Transatlantic relations" (2009-2010);
- "Neighbourhood policy and energy challenge : two priority issues for the EU" (2008-2009)
- "Population flows, development and security in Africa: challenges for and responses by the EU" (2007-2008)
"EU's relations to China and India" (2006-2007);
"EU - Transatlantic relations" (2005-2006);
"European Security Strategy" (2004-2005);
"Wider Europe – European Neighbourhood Policy" (2003-2004);
"The Enlargement" (2002-2003);
"Western Balkans" (2001-2002);

Background

The European Diplomatic Programme (EDP) is a result of the work done in the late 1990’s in the Council working group on administration and protocol (COADM). The objective was to create a training programme that would promote the idea of common European diplomacy. The guidelines and the curriculum for the EDP were approved by the Council’s Political Committee in 1999-2000. A revised set of principles governing the EDP (doc. 6488/09) was agreed in February 2009 by the Working Party on “CFSP Administrative Affairs and Protocol”. Its current version was adopted in November 2012 (doc 15086/12).

Further Information

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