

Certification – the end in sight!



Friday the 13th – a day of relief no doubt for the 157 candidates who are aiming to become administrators via the certification procedure and it marks the end of the 40-day compulsory training programme run by the European Administrative School (EAS).

The final part of the programme was devoted to the so-called “specific modules”. Each candidate had to choose one of the seven on offer. 98% of participants expressed themselves satisfied with what the new skills they had learned and nearly as many were as enthusiastic about being able to apply them in the workplace. Several have said it would be good idea if all administrators followed the programme!

Altogether, 13 modules are running in Brussels in two different locations plus a further 2 in Luxembourg. In addition to external training providers, over a hundred internal trainers and speakers have been mobilised from across all the institutions. Director David Walker stated that *“it’s a magnificent example of inter-institutional co-operation and shows that the goodwill is there. I am extremely grateful to all the institutions and happy that the EAS has been such an effective catalyst for this tremendous effort”*.

Candidates must now sit two written examinations and then there is an oral exam – all scheduled to come to an end in early December.

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Advanced Workshops this Autumn

New training offer on impact assessment

Secretariat-General has just significantly stepped-up its training provision for impact assessment. In addition to the one day Introduction to Impact assessment course, which has been run by DG ADMIN since 2003, we have now organised a series of advanced workshops (1/2 day each, until mid-December) to allow for more detailed training on specific aspects of the impact assessment approach, such as impact analysis, problem definition and stakeholder consultation.

The workshops will draw upon the expanding internal expertise on impact assessment that has been developed in the Commission since the integrated approach was introduced in 2003, with colleagues from DG BUDG, DG ENV, DG ENTR, DG ECFIN, DG JRC and SG leading the sessions.

Registration for the Workshops is available through Syslog Formation (Search criteria: Ariane IV Impact Assessment). Separate registration (i.e. for a single workshop) is allowed.

We hope to repeat the series in early 2007.

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