

08.30 – 09.00	Registration and Welcome coffee
09.00 – 09.30	Introduction of the summer school and presentation of participants
09.30 – 10.30	<b>Session 1: Better Regulation in the European Union</b>  Speaker: <b>Erik Akse</b>  Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Farewell to the EU's institutional triangle</li><li>- Strategic view of the European Union: EU Policy Cycle</li><li>- The role of Impact Assessment in the EU</li></ul>
10.30 – 11.00	<b>Session 2: Working with Better Regulation in the EU</b>  Speaker: <b>Erik Akse</b>  Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Commission vs stakeholders: views and experiences</li><li>- Experiences and reports presented by stakeholders engaging with the European Institutions</li></ul> Group work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Group discussion about past experience and key files for the future</li></ul>
11.00 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 12.30	<b>Session 3: Understanding Commission policy planning</b>  Speaker: <b>Erik Akse</b>  Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Strategic Planning Cycle of the European Commission</li><li>- Strategic plans</li><li>- Management plans</li></ul> Group work: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Analysis of a Strategic Plan and a Management Plan of a Commission DG</li><li>- Group discussion</li></ul>
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch and coffee break
14.00 – 16.00	<b>Session 4: The content of Impact Assessments in the EU</b>  Speaker: <b>Erik Akse</b>  Content: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- EU Impact Assessments: topics and structure</li><li>- Information used in Impact Assessments</li><li>- Challenges with data availability and quality with means to overcome these</li></ul> Group work: Group discussion on experiences with EU Impact Assessment (these discussions will be used to illustrate the limits and risks to policy analysis)  "Closing of day 1 and Q&A"

- 09.00 – 11.00      **Session 5: Process for developing Impact Assessments in the EU**
- Speaker: **Erik Akse**
- Content:
- Procedural steps for developing Impact Assessments
  - Consultation for Impact Assessments
- Actors involved within the European Commission
- 11.00 – 11.30      **Coffee Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30      **Session 6: Working with Impact Assessments from the outside**
- Speakers: **Erik Akse and Joost Mulder**
- Exercise:
- You know that an IA gets started! How best to prepare?
- 12.30 – 14.00      **Lunch and coffee break**
- 14.00 – 16.00      **Session 7: (Un-)predictable Commission: expectations for policy development 2024 – 2029 and the decision-making processes**
- Speaker: **Erik Akse and Joost Mulder**
- Content:
- Political outline for the European Union 2024-2029
- Group work:
- Know your files: how to prepare for the 2024 – 2029 Commission taking office
- “Closing of day 2 and Q&A”

09.00 – 11.00

## Session 8: The legislative process in detail (part 1): the European Parliament and evidence-based policy

Speaker: **Joost Mulder**

### Content:

- Understanding the different steps in the internal decision-making inside the Parliament
- When and where to intervene
- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment

Group work:

### Case study:

Corporate Sustainability Due Diligence Directive

11.00 – 11.30

## Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30

## Session 9: Politics vs evidence: two sides of the same coin?

Speakers: **Joost Mulder and Erik Akse**

### Content:

- The role of evidence in fast-moving political environments
- Preparation: the key to success

12.30 – 14.00

## Lunch and coffee break

14.00 – 16.00

## Session 10: The European Parliamentary Research Service

Speakers: **Erik Akse and Joost Mulder**

### Content:

- EPRS: roles and tasks
- Examples of EPRS outputs

Group work:

### Case study:

Case study: How to work with the EPRS mandate?

"Closing of day 3 and Q&A"

09.00 – 11.00

**Session 11: The legislative process in detail (part 2): the Council of the EU and evidence-based policy**

Speaker: **Joost Mulder**

Content:

- Understanding the different steps in the internal decision-making inside the Council
- When and where to intervene
- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment

Group work:

Case study:

Sustainable Finance Taxonomy

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break

11.30 – 12.30

**Session 12: The legislative process in detail (part 3): the trilogue negotiations and evidence-based policy**

Speaker: **Joost Mulder**

Content:

- Understanding the different steps in the inter-institutional trilogue negotiations
- When and where to intervene
- The role of evidence-based policy and impact assessment

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch and coffee break

14.00 – 16.00

**Session 13: The big wrap-up**

Speakers: **Erik Akse and Joost Mulder**

Content:

- The EU Policy Cycle: who is in charge?
- Bringing it all together: evidence-based decision-making in the EU: the ups and the down, the good and the ugly, the do's and the don't's

Group work:

- Group debate
- Final round of questions