

Information on European Reciprocal Training

- **When this Program was launched**

Under the general title of European Reciprocal Training (ERT) the National School of Government (formerly the Civil Service College then CMPS) has, since 1974, been responsible for running a suite of courses which was initiated through an accord between President Pompidou of France and Prime Minister Heath on the eve of the UK's accession to the Communities in 1973. The programme was later extended to include reciprocal training between the two founding countries and Netherlands and Germany. Beginning in 1997 the ERT has also acted as the basis for an extension to the core programme with new European Union Member States joining what we have called the „European Partners Plus“ programme.

- **Training institutions which are members of the Program**

The current members of the ERT offering programmes of exchange are: the National School of Government (UK); Ecole Nationale d'Administration [ENA] (France); Federal Academy of Public Administration [Bundesakademie für öffentliche Verwaltung or BAKöV] (Germany); Institute of Public Administration [Opleidings Instituut voor de Rijksoverheid or ROI] (Netherlands); Swedish Administrative Development Agency [Verket för förvaltningsutveckling or VERVA] (Sweden); Finnish Institute of Public Management [HAUS] (Finland); Danish School of Public Administration [DSPA] (Denmark); Institute of National Administration [INA] (Portugal); National Institute of Public Administration [INAP] (Spain); Scuola Superiore della Pubblica Amministrazione [SSPA] (Italy); Bundeskanzleramt (Austria)

- **What is the procedure for accession to this Program**

There is no formal procedure to enter the programme. Any participating institution of the EU policy-making process in partner member-states and heightened opportunities for joint work, owing to meetings with counterparts. Such work might include the eventual framing with colleagues of joint negotiating positions on EU directives: because of EU enlargement and the resulting change in the conduct of meetings in Brussels, advance work is now crucial on any negotiation.

The end result of participating: better informed, joined-up and confident EU-capable staff.