

FUNDING

The European Commission's Jean Monnet Unit believes it is important that universities have the possibility to invite Former MEPs as outside speakers.

It is the reason why, in order to encourage the positive use of the EP to Campus Programme by Jean Monnet beneficiaries, certain travel and subsistence costs that are directly linked to the teaching activity of Former MEPs are considered as grant-eligible expenditure if the possible invitation of a Former MEP is foreseen in the content part of a Jean Monnet Proposal or if the Executive Agency (EACEA) is informed and agreed on the additional activity during the eligibility of a project.



“I would like to inform you about successful event we held at our university with participation of Mr. Michael Elliott. The roundtable discussion was very interesting for the participants. We were delighted to meet with him and we appreciate greatly his report and his personal insights on the problematic of higher education. On behalf of our university academic community we would like to express our gratitude to the Program.”

Professor Irina Sikorskaya
International Relations Office Director
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WHO TO CONTACT

If you are interested in participating in the EP to Campus Programme, please find the application form on the website:

<http://www.formermembers.eu> > Programmes > EP to Campus.

or contact the FMA secretariat at the address below:

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HOW TO SEEK FUNDING

Full details of the Jean Monnet Action can be found at:

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

For information on how to apply for funding, please contact the European Commission at:

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“This was my first experience in the EP programme, and it has been incredible satisfying. I'm convinced that the programme completely fullfills its goal.”

Barbara Dührkop
FMA Member



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“A unique programme bringing knowledge and practical experience of the European Parliament to University courses and campuses”

WHAT IS THE EP TO CAMPUS PROGRAMME ?



The aim of EP to Campus is to enable universities to utilise the expertise and experience of Former Members of the European Parliament.

The Former MEPs give freely of their time in order to assist in the work of promoting knowledge and understanding of the European Union, and in particular the Parliament. They also share their insights into how the EU institutions really work and what the factors are that shape EU decision making. In addition to being able to present the EU legislative process, Former MEPs are also available to address specialist EU policy areas.

The programme is open to applications from all Universities and third-level educational establishments. Special emphasis is given to European Studies programmes and faculties of European Integration.

It is part of the activities of the European Parliament Former Members Association (FMA) which brings together Former MEPs from across European Union Member States, representing the full political spectrum. The programme is run with the assistance and collaboration of the European Parliament and the European Commission.

I hope you will consider participation in our programme.

Yours sincerely

Hans-Gert PÖTTERING
Président de l'AAD, Ancien Président du Parlement Européen

MEETING THE NEEDS OF UNIVERSITIES

EP to Campus is a flexible programme that is adapted to meet the needs of the University or Institute.

The idea is for Former MEPs, representing different political perspectives, to visit the University and give lectures about the EU and its institutions for up to 6 days.

Typically, Former MEPs are available to engage in a variety of activities including lectures, seminars, tutorials or assistance with postgraduate theses. Engagement can be both with the faculty and the students.

The University may also decide to use the programme to coincide with a major activity during the academic year such as a "Europe Week" or on "Europe Day" on the 9th of May. Participating Former Members would then be available for community-based activities such as interviews with local media, public fora and panel discussions.

EP to Campus can also supply speakers on given topics for individual conferences, seminars or summer schools.

HOW THE PROGRAMME WORKS

The initiative comes from the University. Ideally, before the start of the Academic Year, a plan is made for areas in which the experience and expertise of Former Members of the European Parliament can be an important additional element to the syllabus.



The FMA then aims to match the requirements of the institution with the areas of expertise of Former MEPs, following criteria such as the Parliament Committees they served on, the reports they have written, the languages they speak, etc. Then the University makes the final choice in consultation with the Association.



The University is expected to cover the cost for the travel back and forth to the university from the Former Member(s) place of residence, as well as on-site expenses such as accommodation, meals, administrative material and local transportation. In case, the University does not have independent funds to cover the travel-associated costs, it can use a dedicated part of a Jean Monnet grant if the University applied for a Jean Monnet sub-programme (e.g. Jean Monnet Chair, Jean Monnet Module) and made reference in the application to a possible MEP visit or if the Executive Agency (EACEA) is informed and agreed on the additional activity during the eligibility period of a project.

The EP FMA has a small fund to assist with costs and application can be made to this if funding from other private or public sources is not forthcoming. Once the final selection is made, the University is in direct contact with the Former MEP invited. Together they work out all logistical details and the academic programme of the visit.

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The FMA remains at the disposal of the University for any further assistance with the planned visit.