

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

Deadline: 15 October



INVIGORATEU ACADEMY
**MAKING EU
ENLARGEMENT
A SUCCESS**

ABOUT

The EU's approach to enlargement has undergone significant transformation since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine. To discuss these changes and reflect on the necessary policy adjustments needed to enable the EU enlargement, we invite you to **join us for the InvigoratEU Academy: “Making EU enlargement a success” that will take place in Brussels from 3-6 December 2024**. This programme will provide you with a comprehensive understanding of EU enlargement policies and the current geopolitical needs and will offer you the chance to meet senior professionals working on these topics. Through expert-led sessions and meetings with leading EU practitioners, you will gain the knowledge and skills necessary to actively shape and influence the future of the EU. Read the draft agenda at the end of this document.

The Academy is organised in the framework of the Horizon Europe project **“InvigoratEU: Invigorating Enlargement And Neighbourhood Policy For A Resilient Europe”**, seeking to produce forward-thinking research and policy recommendations for the EU's enlargement policy.

WHAT YOU WILL GET



Gain first-hand insights into the intricacies of EU policymaking.



Gain a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities within EU enlargement policy.



Develop practical skills in policy analysis and effective argumentation through interactive sessions.



Connect with high-level professionals, peers, and policymakers, creating valuable relationships that can support your career development.

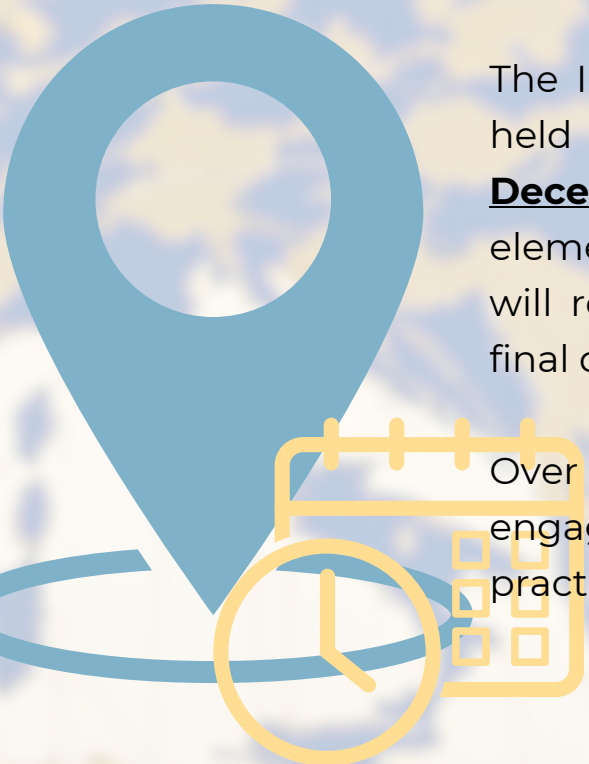
WHO CAN APPLY

The InvigoratEU Academy is open to **young professionals, including young diplomats, early-stage researchers, think tankers, CSO representatives, junior civil servants, MA and PhD students from the EU, (potential) candidate countries and beyond**, with an interest in EU enlargement.

This diverse group will provide a rich environment for dialogue and learning, enabling participants to engage with peers and members of the InvigoratEU Expert Hub in Brussels.

Applications are open to both EU and non-EU citizens.

DATES, LOCATION & FORMAT



The InvigoratEU Academy is a four-day event, held in Brussels from **Tuesday 3 to Friday 6 December 2024**. Full participation to all elements of the programme is compulsory. You will receive a certificate of attendance on the final day.

Over the course of four days, participants will engage in expert lectures, meetings with practitioners, and visits to EU institutions.

PRACTICAL INFORMATION

Participation in the InvigoratEU Academy is **free of charge**. However, the selected applicants are required to pay a **€100 deposit** to secure their seat, which will be **fully refunded upon participation**. In case of non-participation, the deposit will not be refunded.

Participants in the InvigoratEU Academy will receive a **reimbursement for their travel and accommodation costs up to € 750** upon presentation of the original receipts and tickets. They will also receive a € 15 per diem for each day when lunch is not provided.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply, please send the following documents in a single PDF file to **Romain Le Quiniou** (romain.lequiniou@tepsa.eu) by **15 October, midnight**:



A brief CV (1-2 pages);



A motivation letter (1 page) explaining your interest in participating in the InvigoratEU Academy and how it will contribute to your work on EU enlargement.

Don't miss this chance to shape the future of EU enlargement policy. Apply now and join us in Brussels for an unforgettable experience!

Apply Now

DRAFT AGENDA

3-6 December, 2024



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Tuesday, 3 December

14:00-14:30 **Welcome and introduction**

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14:30-14:45 **Short break**

14:45-16:00 **Lecture on Merits of
enlargement: history, rationale,
and toolbox**

16:00-16:30 **Break**

16:30-18:15 **EU enlargement: democratic
resilience and rule of law**

18:30-20:00 **Welcome drinks**

Wednesday, 4 December

State of play of enlargement negotiations and the reform of the enlargement process

- 09:30-10:40 **Insights from the European Commission: State of play of enlargement negotiations: Western Balkans**
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- 10:40-10:50 **Short break**
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- 10:50-12:00 **Insights from the European Commission: State of play of enlargement negotiations: Eastern neighbourhood**
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- 12:00-13:30 **Lunch Break**
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- 14:00-15:15 **Insights from the Council of the EU: 20 years from the Big Bang Enlargement - lessons learned**
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- 15:45-17:00 **Lecture on the model of staged accession**
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- 17:00-18:30 **Analysis and discussion session, including reflections on how to increase public support to enlargement in member states**

Thursday, 5 December

How to enable EU enlargement - EU's side of the equation: Enlargement and European security

09:30-10:45 **Conversation: EU enlargement in a geopolitical context - EU as a security community**

11:45-13:00 **Insights from the EEAS: Security Implications of EU Enlargement and Foundations for Ukraine's Integration and Reconstruction**

13:00-14:30 **Lunch break**

How to enable EU enlargement - EU's side of the equation: Enlargement and EU policy reform

14:30-16:00 **Insights from DG Budget: The design of the post-2027 Multiannual Financial Framework**

16:00-16:30 **Break**

16:30-18:00 **Insights from the European Commission: Implications of EU enlargement for the EU's Common Agricultural Policy**

Friday, 6 December

How to support democratic processes in enlargement countries in the context of Russian hybrid aggression

09:30-10:45 **Insights from the EEAS - EU enlargement and disinformation - countering Russia's destabilising moves in the neighbourhood**

10:45-11:00 **Break**

11:00-12:15 **The role of local CSOs in the enlargement process & EU toolbox for keeping uncooperative governments on track**

12:15-13:00 **Wrap-up and Conclusion**

13:00 **Farewell Lunch**

About InvigoratEU

How can the EU invigorate its enlargement and neighbourhood policy to enhance Europe's resilience?

Funded by Horizon Europe and led by the University of Duisburg-Essen and the Institut für Europäische Politik, InvigoratEU is on a mission to redefine how the EU engages with its Eastern neighbours and the Western Balkans. Through cutting-edge research and actionable policy recommendations, we're crafting a resilient Europe ready to meet tomorrow's challenges.

Our mission is to analyse EU enlargement strategies; leverage forward-thinking research to anticipate and address future challenges; and make an impact by providing operational recommendations for policymakers that will drive real-world change.



**Learn more on
our website!**

About TEPESA



The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first transnational research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high-quality research on European integration to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by the interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPESA is active on a wide range of research topics, focusing on differentiated integration, the EU's external relations, democratic participation and citizens' engagement.