



Lisbon changes: What EU information providers should know about the Treaty of Lisbon

Friday (am), 26 February 2010, London (Southwark)

Trainers: Grace Hudson (GH), Ian Mayfield (IM)

Draft programme

9.15 Registration

9.30 Session 1 – A constitution or not? How did we get to here?

IGCs, referenda, red lines and the adoption process (IM)

9.45 Session 2 – An overview of key Lisbon changes

Dismantling pillars, greater transparency, more power to parliaments and citizens, President, role of the High Representative, Qualified Majority Voting in new areas (GH)

10.00 Session 3 – Institutional change: what it will mean in practice?

The Commission, Council of the European Union, European Council, European Parliament, national parliaments; changes to decision-making processes (GH)

10.40 Coffee

10.55 Session 4 – Crumbling pillars: what now for external relations and foreign affairs?

High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, European External Action Service; legal personality for the EU (IM)

11.20 Session 5 – Justice, freedom and security: moving from unanimous decision-making

Greater transparency and democracy, increased role for European Parliament (GH)

11.45 Session 6 – EU judicial system: new areas of jurisdiction for the Court of Justice

Court of Justice of the European Union, General Court, new jurisdictions, impact on national courts (IM)

12.15 Session 7 – Opt-ins, opt-outs and derogations

Fundamental rights, military, mechanism to leave EU (GH)

12.30 Questions and close

12.45 Lunch

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Europa changes: What EU information providers should know about the new Europa website

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13.30 Session 1 – Introduction to the new Europa

A brief tour of the new Europa website, identifying the sections and features to be looked at in more detail, and highlighting other items of interest (IM)

13.45 Session 2 – Background information

A look at the factual information available in the 'About the EU' section (GH)

14.15 Session 3 – Policy pages

How to find the in-depth information produced by Commission DGs and by other institutions and agencies (IM)

14.45 Session 4 – Legislation

Europa's legislation section brings together key legislative resources, including Eur-Lex, Curia, the Legislative Observatory and Pre-Lex. How well does the new Europa organise them? (GH)

15.15 Tea

15.30 Session 5 – Documentation centre

What does this section contain and how can you get the best out of it? (Includes overviews of the EU Bookshop, Digital Library archive and the new Eurostat site). (IM)

16.10 Session 6 – Searching the site

A look at the search facility, A-Z index and site map. Are they more useful than Google? (GH)

16.30 Questions and close

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