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REGISTRATION FEE



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€280 *

The fee includes tuition, accommodations and meals but excludes travel expenses, for which bursaries are available see information on page 4

* Special 25th-anniversary rate

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EUROPEAN SUMMER UNIVERSITY

Negotiating the Future of “Greater Europe”: What Challenges for 2040?

Why this programme?

What if Europe’s future was shaped less by decisions than by the way they are negotiated? By 2040, Europe will not transform itself through isolated decisions, but through a series of complex, uncertain, and interdependent negotiations. In such environments, agreements are based not only on strong arguments, but also on the ability to:

- understand divergent interests,
- structure disagreements,
- build robust and sustainable solutions

Negotiation is no longer a specialized skill. It is becoming a structuring capability for contemporary societies, at the intersection of political, economic, and institutional challenges.

A demanding experience to think and act in complexity

This summer school is not a course! It is a European laboratory dedicated to the negotiation and transformation of Europe by 2040.

To mark its **25th anniversary**, the **Cluny Summer University** offers an intensive four-day format, bringing together a select group of participants from across Europe and with diverse professional and academic backgrounds.

The programme is built on a demanding experiential learning approach, combining:

- Simulations based on real-life situations
- Work in multicultural teams
- Exchanges with practitioners and researchers
- Meetings with local stakeholders

SAVE THE DATE ★ 8 - 12 JULY 2026

THIS PROGRAMME IS FOR YOU IF:

- You are an advanced student (Master’s or PhD) or a professional (public sector, private sector, NGOs, European institutions) with an interest in European and international issues
- You are comfortable working in multicultural environments
- You want to develop your ability to act in complex situations

💡 Key criterion: ability to actively engage in a demanding collective dynamic within a small group of 25–30 participants

WHY JOIN US?

- Become part of a committed and selective European group
- Work on real and contemporary challenges
- Develop a rare skill: negotiating in complex environments
- Contribute to a collective reflection on Europe in 2040
- Join a demanding and forward-looking European initiative

The Cluny Summer University is conceived to serve as an educational laboratory, a networking hub, and a powerful symbol of a Europe that is expanding and growing stronger by learning to negotiate together with rigour, creativity, and a sense of responsibility.



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Cluny, a historic setting for experiencing European negotiation

For over twenty-five years, the Cluny Summer University has welcomed more than 850 participants from across Europe. Held in the heart of the historic Abbey of Cluny, it offers an exceptional environment conducive to studying, reflecting and conversing. A major historical centre for intellectual exchange since the Middle Ages, Cluny provides a uniquely inspiring setting to foster critical thinking and debate.

The 2026 Edition

Marking its 25th anniversary, the 2026 edition will place particular emphasis on the revival of the European Union's enlargement process, with a focus on ongoing negotiations with the Western Balkans, Ukraine, and Moldova.

This edition is built on close cooperation between several committed partners, including **ENEA (European Negotiation Association)**, the **Arts et Métiers Cluny Campus (ENSAM)**, the **Sciences Po Dijon Campus**, and the **CCIC – European College of Cluny**.

Participants will engage with an outstanding panel of experts from leading institutions, bringing in-depth knowledge of European systems and practices.

PROGRAMME:

THURSDAY, JULY 9 – *Understanding*

Analysis of negotiation systems in Europe, identification of stakeholders, interests, and power dynamics.

FRIDAY, JULY 10 – *Structuring*

Development of scenarios and negotiation strategies
Responsible use of AI in diplomatic contexts

SATURDAY, JULY 11 – *Negotiating*

Intensive simulation in multicultural teams

SUNDAY, JULY 12 – *Evaluating*

Debriefing and reflection on key learnings
Presentation of *the Cluny Declaration for Europe 2040*

 Participants will contribute collectively to the drafting of a “**Cluny Declaration 2040**”, integrating the combined challenges of negotiation, the future of Europe and artificial intelligence.

CONTENT:

Participants will be placed in situations closely resembling those faced by public, economic, and diplomatic decision-makers. **The objective is to develop sound judgment in real-world conditions**, dealing with complexity, pressure, and uncertainty. The programme will enable the development of the following competences:

- Strategic thinking in uncertain environments
- Analytical and structuring skills for complex situations
- Ability to work effectively in multicultural teams
- Negotiation posture and sense of responsibility
- Diplomacy, mediation, and negotiation

These competences are approached as integrated capabilities that can be directly applied in real-world, demanding contexts.

