

# Training Programme for Young European Journalists

## Press Kit

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## Background

**The training programme for young European journalists is one of the new schemes developed by the Directorate for media of the European Parliament, to support journalists and provide professionals at an early stage of their career an opportunity to get an in-depth understanding of European Union affairs, with a particular focus on the European Parliament.**

Each course includes a first module in the Member states, where the focus is on general knowledge about the European institutions and national specificities. A second module in Brussels, is organised by the Directorate for media and the Media Services Unit of DG COMMUNICATION in the European Parliament

The second module will give an overview of the services and facilities available for journalists in the press and AV services of the European Parliament, as well as the practical dimension of content production. The young journalists will also have the opportunity to meet with Brussels correspondents and discuss key policy achievements this legislature with Members of the European Parliament.

The module in Brussels will comprise:

- Info sessions on the 2024 European Elections;
- Workshop on how to find what is going on in the European parliament;
- Discussions and exchanges with Brussels correspondents;
- Panel on disinformation
- On site visit to the European Commission and the Council of the European Union;
- Tour of EP Media facilities (VoxBox, radio and TV studio, press room);
- Discussions with MEPs

The next European elections will take place from 6 to 9 June 2024. These are the largest transnational elections in the world. Around 373 million EU citizens are eligible to vote and elect the 720 members that will represent them in the European Parliament 2024 - 2029.

The panels with MEPs will focus on two policy topics: climate and environment policy and social pillar.

- **Climate and environment policy:** Climate change and environmental degradation are existential global threats. The [EU Climate Law](#) was adopted in 2021. It binds the EU to achieve climate neutrality by 2050 and sets a target of reducing net greenhouse gas emissions by at least 55% by 2030, compared to 1990 levels.
- **Social pillar:** Europe is home to the most equal societies in the world, the highest standards in working conditions, and broad social protection. The [European Pillar of Social Rights](#) outlines [20 key principles and rights](#) necessary for equitable and efficiently operating labour markets and social protection systems.

## Useful links

### 1. General links

- [How to follow and cover the 6-9 June European elections](#)
- Media Freedom – European Media Freedom Act [Background Analysis & Legislative Train Schedule](#)
- Disinformation – [Press release](#): Parliament committee recommends EU sanctions to counter disinformation

### 2. Services for media

- [EU Multimedia Centre](#)
- [Audiovisual facilities](#)
- [EU press tool kit](#)
- [EU Press Room](#)

### 3. Insights on policy topics discussed with MEPs

- [European Climate Law](#) (regulation)
- [European Green Deal](#) (EC website)
- [Fit for 55](#) (briefing)
- [Minimum wage](#) (press release)
- [Equal pay](#) (press release)
- [Women on boards](#) (press release)
- [Platform workers](#) (press release)
- [Migration Pact](#) (press release)

# Biography of Speakers

## Pina PICIERNO (S&D, IT)



### **Vice-president of the European Parliament**

Pina Picierno has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2014, and was elected Vice-President in 2022. She is a Member of the committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM). She is a recipient of the Justice & Gender Equality Award of The Parliament Magazine's MEP awards. She has also served two terms as a member of the Italian Parliament.

## Bas EICKHOUT (Greens, NL)



### **Vice-chair of the Committee on the Environment, Public Health and Food Safety (ENVI)**

Bas Eickhout has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009. He is Vice-Chair of the Committee on Environment, Public Health and Food Safety and of the Group of the Greens/European Free Alliance in the European Parliament. He has a background in Environmental Studies and Chemistry.

## Dragoș PÎSLARU (Renew, RO)



### **Chair of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)**

Dragoș Pîslaru chairs the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL). He has also served as Minister for Labour, Family, Social Welfare and the Elderly in the Romanian Government (2016-2017), and has been executive director in the Applied Economics Group (GEA). He has a doctorate in economics at the Romanian Academy of Sciences, National Institute of Economic Research

**Matthew CARUANA GALIZIA**



Matthew Caruana Galizia is the son of Daphne CARUANA GALIZIA Maltese, anti-corruption investigative journalist who was murdered in a car bomb attack in 2017. He is a journalist and the president of the foundation dedicated to the memory of his mother.

