
The EIB Summer School 2021

Exploring the Climate Bank

June 28 – July 16, 2021 - Online

Background and objectives

[The EIB Group](#) is composed by the European Investment Bank and the European Investment Fund. It is the Bank of the EU with every Member State as a shareholder and the EU's Climate Bank, having embarked upon an ambitious Climate Bank Roadmap to help achieve the European Green Deal. It is the world's largest [multilateral](#) borrower and lender. Every year it [provides finance](#) and expertise for hundreds of [sustainable](#) investment projects that contribute to EU policy objectives.

The EIB Summer School is a yearly programme organised by the EIB Institute and aiming to

- provide Master's students with first-hand insights about the core activities and responsibilities of the EIB Group;
- strengthen the EIB Summer School alumni network of current and future stakeholders of the EIB and builders of Europe's future.

To that end, the Summer School addresses an interdisciplinary and international group of Master's students from selected universities already partner of the EIB Institute. Participants attend lectures, group discussions and case studies to gain a deep understanding of the mission and impact of the EIB Group and how it answers the challenges facing the EU.

The EIB Summer School offers a practical approach to problems which are, by nature, multidisciplinary. All courses of the Summer School are delivered by EIB Group staff members – the Summer School faculty - dealing with operational, financial, policy, credit, legal and technical challenges on a daily basis. During the Summer School, they share their insider's view on the application of theoretical concepts to practical challenges and what it means to be part of the EIB Group.

In 2021, due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, the EIB Institute will host the Summer School in the form of an online 3-week programme. The Summer School faculty will engage with a group of 72 Master's students¹ on a thematic curriculum, delivering first-hand information about the activities of the EU Climate Bank and its role in the implementation of the European Green Deal.

While being online, the Summer School continues to provide an environment in which participants can discuss with those who are making an impact on everyday lives in [Europe and beyond](#) through their roles within the EIB Group.

¹ Despite the online format, the total number of participants remains restricted to 72. This will ensure the highest degree of interactivity and facilitate networking and community building among the participants.

Summer School content

The Summer School faculty, consisting of EIB Group senior staff members, delivers interactive lectures to provide insights on how the EIB Group answers the challenges facing the EU:

- Acting in the financial market as a key global player in fighting climate change (Green bonds).
- Analysing and managing risks related to funding green investment projects.
- Assessing investment projects from a technical, economic, legal and compliance standpoint.
- Defining strategies for the achievement of the European Green Deal aiming to make Europe the first carbon-free continent by 2050.

Plenary lectures alternate with “break-out sessions” which provide participants more opportunities for interaction and discussion with the faculty and each other (among themselves?). Break-out sessions are divided in two tracks - Policy and Operations - so that participants can engage on a deeper level with topics that are related to their academic backgrounds and personal interest. To broaden the debate, the Institute may also invite external speakers who are considered thought-leaders on the topic of Green Investments to share their perspectives with the participants.

Depending on sanitary and national restrictions, the programme is complemented by on-site activities: Participants may have the opportunity to meet the representatives of the local EIB office in their respective geographical area and learn about ongoing projects in their region.

Weekly schedule

Each week of the Summer School follows the same structure as shown in the table below:

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 min	Check-in		Check-in		Check-in
9:00 - 11:00	Plenary session		Plenary session		Plenary session
15 min		Check-in		Check-in	
14:00 - 16:00		Workshops (in 2 tracks)		External speaker	

Morning sessions are hosted by senior staff of various departments of the EIB Group; all 72 participants are expected to attend. The afternoon sessions on Tuesdays follow a “workshop” approach. Students are divided in smaller groups and will either follow the “operations” or the “policy” track. On Thursdays, we will either invite an external speaker for a keynote speech, or will arrange – if possible – visits of local EIB offices throughout Europe for participants to join onsite.

Before any session, all participants meet for a “check-in” and rapid networking among all participants to assure that every participant will meet as many of its peers as possible given the limited amount of time and the online format.

All sessions will be interactive and we expect participants to actively join the conversations and discussions in break-out groups.

Target students

The EIB Summer School 2021 addresses graduate students from diverse academic backgrounds such as economics & finance, law, public and business administration, or social and environmental sciences. Given the thematic curriculum, the EIB Institute invites students with an interest in sustainability, climate change and the environment as well as students with a background in engineering and other hard or life sciences to apply. All participants shall have a substantial understanding of the functioning of European institutions and at least basic understanding of finance & banking.

The EIB Summer School is not a recruitment programme. Instead, the programme aims to foster long-term relationships and create a network of peers who share a common vision about the future of Europe and beyond.

Students cannot directly apply to the EIB Summer School but have to follow an application process via their home universities. Applicants are not required to hold EU citizenship.

Formal requirements

- Master’s student (or: 2021 graduate)
- Signing a standard contract, covering e.g. active engagement, confidentiality and, code of conduct.

The Summer School is held in English. Participants commit to attend all academic courses as well as all on-site activities (sanitary conditions permitting). Upon completion, students receive a certificate of attendance issued by the EIB Institute and are eligible to take part in all EIB Summer School Alumni Programme’s activities.

Fees

There are no attendance fees for the Summer School.

Location

Online.