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Call for applications for the  
Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School on  
**PARTICIPATION, LOBBYING AND TRANSPARENCY  
IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS**

Jean Monnet Actions  
in the field of Higher Education Teaching and Research

### In brief

The University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza (the e-learning University owned by Sapienza University of Rome) is now accepting applications for the “Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School on Participation, Lobbying and Transparency in the EU Institutions” [PLAT.EU] - 1st edition. This programme is part of the **Jean Monnet Actions in the field of Higher Education Teaching and Research, funded by the European Union**. The summer school will be organized, in presence, at the main campus of Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), with some special lectures, simulations and role-plays exceptionally carried out in the Italian Parliament and in the Italian Ministries' HQ. All selected participants will receive a **scholarship to cover the Summer School participation fees**.

### 1. Dates and location

The Summer School will take place from the **1<sup>st</sup> to the 5<sup>th</sup> of July 2024** at Sapienza University of Rome (Italy), one of the oldest existing universities - founded in 1303 - and the largest university in Europe. The classes will be held in English at Sapienza's main campus (Piazzale Aldo Moro, 5, Rome), just a few metro stops away from the capital's historic centre. Some **classes, simulations and role-plays will be exceptionally held at the Italian Parliament and in the Ministries' HQ**.



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## 2. Target Audience

We are looking for talented, passionate and committed participants that feel strongly about democracy, institutions and open society. In particular, the call is open to:

- (a) graduate and undergraduate students under the age of 30;
- (b) lobbying professionals under the age of 35;
- (c) civil servants, experts and scholars of any age.

The maximum number of participants selected will be 25. Candidates from all over the world are welcome to apply, regardless of nationality, provided they have a good command of English, the language in which the Summer School will be conducted.

## 3. Program description

The first edition of the Summer School will focus on **the legislation on lobbying in the EU institutions, compared to the regulations in the EU Member States**. The lessons (40 hours in total) will be highly interactive. Students will be involved in discussions, simulations, role-plays, and exercises based on how European decision-making processes work. The course will cover a variety of topics, such as the EU decision-making process, transparency participation and techniques of lobbying in the EU, comparative lobbying law, ethics and anti-corruption mechanisms. In order to familiarize with the course's broader themes, all selected participants must follow online preparatory seminars (16 hours in total). These lessons will be recorded and will be available for downloading starting from May on the project website.

## 4. Objectives and Methodology

The main objective of the Summer School is to provide participants with the necessary skills to develop practical and specialized competencies in lobbying, transparency, and participation. These competencies will be transferable to their future professions, including **working with institutions, non-governmental organizations, associations, committees, and civil groups**. To achieve this goal, participants will be methodologically stimulated through a diachronic, interdisciplinary, and comparative approach. This will enable them to understand the legal and political system in which they operate as researchers, professionals and, ultimately, as citizens.

## 5. Faculty

The Jean Monnet Module project is coordinated by Professor Pier Luigi Petrillo, scientific coordinator of the Summer School. Full Professor of Comparative Public Law at the Unitelma Sapienza and Professor of "Lobbying Theory and Technics" at the Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome, Professor Petrillo was the first in Italy to set up a university course in legal sciences dedicated to the phenomenon of lobbying. The course will involve a multidisciplinary team of academic legal scholars,



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economists, sociologists, lobbyists and, as keynote speaker, members of Parliament and high-level officials.

## 6. Qualifications

The Summer School on “Participation, Lobbying and Transparency in the EU Institutions” [PLAT.EU] is a university-recognized higher education course. Upon completion, the University will issue participants a certificate of attendance.

## 7. Fees and Facilitation

All selected **participants will receive a scholarship to cover the Summer School participation fees**. Participants are responsible for their own travel, visa, meals, and accommodation fees. Upon request, the University can provide accommodation suggestions.

## 8. How to apply

Applications must be submitted **no later than the 30<sup>th</sup> of April, 2024** to the following email address: [jeanmonnet@unitelmasapienza.it](mailto:jeanmonnet@unitelmasapienza.it), with the subject line: "Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School on Lobbying 2024". The application should include:

- (a) a detailed curriculum vitae (in English);
- (b) a copy of a valid identification document;
- (c) a letter of motivation of no more than two pages (in English).

Candidates will be evaluated based on their motivation statement, academic record, research or professional progress. A commission, chaired by the Jean Monnet Project Manager, will review the applications. Decisions regarding the recruitment process will be made by the 15<sup>th</sup> of May, 2024. All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the procedure.

## 9. Roadmap

APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS	PREPARATORY LESSONS (ONLINE)	SUMMER SCHOOL (ON CAMPUS)
April 30 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 2024	Available for downloading May-June, 2024	July 1 <sup>st</sup> to 5 <sup>th</sup> , 2024



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## 11. Contacts

If you have any questions, please write to the following address: [jeanmonnet@unitelmasapienza.it](mailto:jeanmonnet@unitelmasapienza.it) (Dr. Tommaso Amico di Meane, Jean Monnet Module Academic coordinator). For more info on the general project: <https://www.unitelmasapienza.it/jeanmonnet/>.