2009 Summer Study Tour to Europe: EU Governance and Economy

Study Tour Dates: July 12-19, 2009
Extended Application Deadline: April 10, 2009

Funded by the European Commission’s “Getting to Know Europe” grant.

Study Tour: The European Union Center at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign is pleased to send 8-9 educators on a summer study tour to Europe. To provide Midwest K-12 teachers, Illinois state legislators and journalists with a better understanding of the EU institutions and the EU’s economic relationship with Illinois, this tour may include:

**Brussels, BELGIUM:**
- Visit to the European Commission
- Visit to the Council of the European Union
- Visit to the Committee on the Regions
- Meeting at DG-AGRI
- Presentation at the State of Illinois Office of Trade and Investment in Brussels
- Meeting at the American Chamber of the EU or the US Mission to the EU

**Strasbourg, FRANCE:**
- Tour the European Parliament

Final itinerary of the tour will be announced at the orientation.

Eligibility: 8-9 K-12 educators from Illinois and neighboring Midwest states will be selected based on several criteria: 1) experience and/or interest in teaching subjects that connect (but are not limited) to European culture, history, politics, economy and languages; 2) clear plans of incorporating resources and materials from study tours or professional development programs into the classroom; 3) evidence of and/or plans for outreach activities beyond the classroom, such as talks to civic organizations, after-school club activities, or hosting foreign visitors; and 4) previous participation in professional development workshops hosted by the EUC. Applications must be received no later than April 10, 2009.

Cost: Registration fee: $100 for the pre-departure orientation workshop
Domestic travel from/to participant’s home to/from Chicago O’Hare Airport.
Some meals in Europe and any other miscellaneous expenses.
All other travel expenses, including roundtrip airfare to Europe, lodging, in-Europe travel, and most meals will be covered by the European Union Center.

Requirements: Teachers accepted for the tour will be required to attend a four-day workshop on June 24-27, 2009. The workshop will include an introduction to the EU and an introduction to curricular resources for teachers. Teachers may also choose to earn CPDUs or CEUs for this workshop. Participating teachers will be required to conduct two outreach activities after their return from Europe. One presentation must be done at the educator’s school. Other activities could include presentations at service or community organizations. Teachers must abide by the Terms of Agreement in the application.