The European External Action Service has launched a pilot project for the establishment of a Diplomatic Academy. The aim is to build a true European Diplomatic corps to promote EU foreign policy and external interest.

- More than 40 young diplomats from the EU Member States, Ukraine, Georgia, Moldova, Turkey the Western Balkans countries and EU institutions, are trained on EU foreign and security policies.
- The pilot project is funded with a budget of close to 1€ million, upon initiative by the European Parliament.
- The project foresees a Pilot Academic Programme and a Feasibility Study.

**THE PILOT ACADEMIC PROGRAMME**

The pilot programme of the European Diplomatic Academy is implemented by a consortium formed by the College of Europe in Bruges (Belgium) and the College of Europe in Natolin (Poland).

The Director of the Academy pilot programme is Federica Mogherini, former EU High Representative for Foreign and Security policy.

The EEAS covers the tuition fees for the entire programme, through the funding provided by the European Parliament. Each participant receives a scholarship to pay for lodging, boarding and study visits.

**LECTURERS**

- Scholars: About 80%
- Practitioners: 20%

The syllabus encompasses the core issues of EU foreign and security policies in 10 study areas.

- **The internal ‘machinery’**
- **The global context**
- **EU Common Foreign, Security and Defence Policy**
- **The EU, Europe, and the neighborhood**
- **The EU in the world**
- **The EU as a player in multilateral frameworks**
- **Skill-set of a European diplomat**
- **The trajectory of EU security and defence**
- **Towards a joint European approach**
- **EU external policies and global challenges**

**THE FEASIBILITY STUDY**

A consortium formed by the European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), the European University Institute (EUI) and the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS) has been tasked to produce a feasibility study.

The study will present options for the legal and financial framework of a future permanent European Diplomatic Academy.

The study is expected to be ready in November 2022.