

Economics and Finance of Europe

An intensive ten-week programme

The Diputación Foral de Bizkaia approached LSE Custom Programmes in 2007 to deepen selected citizens' understanding of the latest trends within EU economy, fiscal policy, competitiveness and trade.

LSE rigorously selects a small group of participants from the Basque country, with a first degree, work experience and good English language ability. They attend an interdisciplinary programme that draws on the European Institute, the Government Department and the Department of International Relations. It blends postgraduate lectures, giving participants a chance to mingle with other students, with seminars specifically designed for the group and led by key LSE academics.

Visits to specialist institutes, government departments and organisations enhance participants' understanding of the UK's environment and culture, while external speakers and events provide different perspectives on EU-level issues. The students apply theoretical knowledge to the process of economic policy making, debate trade and regulatory issues, undertake independent study throughout and are formally assessed via presentations, essays and tests.

The benefits continue beyond the programme. LSE Custom Programmes organises biannual alumni events in the Basque Country, enabling former participants to continue networking with each other and with LSE once they have returned home to put their new skills to use.

Student feedback

'This has been one of the best experiences of my life, both academically and in terms of discovering a new city, new culture and new people.'

Olga Gretchoukhina

'Having one teacher for only eight of us is an incredible opportunity. I learned a lot about European integration, which is essential for my career.'

Marta Areitio

'I would strongly recommend applying to those who have a profound interest not only in Europe, its history and institutions, but also in the development of international affairs and the role that several global actors play in it.'

Eduarne Iñigo

At a glance

Participants: **8**

Participant level: **Young professionals**

Duration: **10 weeks**

Location: **London**

