EU Council Presidencies

Member states’ rotating 6-month Council Presidencies are windows of opportunity and key to moving EU legislative files forward in conjunction with EU institutional partners: working party chairs do a huge amount of the work.

What You Learn Specifically

- Develop EU Council-specific chairing strategies, tactics and related skills
- Enhance your influence to prepare, coordinate, liaise and operate as a chairperson in Council settings
- Understand and utilise inter-institutional partnerships with SGC, COM and EP to move files forward
- Balance QMV and consensus techniques
- Improve your informal bilateral and Trilogue negotiation skills
- Harness to power of the chair efficiently and effectively
- Increase your self-awareness – how you are perceived and trusted
- Master Council presidency challenges and resolving delicate situations and individuals

What You Learn Overall

✓ Improve the operational EU Council chairing skills related to preparation, internal coordination, operating in EU working parties and committees, lobbying-advocacy, emotional and political acumen, intelligent flexibility, finding fruitful compromise and consensus, twinning strategic planning and tactics, and much more...

✓ Proven meeting tools for EU decision-making processes, managing the meeting, managing differently empowered member states to your advantage, speak wisely and helpfully, enhance your chairing self-confidence, make changing meeting room realities work for you

✓ Council Presidencies are “big players”: utilise this window of opportunity to enhance your professional and member state reputations

Duration 1 – 3 days