

V SUMMER COURSE SOFIA CORRADI ON THE EUROPEAN UNION: New Institutional Cycle, Technological Agenda, and Southern Neighbourhood

Organised by the representations of the European institutions in
Barcelona and CIDOB

2, 3 and 4 July, 2025

In person: CIDOB, Sala Jordi Maragall, Elisabets 12, 08001 Barcelona

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The European Parliament's office in Barcelona, the Representation of the European Commission and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) organise the fifth edition of the Sofia Corradi Summer Course on the European Union. The three days will consist of monographic sessions, approached from both a theoretical and practical perspective. Each session will be divided into an initial presentation by a keynote speaker from the European Parliament and the European Commission, followed by a dialogue, and a roundtable discussion featuring CIDOB researchers, members of European institutions, and other experts.

The aim of this summer course is to provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the debates and challenges of the European Union in the short, medium, and long term, equipping them with the necessary tools to analyse and comprehend European realities and actively engage in them. Participants who complete the entire course in person will receive a certificate of participation.

Programme of the course

Wednesday, 2 July 2025

- 15.45 – 16.00 **Welcome**
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Sergi Barrera, Head of the European Parliament's office in Barcelona
Manuel Szapiro, Director, Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona
- 16.00 – 16.45 **Future perspectives after 40 years of Spanish membership to the EU**
Keynote **Fernando Sampedro**, Secretary of State for the EU, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation, Government of Spain
Dialogue with **Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
- 16.45 – 17.15 **Q&A**
- 17.15 – 17.30 **Break**

- 17.30 – 18.30 **Roundtable: The Second Von der Leyen Commission After the First 100 Days: Assessment and Perspectives**
Sophia Russack, Researcher, CEPS
Silvia Kotanidis, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service (*online*)
Héctor Sánchez Margalef, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Moderated by **Laura Pous**, journalist, Agència Catalana de Notícies

18.30 – 19.00 **Q&A**

Thursday, 3 July 2025

- 16.00 – 16.45 **Digital Agenda, Regulation, and European Technological Sovereignty**
Keynote **Dimitri Lorenzani**, Member of the Competitiveness Task Force, European Commission's Secretariat General; Visiting Professor, College of Europe
Dialogue with **Inés Arco**, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

16.45 – 17.15 **Q&A**

17.15 – 17.30 **Break**

- 17.30 – 18.30 **Roundtable: Digital Agenda, Regulation, and European Technological Sovereignty**
Javier Borràs, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Miguel Ferrer, Senior Advisor, Adigital
Michael Adam, Head of Digital Polices Unit, European Parliamentary Research Service (*online*)
Moderated by **Inés Arco**, Researcher, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)

18.30 – 19.00 **Q&A**

Friday, 4 July 2025

- 09.45 – 10.00 **Opening remarks**
Jaume Duch, Minister for European Union and Foreign Action, Government of Catalonia

- 10.00 – 10.45 **Cooperation and Conflict in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood: The New Mediterranean Agenda**
Keynote **Lucia Annunziata**, Member of the European Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs
Dialogue with **Angela Mauro**, journalist, Huffington Post

10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**

11.15 – 11.30 **Break**

- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable: Cooperation and Conflict in the EU's Southern Neighbourhood: The New Mediterranean Agenda**
Samuele C.A. Abrami, Research Fellow, CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
Katarzyna Sidło, Senior Analyst, EUISS
María Cristina Urbano, Policy Officer, European Commission
Moderated by **Angela Mauro**, journalist, Huffington Post

12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**