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## ***The EIB Summer School 2022***

### *Exploring the EU Climate Bank*

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June 28 – July 9, 2022, in Luxembourg

### **Background and objectives**

[The EIB Group](#) is composed by the European Investment Bank, and the [European Investment Fund](#). The EIB Group is the biggest [multilateral financial institution](#) in the world and one of the largest providers of climate finance. Since 2019, the EIB follows bold ambitions for climate finance to back the European Green Deal and make Europe carbon-neutral.

Every year, the EIB Institute hosts the [EIB Summer School](#) with the aim to:

- provide Master's students with first-hand insights about the core activities and responsibilities of the EIB Group;
- build and strengthen a network of current and future stakeholders of the EIB Group through its alumni programme.

The Summer School addresses an interdisciplinary and international group of Master's students from selected partner universities of the EIB Institute. Participants engage in lectures, group discussions and case studies to gain a deep understanding of the mission and impact of the EIB Group and how it answers current challenges of the EU and beyond.

All courses of the Summer School are delivered by EIB Group staff members who deal with operational, financial, policy, credit, legal and technical challenges on a daily basis. Summer School faculty members show practical approaches to problems which are, by nature, multidisciplinary. Participants get the unique opportunity to get the faculty's insider view on what it means to be part of the EIB Group and how staff members apply theoretical concepts to very practical challenges of global impact.

After two "remote" years during the C-19 pandemic, in 2022 the EIB Institute plans to bring the Summer School back to the EIB premises in Luxembourg. Conditional to sanitary and governmental restrictions, the Summer School will invite a group of 70 Master's students to join a 10-day programme

- delivering first-hand information about the activities of the EU Climate Bank and its role in the implementation of the European Green Deal;
- offering a rich social programme for participants to engage with each other and the context of the programme.

## Summer School content and schedule

Independent of its format, the Summer School provides an environment in which participants can interact with those who are making an impact on everyday lives in [Europe and beyond](#) through their roles within the EIB Group.

Through their lectures, EIB staff members provide insights on how the EIB Group answers the challenges facing the EU:

- acting in the financial market as a key global player in fighting climate change;
- analysing and managing risks relevant to funding green investment projects;
- assessing investment projects from a technical, economic, legal and compliance standpoint;
- Defining strategies for the promotion of the European Green Deal.

The academic programme includes plenary lectures as well as seminars which provide participants more opportunities for interaction and discussion with the faculty and each other. Workshops are divided in several tracks to allow participants from different academic backgrounds to dive deeper into the topics. External speakers whom the EIB Institute recognises as thought-leaders on climate related topics complement the programme by sharing their perspectives with the participants.

In addition to the academic programme, participants engage in a social programme with the aim to foster peer-learning and sustainable social networks among like-minded individuals. The academic part of the schedule includes approximately 4-5 hours per day that will remain as interactive and engaging as possible.

Beside the curricular activities, participants will collaborate in small multi-disciplinary working groups on an assignment that they will present to a jury and their peers on the last Friday of the Summer School.

The programme concludes with a festive dinner and celebration in one of Luxembourg's castles and an (optional) alumni gathering over the weekend.

## Target students

The EIB Summer School 2022 addresses graduate students from diverse academic fields such as economics & finance, law, public and business administration, or social and environmental sciences. Given the thematic curriculum, the EIB Institute invites students with an interest in sustainability, climate change and environment as well as students with a background in engineering and other hard or life sciences to apply. All participants shall have a substantial understanding of the functioning of European institutions and at least basic understanding of finance & banking.

The EIB Summer School is not a recruitment programme. Instead, the programme aims to foster long-term relationships and create a network of peers who share a common vision about the future of Europe and beyond.

Students cannot directly apply to the EIB Summer School but follow an application process via their home universities. Applicants are not required to hold EU citizenship.

## **Formal requirements**

- Master's student (or: 2022 graduate)
- Signing a standard agreement, covering e.g. active engagement, confidentiality and, code of conduct.

The course language is English. Summer School participants commit to attend all academic courses as well as all on-site activities (sanitary conditions permitting). Upon completion, students receive a certificate of attendance issued by the EIB Institute and are eligible to take part in all EIB Summer School Alumni Programme's activities.

## **Fees**

There are no attendance fees for the Summer School. Board and accommodation of the entire official program (and of the EIB Alumni weekend) are covered by the EIB. Participants are expected to cover their travel expenses as well as costs for non-official social activities.

## **Location**

Luxembourg.