**Nello SCAVO**



Italian investigative journalist writing about organised crime and situation in conflict areas.

**Carolyn BORN**



Carolyn Born has been Brussels correspondent for Deutschland radio since 2021. She previously worked as a junior program assistant in the capital studio of Deutschlandfunk, Deutschlandfunk Kultur and Deutschlandfunk.

**Laura ZORNOZA**



Laura Zornoza is a Brussels correspondent for the Spanish News Agency EFE.

**Sara BRAROU**



After studying journalism at l'IHECS, Sara worked as a freelance journalist for RTBF (international, national and local news) on all platforms : TV, radio, web and on social media. After this first experience, she worked in the EU bubble for a year with France Televisions, working both on «La Faute à l'Europe » (weekly tv show) and documentaries focusing mainly on the EU. In 2023 she joined RTBF again as a Social Media Editor for RTBF's news channels on TikTok (Mise à Jour and Les Niouzz).

**Jüri LAAS**



**Spokesperson of the President of the European Parliament**

Before becoming Spokesperson of President Metsola, Juris Laas was press officer for European Council and Summits at the Council press office. He was spokesperson of the Estonian Presidency in 2017 and has also been a spokes/press officer in Crisis Management in Balkans, Georgia and Indonesia. He studied political science at Lund University and Erasmus in Bordeaux.

**Jaume DUCH GUILLOT**



**Spokesperson and Director General for Communication of the European Parliament**

Jaume Duch has been Spokesperson and Director General of Communication of the European Parliament since 2017 and has a long background and career in communication-related positions in the European Parliament. He also served as professor of international public law at the University of Barcelona prior to joining the European Parliament.

**Jesús CARMONA**



**Director for Media in the European Parliament**

Jesus Carmona is the Director for Media since 2019. He was previously Head of the Citizens' Policies Unit in Parliament's think tank, EPRS, Head of Cabinet of the President of the Committee of the Regions and Spokesperson for the President of the European Council. Jesus Carmona has a degree in Law from the Universidad de Granada (Spain), and a Masters in European Law from the Université Libre de Bruxelles (Belgium).

**Raffaella DE MARTE**



**Head of Media Services Unit, European Parliament**

Coordinates the press officers of the European Parliament in the 27 EU Member States, and is in charge of providing media services for journalists and other media representatives coming to the European Parliament. Previously, she was responsible for the relations with the press and social media of the then President of the European Parliament Martin Schulz.

**Etienne BASSOT**

**Director of the EPRS Members' Research Service**



**Dimitra TSOULOU  
MALAKOUDI**

**Public Opinion Monitoring Unit (POMU), European Parliament**



**Sonia MELLAK**

**Editorial Coordinator and AV Newsroom coordinator, European Parliament**



**Federico DE GIROLAMO**

**Press Officer and Editorial Coordinator in the Press Unit,  
European Parliament**



**Jacob LOLCK**

**Press officer Spokesperson's Unit, European Parliament**



**Alfonso PIRAMALLO**

**Adviser to the Director for Media, European Parliament**



**Cecilia SUNDBERG**

**Media Services Unit, European Parliament**



**Preben AAMANN**

**Head of Press at the Council of the EU**

Previously the Spokesperson (2014-2019) and Deputy Spokesperson (2012-2014) for the European Council. Aamann also has a background in the European External Action Service (EEAS) and as a Diplomat in the Danish Foreign Ministry.





**Adalbert JAHNZ**



**European Commission Spokesperson for Environment, Maritime affairs, Fisheries, Transport and the new European Bauhaus**

**Daniel Sheridan FERRIE**



**European Commission Spokesperson for EU-UK, financial services and banking, taxation and customs, Conference on the Future of Europe at European Commission**