Participants will explore the ongoing transformations of “**Greater Europe**”, with a focus on:

- The European Union's enlargement process
- Interactions between local, national, and European levels
- Political, economic, and institutional constraints
- Managing uncertainty



TEACHING TEAM: *Experts to negotiate the Europe of tomorrow*

The teaching team will consist of international experts and high-level practitioners, each offering a unique perspective on negotiation, strategy, and European issues. Discover those who will guide you through this immersive experience:



Claude BRUDERLEIN

Lecturer at Harvard (T. Chan School of Public Health, Kennedy School) and researcher at the Harvard Humanitarian Initiative. A specialist in negotiation in hostile environments, he served as strategic advisor to the President of the ICRC and founder of the CCHN. A former advisor to the UN Secretary-General, he has worked on humanitarian access and sanctions. His courses focus on field negotiation and the use of AI.

Leonardo CAPORARELLO

Professor of Leadership and Negotiation and Associate Dean for Online Learning at SDA Bocconi. Director of BUILT and the Learning Lab, he is a specialist in educational innovation and digital learning. He teaches negotiation and leadership in international MBA and executive programs. A researcher in organizational behavior, he is recognized as a global leader in EdTech and management education.



Jean-Luc DELPEUCH

A French senior civil servant and engineer of the Corps des Mines, he served as an advisor to the Czech government following the Velvet Revolution, and later at the European Commission, before becoming Deputy Secretary-General of the Interministerial Committee for European Affairs in France. Former Director of ENSAM Cluny and President of HESAM University, he also served as President of Communauté de Communes du Clunisois authority and remains actively engaged in teaching and intellectual reflection.

Lukáš MACEK

Director of the Grande Europe Center at the Jacques Delors Institute and of the European program at Sciences Po Dijon. A specialist in Central and Eastern Europe, he works on issues related to EU enlargement. He participated in the Convention on the Future of Europe and in campaigns related to the Czech Republic's accession. A graduate of Sciences Po, he teaches in French, English, and Czech.

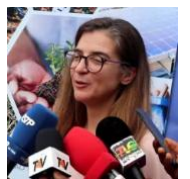


Francesco MARCHI

Director of Negotiation Expertise at ALTERNEGO (Paris). Former director of the "Negotiators of Europe" program at ESSEC, he has trained EU negotiation teams and diplomats in over 20 countries. He teaches at Sciences Po (PSIA) and at the College of Europe in Bruges. His research focuses on European negotiations and innovative teaching tools such as AI. He is a CEDR-certified mediator and holds a Ph.D. from Sciences Po.

Joana VIEIRA DA SILVA

A specialist in international relations and climate issues, she has developed expertise at the intersection of public policy, sustainability, and global governance. Trained within European institutions, she has served as Head of Delegation (HoD) at international climate conferences (COP). Her work focuses on transition dynamics and multilateral cooperation, contributing to bridging strategic analysis, operational action, and organizational transformation in response to contemporary challenges.





WORKING LANGUAGE

The **working language of the programme will be English**. A minimum level of B2 is required. A basic understanding of French would be an asset (but not a prerequisite) to facilitate local interactions.

HOW TO APPLY ?

Please send your application by email to contact@collegecluny.eu, including:

- A short cover letter
- A CV

Apply now! Application deadline: **May 15, 2026**

As places are limited, particular attention will be paid to the quality and diversity of selected profiles.

SELECTION CRITERIA

- Born between January 1, 1991, and January 1, 2008
- Candidates' background, motivation, and ability to contribute to a collective dynamic
- Geographic distribution
- Language proficiency

REGISTRATION FEES

- Registration fee: €280 (includes tuition, visit, accommodation and meals within the Abbey).

Note: Travel expenses are the responsibility of the participants, but bursaries of up to 50% of travel costs up to a maximum of 200 euros are available. When applying, please include an estimate of your travel expenses.

NB: The bursary will be paid after the summer school upon presentation of the corresponding receipts.

Official opening on Wednesday, July 8 at 6:00 PM (check-in starting at 4:00 PM); departure on Sunday, July 12 in the early afternoon.

**An experience. A network. A responsibility.
Join those who will shape the Europe of 2040!**

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