

EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR

GOVERNING THE ARCTIC: NAVIGATING CONFLICTING POLICY APPROACHES & GEOPOLITICAL CLAIMS

18 & 19 September 2023, Residential Training

Brussels, Belgium

VENUE: [Press Club](#) (Rue Froissart 95, 1000, Brussels, Belgium)

TEACHING AND LEARNING TEAM

Coordinators and Lead Instructors

Fabrizio TASSINARI | Executive Director, School of Transnational Governance, EUI

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Guest Speakers

Clara GANSLANDT | EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters, European External Action Service (EEAS) (TBC)

Inuuteq HOLM OLSEN | Minister Counsellor and Head of the Greenland Mission to the EU

Mathieu PARKER | Director, Arctic Council Secretariat (ACS)

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

The Arctic has become the subject of increased geopolitical interest for a number of international actors, covering both Arctic Council members (including the US, Russia, and EU member States Denmark and Sweden) and non-Arctic states (including China, Japan, India, the UK, and EU Member States Germany, France, Italy, Spain, and others). These actors may have conflicting geopolitical and economic interests in the area and have defined or are defining comprehensive policy approaches towards it. The EU's recently adopted Communication on the Arctic has also updated the Union's policy approach. In the context of the continuous efforts against climate change and an increasingly hostile and aggressive Russian foreign and security policy, epitomised by its war of aggression against Ukraine, the area becomes even more relevant.

This 2-day executive training seminar aims at providing a comprehensive understanding of all relevant dimensions (geopolitical, security, connectivity, economic, environmental, etc.) of the EU's and of other competing policy approaches in the Arctic, and offering participants a thorough overview of the challenges and opportunities arising from these complex governance structures. The training combines the perspective of policymakers and advisors with that of academic researchers in order to explore the issue from different perspectives while the participants will have the opportunity to put theory into action via an interactive role play.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of this programme, the participants will be able to:

- Comprehend the current institutional and legal framework of the Arctic region;
- Break-down and analyse the current policy approaches adopted by the EU and other non-EU Western states;
- Examine the issue of arctic governance from all the relevant dimensions, namely geopolitical, security, connectivity, economic, and environmental;
- Identify the key challenges and opportunities arising from these complex governance structures.

LEARNING METHODS

- Knowledge transfer sessions led by academics and policy makers with significant experience in the field;
- Case studies analysis;
- Active exchange in groups via an interactive simulation game.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Public officials and advisors from NGOs, government institutions, EU Institutions and agencies, International Organisations, etc.;
- Diplomats involved in relative negotiations;
- Politicians, political consultants and advisors working at different levels of government;
- Lobbyists and journalists with an interest in the issue of arctic governance;
- Mid-level and senior staff in private companies with interest in the area (i.e. energy, transport, mining, etc.).

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS

- The training course will take place in a **residential mode** on **18 and 19 September 2023**, in **Brussels**, Belgium.
- The programme will include approximately **13 hours of in-session training**.
- Participants will be enrolled to our **Virtual Learning Environment** (Brightspace) to access the materials of the course. Some pre-training readings might be recommended.
- Accepted participants that successfully complete the training seminar will receive a **certificate of attendance** from the EUI's School of Transnational Governance.

PROGRAMME:

DAY 1 (18 SEPTEMBER 2023) – (CONFLICTING) POLICY APPROACHES

08.45 – 09.00 CEST	Arrival of Participants to Training Venue
09.00 – 09.30 CEST	Welcome & Introductory Session: Tour-de-Table and Learning Objectives Fabrizio Tassinari, STG (EUI) Álvaro de Elera, European Commission
09.30 – 11.00 CEST	The Institutional and Legal Framework of the Arctic Region Álvaro de Elera, European Commission
11.00 – 11.30 CEST	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00 CEST	Policy Approaches in the Arctic beyond the EU: The Arctic Council Mathieu Parker, Arctic Council Secretariat
13.00 – 14.00 CEST	Lunch Break

14.00 – 15.15 CEST	The EU-specific Policy Approach Clara Ganslandt , EU Special Envoy for Arctic Matters (TBC)
15.15 – 15.30 CEST	Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.45 CEST	The Special Position of Greenland Inuuteq Holm Olsen , Head of the Greenland Representation to the EU
16.45 – 17.00 CEST	Closing of Day 1 & Final Questions Fabrizio Tassinari , STG (EUI) Álvaro de Elera , European Commission ---
18.30 – 20.30 CEST	Networking Aperitivo A social networking aperitivo will be provided for the participants and instructors of the course. The aim of this aperitivo is for the participants to get to know each other and the instructors of this course in a more informal setting while at the same time setting the space and objectives for the day to come. <i>More information regarding the venue will be provided to participants upon arrival.</i>

DAY 2 (19 SEPTEMBER 2023) – ARCTIC GOVERNANCE FROM DIFFERENT DIMENSIONS

08.45 – 09.00 CEST	Arrival of Participants to the Training Venue
09.00 – 10.30 CEST	Security and the Arctic: Cooperation or Competition? Speaker to be confirmed.
10.30 – 11.00 CEST	Coffee Break
11.00 – 12.30 CEST	Emerging Issues on Arctic Environmental and Climate Change Governance Speaker to be confirmed.
12.30 – 13.30 CEST	Lunch Break
13.30 – 15.00 CEST	Arctic Connectivity and Resources: Challenges & Economic Opportunities

	Speaker to be confirmed.
15.00 – 15.30 CEST	Coffee Break
15.30 – 16.30 CEST	Introduction to the Case Study & Interactive Simulation Game
16.30 – 17.30 CEST	Simulation Game
17.30 – 18.00 CEST	Closing Remarks, Course Evaluation, and Awarding of Certificates
	Fabrizio Tassinari, STG (EUI) Álvaro de Elera, European Commission
18.00 CEST	End of Day 2 / End of Training