

PROGRAMME SCHEDULE IN BRUSSELS

| DATE | SUNDAY 28 JAN | MONDAY 29 JAN | TUESDAY 30 JAN | WEDNESDAY 31 JAN | THURSDAY 1 FEB | FRIDAY 2 FEB | SATURDAY 3 FEB | |
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| LOCATION | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | BRUEGEL | |
| FOCUS | INTRODUCTION | POLICY-RELEVANT RESEARCH | COMMUNICATIONS | FUNDRAISING & FUNDING | GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT | COMBINED TOPICS | WRAP-UP & LESSONS LEARNED | |
| 9:00 AM – 9:30 AM | Free | Tailoring policy agendas for multi-context engagement. Olumide Abimbola, African Policy Research Institute | Mobilising messages. Katja Knežević, Bruegel | Visit to the European Parliament <i>(Walking from Bruegel at 8.45 am)</i> | Steering success: Governance models & leadership advice. Sonja Stojanovic Gajic | Participants' presentations | Free | |
| 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM | | | | | | | | |
| 10:00 AM – 10:30 AM | Welcome & getting to know each other | Coffee break | Coffee break | Walk to Bruegel | Coffee break | Coffee break | Thinktanking in modern times (with guidelines from OTT's Build a think tank guide). Enrique Mendizabal, OTT | |
| 10:30 AM – 11:00 AM | | | | | | | | |
| 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM | | | | | | | | |
| 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM | What is a think tank? History, roles & models in differing contexts. Enrique Mendizabal, OTT | Organising and delivering policy relevant research. Enrique Mendizabal and Estefania Teran Valdez, OTT | Communication strategies. Stuart Coles, Chatham House | Funding for think tanks: deconstructing complexities. Alma Kurtovic, Bruegel | Steering success contd. Sonja Stojanovic Gajic | Participants' presentations | Reflections and lessons learned | |
| 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM | | | | | | | | |
| 12:30 PM – 1:00 PM | | | | | | | | |
| 1:00 PM – 2:30 PM | Lunch (walk to city centre at 2.00 pm) | Lunch + informal chat with Olumide | Lunch | Lunch | Lunch + informal chat with Sonja | Lunch | Lunch | |
| 2:30 PM – 3:00 PM | Walking city tour of Brussels. <i>Starting point: Grand Place</i> | Walk to CEPS | Workshop on branding. Soapbox team | Reflection on learning journals & group activity. OTT team | Walk to ECDPM | The policy ecosystem: challenges and advice for think tanks. Camille Nessel, Assistant to MEP Bernd Lange | Free | |
| 3:00 PM – 3:30 PM | | Welcome to CEPS | | | Welcome to ECDPM | | | |
| 3:30 PM – 4:00 PM | | Coffee break | | | Coffee break | | | Coffee break |
| 4:00 PM – 4:30 PM | | Coffee break | | | Coffee break | | | Coffee break |
| 4:30 PM – 5:00 PM | Free | The CEPS approach to policy-relevant research, AI, technology and the future. Andrea Renda, CEPS | Workshop on branding contd. Soapbox team | Candid conversation with a funder. Goran Buldioski, Open Society Foundations | Skills & competencies for think tank work. Andrew Sheriff and Kathleen Van Hove, ECDPM | Joint action for policy impact: lessons from the Brussels Binder. Scarlett Varga, Bruegel | Free | |
| 5:00 PM – 5:30 PM | | | | | | | | |
| EVENING | | Group dinner at Chez Leon at 7.30 pm | Free | Informal chat & drinks at Bruegel (tentative) | Free | Free | | |