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# Germany and Europe



Senior Civil Servants from European Partner Countries

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**22 to 26 September 2014**

**Berlin and Mainz**

**Federal Academy of Public Administration**

**Training Division 3**



*The Federal Academy of Public Administration, an independent part of the German Federal Ministry of the Interior (BAkÖV), is again offering the seminar within the framework of the ERT (European Reciprocal Training Programme). The gain of participating in an ERT Seminar is to be better informed, joined-up and a confident EU-capable staff.*

### **Target group**

Senior civil servants employed in the higher service of EU member countries

Seminar language: English

### **Objectives**

Participants will familiarise themselves with the following:

The German constitutional system and public administration

Selected policy areas

The fundamentals of Germany's European policy

### **Contents**

Germany's state structure

Tasks and procedures of institutions of the legislative and executive

(Deutscher Bundestag, Bundesrat, Bundeskanzleramt, Landtag, Staatskanzlei, etc.)

Germany's EU policy

The role of a *Bundesland* (state) within Germany and Europe

Study-trip to a *Bundesland*: Rhineland-Palatinate (Rheinland-Pfalz)

Political parties views on: public-service media in Germany

Visiting a public television service station (ZDF)

Counterpart visit

### **Methods**

Field trips to selected institutions, one afternoon for individual informational visits, discussion with course instructors and/or group discussion, as desired

# Program

(Subject to change)



## Sunday, 21th

### Arrival in Berlin

[www.berlin.de](http://www.berlin.de)

(Participants make own travel arrangements to Berlin and from Frankfurt; hotel information, see below)

## Monday, 22th

08.30 – 09.00

Meeting point: Hotel lobby

by bus to:

**Ministry of the Interior/*Bundeshaus***

[www.bmi.bund.de](http://www.bmi.bund.de)

09.00 – 09.30

welcome and introduction

**09.30 – 11.00**

**The German constitutional system  
and public administration**

**- lecture and discussion –**

11.00 – 11.30

by bus from *Bundeshaus* to *Bundesrat*

**11.30 – 13.00**

### **Bundesrat**

[www.bundesrat.de](http://www.bundesrat.de)



**The *Bundesrat's* place within the federal order of the  
Federal Republic of Germany**

**- Responsibilities and function**

**- Its role in European issues**

**- European Committee of the *Bundesrat***

**13.00 – 14.00**

**Lunch at the invitation of the Federal Academy**

14.00 – 14.30 - cafeteria: Federal Ministry of Finance –  
walk to

**14.30 – 15.30**

**Representation of Land Rhineland-Palatinate**

[www.brandenburg.de](http://www.brandenburg.de)



**Rhineland-Palatinate's representation in Berlin,  
Rhineland-Palatinate's place within the federal order  
of the Federal Republic of Germany**

- lecture and discussion –

**15.45 – 17.15**

**The "Wall" – guided walk**

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin\\_Wall](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Berlin_Wall)



20.00

optional dinner

**Tuesday, 23th**

08.00

Meeting point: Hotel lobby, walk to the

**Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology**

[www.bmwi.bund.de](http://www.bmwi.bund.de)



**08.30 – 10.00**

**Coordination of Germany's European policy**

10.00 – 10.45 - lecture and discussion –  
walk to

**Federal Chancellery**

[www.bundestkanzleramt.de](http://www.bundestkanzleramt.de)



10.45 – 13.00 **The Chancellery's role in German/European politics**  
- lecture and discussion –

13.00 – 14.30 break

14.30 – 16.00 **Individual informational visits**

20.00 Optional dinner

**Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>**

08.00 Meeting point: Hotel lobby, walk to  
**Deutscher Bundestag** (Parliament)  
[www.bundestag.de](http://www.bundestag.de)



08.30 – 15.30 **Deutscher Bundestag**  
- Responsibilities and function  
- Discussion with Members of the Bundestag and/or  
representatives of the different political parties,  
**Key aspect: public-service media in  
Germany**

11.30 – 12.15 Lunch – Restaurant of the Bundestag - (invitation)

15.30 – 16.15 by public transportation to airport Tegel

17.15 – 18.30 Flight: Berlin to Frankfurt (paid by BAKöV)

19.00 – 19.45 by public transportation from Frankfurt airport to Mainz  
[www.mainz.de](http://www.mainz.de)

20.30 optional dinner

### Welcome to Rhineland-Palatine



### Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup>

09.00 Meeting point: Hotel lobby

**09.30 – 10.30** **State Parliament**  
[www.landtag.rlp.de](http://www.landtag.rlp.de)



role and function of a state parliament  
- lecture and discussion –

10.30 – 11.15 walk to

**11.15 – 12.45** **State Chancellery**

[www.stk.rlp.de](http://www.stk.rlp.de)



role and function of a state chancellery  
(incl. public television service)  
- lecture and discussion –

12.45 – 13.45

lunch break (cafeteria)

**14.15 – 15.45**

**Ministry of Interior**

[www.isim.rlp.de](http://www.isim.rlp.de)



Role and function of the ministry/  
administrative structure of a *Bundesland*  
- lecture and discussion –

15.45 – 16.15

walk to

16.15 – 17.00

**Gutenberg- Museum**

[www.gutenberg-museum.de](http://www.gutenberg-museum.de)

guided tour



**20.00**

Optional dinner

**Friday, 26<sup>th</sup>**

08.30

Meeting point: Hotel lobby  
by public transportation to

**09.30 – 12.30**

**Zweites Deutsches Fernsehen – ZDF**  
[www.zdf.de](http://www.zdf.de)

- public television service -



**Legal basis and role of a public television service  
in Germany**

- lecture and discussion –

**guided tour**

**12.30 – 13.00**

**Evaluation**

13.00 – 14.00

lunch (canteen)

**14.00**

**End of seminar**

14.00 – 15.00

by public transportation to **Frankfurt** airport



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