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EIPAL's 24th Session

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An Institute becomes Spear-header for European Development

Founded in 1994 in Brussels, the non-profit organisation EIPAL –the European Institute for Public Affairs, has engaged in period of reflection to adapt itself to a rapidly developing world and to shape its programme accordingly, drawing on visionary experts in each specialised field.

After 14 years of activity EIPAL is to launch its 24th session on November 6th with some considerable innovations. The course, which will conclude mid-February 2009, will base itself on the former course structure, i.e. the structures and functioning of the European Institutions but will be added by topics relevant to recent and current developments. Some of these topics will be tackled during discussion groups hosted by some of the greatest experts in their specific field. The aim is to deliver participants an understanding of the ever-rapidly increasing changes we are witnessing in Europe today.

Some of the topics that will be incorporated into the curriculum are ‘comitology’, ‘the significances of networks’, ‘access to information’, ‘transparency and the fight against fraud and corruption’, ‘the increasing influence of think-tanks’, ‘climatic issues’, and ‘future perspectives for Europe and the world’.

Over the past 14 years EIPAL has held no less than 23 sessions which were attended by over 500 participants from all over the world and all sorts of backgrounds, including diplomats, EU officials, post-graduate students and people with an interest in EU affairs in general. Up to 50 carefully selected speakers will develop the numerous selected topics. The number of participants is strictly limited so as to maintain a tight-knit and interactive environment during the course.

All details of enrolment can be found on www.eipal.org or requested by e-mail at info@eipal.org.



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