

Do you want to get to know Brussels better?

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An insight into the Master Classes “Brussels for Europe”



- Can you name the 19 communes of Brussels and locate them on a map?
- Can you explain in simple words Brussels' political landscape?
- Do you know the differences between the various migration flows into Brussels?
- Did you know that more than 50% of Brussels' population have a foreign background?
- Did you know that Brussels is amongst the four leading cities worldwide in which NGOs are represented?

You have been living in Brussels already for quite some time and you cannot answer to all or some of the questions above, but really would like to be able to?

Then apply for the next Master Classes “Brussels for Europe”.

This course, organised by a joint venture between Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Université libre de Bruxelles and the Brussels-Europe Liaison Office is supported by the European School of Administration, which finances the cost of participation. It is open to officials from all EU institutions of either AST or AD category as well as to contract agent staff (group3a) who would like to:

- be introduced to Brussels;
- become a citizen of Brussels
- make Brussels a capital of Europe

One of our colleagues, Michael Fleck from D1, is currently enrolled in this course and shares with us his personal insights:

“I have been living in Brussels for already about five years and still have the impression that I don’t know a lot about the city. I mainly spend my free time in the area between my flat in Uccle and DG HOME Affairs or outside the Brussels region. When I talked to locals I realised that I don’t know a lot about the city itself or about how it functions. Even after five years of living here, I haven’t put a foot into the areas outside the EU bubble in Brussels, such as Molenbeek and Jette. This is why I decided to enrol in the Master Class “Brussels for Europe”.

After having read this personal motivation to join the course, are you now interested in getting to know Brussels better and in enrolling in this course?

If so, please find hereunder more information on this unique course open to you:

What is the content of this course?

The Master Classes “Brussels for Europe” are organised as follows.

Evening lectures on the following topics:

- Brussels, a small world city
- The Brussels institutions
- The socio-spatial structure of Brussels and urban dynamics
- Immigration in Brussels
- The history of Brussels
- Brussels and the European city network
- Urban planning in Brussels
- The development of the European quarter
- Multilingual Brussels and its future
- Branding Brussels as the capital of Europe
- Culture in Brussels (KVS theatre)
- Visit to WIELS

Saturday half day excursions:

- The historical Brussels: from the Royal Palace to the Grand Place
- Urban renewal of the inner city: gentrification and exclusion (Molenbeek, Canal zone and Dansaert
- Globalisation from below (Rue Brabant, Schaerbeek)
- The city in its periphery (bus tour)

When does the course take place?

The course takes place on Wednesday evenings from 6.15 pm to 8.45 pm and on selected Saturdays from 9.30 until 1pm.

You would like to know more about the course and register?

If you would like to know more about the course please visit the [website of the European School of Administration](#) and registrations can be done through [Syslog](#) (N° 435210).