



II SUMMER COURSE SOFIA CORRADI ON THE EU

The challenges of the European Union: Its economic, technological and geopolitical aspects

**Organised by the representations of the European institutions
in Barcelona and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International
Affairs)**

13, 14 and 15 July 2022

In person: CIDOB, Sala Jordi Maragall, Elisabets 12, 08001 Barcelona

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Following the first edition's success, the European Parliament's office in Barcelona, the Representation of the European Commission and the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB) maintain their collaboration with the second edition of the summer course on the European Union. The three days will be monographic sessions with theoretical and practical perspectives. The sessions will be divided between an intervention by a keynote speaker from the Commission or the European Parliament, followed by a dialogue with a journalist; and a roundtable with CIDOB researchers; officials of the European institutions, from either the European Parliament or the European Commission; and independent experts. The aim of this summer course is to provide participants with a complete perspective on the debates and challenges of the European Union in the short, medium and long term, and analytical tools so that they can analyse and understand the European reality and become an active member in it. Those enrolled in the course will receive, upon request, a certificate of participation.

The course will address the domestic and international challenges the European Union is facing. The first day will explore the future of EU economic governance, the impact that the *NextGenerationEU* funds have had and will have, and it will discuss the new fiscal rules of the Stability and Growth Pact through economic and political lenses. The second day will look at what it means to strengthen the EU's technological and industrial capabilities in terms of data ethics and artificial intelligence, will discuss whether the EU can become an alternative to the American and Chinese views on cyberspace, and it will be assessed what steps are being taken in this direction, with measures such as the European Chips Act, the efforts to regulate cyberspace or the fight against disinformation. The final day will focus on the birth of a geopolitical Europe and its reaction to the war in Ukraine; assessing the situation in the eastern country and what are the next steps for the EU to learn the language of power.

Programme of the course

Wednesday, 13 July 2022

16.00 – 16.10

Kick-off

PoI Morillas, Director, CIDOB

Sergi Barrera, Head of the European Parliament's office in Barcelona

Manuel Szapiro, Director, Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona

- 16.10 – 16.15 **Welcome**
Sofia Corradi (video)
- 16.15 – 17.00 **EU economic governance**
Keynote **Ernest Urtasun**, member of the working group on the scrutiny of the Recovery and Resilience Facility, European Parliament; Vice-Chair, Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance (*online*)
Dialogue with **Claudi Pérez**, Deputy Director, El País
- 17.00 – 17.30 **Q&A**
- 17.30 – 17.45 **Break**
- 17.45 – 18.45 **Roundtable: EU economic governance**
María Canal Fontcuberta, Member of the RECOVER Task Force of the General-Secretariat, European Commission
Héctor Sánchez Margalef, Researcher, CIDOB
Paloma Baena, Senior Director NextGenerationEU, Llorente y Cuenca (*online*)
Moderator **Claudi Pérez**, Deputy Director, El País
- 18.45 – 19.15 **Q&A**
- 19.15 **End of the session**

Thursday, 14 July 2022

- 10.00 – 10.45 **Technological and industrial Europe**
Keynote **Gwenole Cozigou**, Director DG GROW, European Commission
Dialogue with **Mar Galtés**, Corporate Development Director, Tech Barcelona
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: Technological and industrial Europe**
Carme Colomina, Research Fellow, CIDOB
Clément Evroux, Policy Analyst, European Parliament Research Service
Albert Cuesta Zaragosí, journalist with expertise on consumer electronics and information and communication technologies
Moderator **Mar Galtés**, Corporate Development Director, Tech Barcelona
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**
- 13.00 **End of the session**

Friday, 15 July 2022

- 10.00 – 10.45 **Perspectives for a geopolitical Europe**
Keynote **David McAllister**, President of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, European Parliament; Group of the European People's Party
Dialogue with **Poi Morillas**, Director, CIDOB
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**

- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: Perspectives for a geopolitical Europe**
Gustav Lindstrom, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies
Natividad Fernández Sola, Professor of International Public Law and International Relations,
University of Zaragoza
Poi Bargués, Research Fellow, CIDOB
Moderator **Poi Morillas**, director, CIDOB
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**
- 13.00 **End of the session**