

Asia-EU Journalists Seminar

Brussels, Belgium May 2003

Provisional programme outline:

- Day 1: EU Institutions/Institutional reform/EP discussion
 - Day 2: EU External Relations/ Development policies/ Korea
 - Day 3: EU Economic Policies/ NATO/ WEU
 - Day 4: EU Sectoral Policies/ESC discussion
 - Day 5: Press Workings/briefing on Belgian politics
 - Day 6: Study Visit to Flanders: Waterloo, Bruges, Ypers
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(venue of the seminar sessions: European Commission)

Sunday, 18 May

Arrival of participants

19.00 Drinks at a traditional Brussels *brasserie*

Monday, 19 May

- 08.30 – 09.00 Welcome: The Work of Political Foundations in Brussels/ Role of ASEF/
Remarks by a Korea Press Foundation representative
- 09.00 – 10.00 The Interaction of the EU Institutions: The Commission
- 10.30 – 11.30 The Council
- 11.30 – 12.30 Institutional Reform: From the Nice Treaty to the Convention

- 14.30 – 15.30 Europe's Emerging Political Parties: The European People's Party as an
example (choice depending on partner's preferences)
- 15.30 – 17.30 The Role of the EP – Panel discussion with senior MEPs from the major
political groups

Tuesday, 20 May

- 08.30 – 10.00 EU Relations with Asia
- 10.00 – 11.00 EU and the WTO Round
- 11.00 – 12.00 EU Humanitarian Aid and Development Policies
- 12.00 – 13.00 CSFP

- 14.30 – 15.30 Regional development policies
- 16.00 – 18.00 Inter-Korean Relations and EU

- Dinner Hosted by the Korean Embassy, Brussels

Wednesday, 21 May

- 09.00 – 10.00 Monetary Union at Work
- 10.00 – 11.00 Internal Market
- 11.00 – 12.00 Transport and Energy Policies/ TEN
- 12.00 – 13.00 Competition Policy

- 15.00 – 16.00 Agricultural Policy (CAP)
- 16.00 – 17.00 NATO
- 17.00 – 18.00 Visit to WEU

Thursday, 22 May

- 09.00 – 10.00 Scope of EU Jurisdiction/Implementation of EU Law/ Role of ECJ
- 10.00 – 11.00 Immigration, border control, asylum
- 11.00 – 12.00 Organised Crime, drugs, terrorism
- 12.00 – 13.00 Environmental policies

- 15.00 – 16.00 Consumer protection/food safety
- 16.00 – 17.00 Labour market/social policies
- 17.30 – 19.00 ESC: Discussion of Social Partnership with UNICE and ETUC

Friday, 23 May

- 09.00 – 10.00 Information Sources and Services for Journalists in Brussels
- 10.15 – 11.30 Working Conditions of Brussels based Correspondents (discussion with local colleagues)
- 12.00 – 12.45 Participation in Daily Press Briefing, Commission/ Breydel

- 15.00 – 16.00 EU Enlargement
- 16.00 – 17.30 Belgian Politics – The Art of Devolution and Compromise

Saturday, 24 May

Study Visit to Flanders (coach trip)

Waterloo (battlefield), Bruges (city planning in a historical town, with tour of old town), battlefields of Ypers, possibly brewery visit, return to Brussels

Sunday, 25 May

End of programme

Various lunches and dinners to be hosted by interested institutions and diplomatic missions