



Title	Training and Information Course on Euro-Arab Diplomacy (El Hiwar III)
Objective	<p>The overall objective is to deepen Arab-European ties for more stability, prosperity and well-being of the two regions.</p> <p>The specific objective is to reinforce the dialogue and cooperation between the European Union and the League of Arab States and the societies of the Arab region through a dedicated information and training programme, as a follow-up of the project El Hiwar II (which ended in May 2022).</p>
Expected outputs	<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Interactions between EU officials and LAS officials are enhanced.▪ Political dialogue is reinforced between the two institutions.▪ Knowledge on EU policies is increased among LAS officials, and vice-versa.▪ Policy thinking and analysis on themes of common interest is developed.▪ Stronger regional cooperation between the EU and the Arab countries is promoted.▪ Dialogue with civil society and promotion of human rights are reinforced in the EU-Arab relations.
Main stakeholders	Officials and staff from the LAS Secretariat and LAS member states; officials and staff from the EU (in particular Directorate-General for the Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf - DG MENA, European External Action Service - EEAS - geographical and policy-related departments, and relevant European Union bodies) and EU-Member States; chairs of the Working Groups, officials and staff from the Euro-Arab Liaison office (ECLASLO), regional and local civil society organisations in the Arab region, European civil society organisations relevant to Euro-Arab issues, relevant EU-funded projects/initiatives in the Arab region, researchers working on Euro-Arab related issues.
Brief description	<p>The League of Arab States is a central partner in the stabilisation of the region and the main institutional interlocutor with the Arab world. At the first EU-LAS summit in Sharm El-Sheikh (Egypt) on 24-25 February 2019, the leaders agreed to deepen Arab-European ties to enhance the stability, prosperity, and well-being of the two regions. Both sides agreed to boost cooperation towards security, conflict resolution and socio-economic development throughout the region. Leaders also reaffirmed the need to strengthen economic cooperation between the two regions to spur investment and sustainable growth. The summit in Egypt marked the start of a new dialogue between the EU and the LAS. Leaders committed to hold EU-LAS summits regularly.</p> <p>This project is designed to reinforce the dialogue and cooperation with the League of Arab States.</p> <p>El Hiwar III aims to contribute to the implementation of the EU-LAS Joint Work Programme on information and training, complementing the formal EU-LAS activities taking place outside of El Hiwar (e.g. Ministerial and PSC meetings, other political exchanges with EU-LAS counterparts, EU-LAS Strategic Dialogue).</p>





Whenever relevant, El Hiwar III can provide inputs for the preparation of formal EU-LAS relations meetings (e.g. preparation of policy briefs) or for the implementation of decisions made during Ministerial meetings, summits, etc. Likewise, El Hiwar III can provide inputs in the framework of relevant multilateral events.

El Hiwar III also aims to contribute to enhancing the partnership between the EU and Arab countries by sharing knowledge and expertise to support the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals in Arab countries.

El-Hiwar III is an EU-funded project implemented by the College of Europe (Bruges, Belgium). It designs, organises and facilitates a series of activities with the aim of building capacity, contributing to information exchange and interactions between the EU and the LAS. These activities take various formats, such as policy dialogues, summer schools, training programmes, policy briefs, etc.

Activities

- Launching event
- Study visits to EU institutions and to the LAS including a training component on how the institutions work, their priorities, etc
- Training programmes for EU and LAS officials
- Policy Briefs on themes of interest
- Thematic workshops/dialogue sessions
- Working sessions
- Participation of LAS officials in EU regional initiatives – sponsorship
- Summer Schools on Euro-Arab relations
- Closing event

Duration

50 months (10/2022-12/2026)

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