

Call for applications for the
Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School 2026 on
**PARTICIPATION, LOBBYING AND
TRANSPARENCY IN THE EU INSTITUTIONS**
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In brief

The University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza (the e-learning University owned by Sapienza University of Rome) is now accepting applications for the Jean Monnet **Intensive Summer School on Participation, Lobbying and Transparency in the EU Institutions [PLAT-EU] – 3rd edition (2026)**. This program is part of the Jean Monnet Actions in the field of Higher Education Teaching and Research, funded by the European Union. The PLAT-EU Summer School **will be held in person in Rome (Italy)**, and will include special lectures, simulations and role-plays, some of which will exceptionally take place in the headquarters of Italian Institutions. **All selected participants will receive a scholarship to cover the Summer School participation fees.**

1. Dates and location

The Summer School will take place **from 20 to 24 July 2026**, between the main campus of **Sapienza University of Rome** and **University of Rome Unitelma Sapienza**, the e-university of Sapienza. The classes will be held **in English** and will include **lectures, simulations, and role-plays, some of which will exceptionally take place at the Italian Parliament.**



2. Target Audience

We are looking for talented, passionate and committed participants that feel strongly about democracy, institutions and open society. In particular, the call is open to:

- graduate and undergraduate students** under the age of 30.
- lobbying professionals** under the age of 35.
- civil servants, lobbying experts and research fellows** of any age.

The **maximum number of participants selected will be 25**. Candidates from all over the world are welcome to apply, regardless of nationality, provided they have a **very good command of English**, the language in which the Summer School will be conducted.

3. Program description

The third edition of the PLAT-EU Summer School will focus **mainly on lobbying legislation in Europe and South America**.

The lessons (40 hours in total) will be highly interactive. Students will be involved in discussions, simulations and exercises based on how decision-making processes work. The course will cover a variety of topics, such as **the decision-making process, transparency participation, techniques of lobbying, comparative lobbying law, ethics and anti-corruption mechanisms**.

To familiarize themselves with broader themes of the course, all selected participants will attend **online preparatory seminars** (16 hours). The recorded lessons will be available for download on the PLAT-EU website starting in April.

4. Objectives and Methodology

The main objective of the Summer School is to provide participants with the necessary skills to develop practical and specialized competencies in lobbying, transparency and participation. These competencies will be transferable to their future professions, **including working with institutions, non-governmental organizations, associations, committees, and civil groups**. To achieve this goal, participants will be methodologically stimulated through a **diachronic, interdisciplinary and comparative approach**. This will enable them to understand the legal and political system in which they operate as researchers, professionals and, ultimately, as citizens.

5. Faculty

The Jean Monnet Module project is coordinated by **Pier Luigi Petrillo**, Full Professor of Comparative Public Law at Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome and Professor of “Lobbying Theory and Technics” at Luiss Guido Carli University of Rome. Professor Petrillo was the first in Italy to set up a university course in legal sciences dedicated to the phenomenon of lobbying. The **multidisciplinary faculty** of the Summer School will include lobbyists, lawyers, economists, sociologists and, as keynote speakers, members of Parliament and high-level officials. The JMM Summer School Academic coordinator is Andrea Fiorentino, Fellow Researcher in Comparative Public Law at Unitelma Sapienza University of Rome.

6. Qualifications

The Summer School on “Participation, Lobbying and Transparency in the EU Institutions” is a **university-recognized higher education course**.

Those who attend 80 percent of the classes and pass the final exam will be issued a **certificate of intensive course attendance** with the issuance of an equivalent number of ECTS credits (or CEU stands for Continuing Education Unit).

7. Fees and Facilitation

All selected participants will receive a scholarship to cover the Summer School participation fees. Participants are responsible for their own travel, visa, meals, and accommodation fees. Upon request, the University can provide accommodation suggestions.

8. How to apply

Applications must be submitted no later than the **10 May 2026** to the following email address: jeanmonnet@unitelmasapienza.it, with the subject line: "**Jean Monnet Intensive Summer School on Lobbying 2026**".

The application should include:

- a **detailed curriculum vitae** (in English)
- a copy of a valid **identification document**
- a **letter of motivation** of no more than two pages (in English).

Candidates will be evaluated based on their **motivation statement, academic record, research or professional progress in the lobbying or public sector**. A commission chaired by the Jean Monnet Project Manager, will review the applications. **Decisions regarding the recruitment process will be made by the 15 May 2026.** All candidates will be informed of the outcome of the procedure.

9. Roadmap

APPLICATION DEADLINE	NOTIFICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS	PREPARATORY LESSONS (ONLINE)	SUMMER SCHOOL (ON CAMPUS)
10 May 2026	15 May 2026	Available for download Jun-July, 2026	20 to 24 July 2026

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11. Contacts

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For more information on the general project:

<https://www.unitelmasapienza.it/jeanmonnet/>

