



EGMONT DIPLOMATIC CLUB

FAQ

1. Egmont Diplomatic Package

Q	What does the Egmont Diplomatic Club (EDC) package include?
A	<p>The EDC package is designed to offer members a comprehensive experience in diplomacy through its three pillars of Expertise, Training, and Networking. Upon joining the EDC, members can rely on our experience to foster their knowledge, develop their skills, and build valuable connections to enrich their diplomatic journey. Starting in 2024, EDC package includes:</p> <p>1. Expertise</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Members receive early access to the latest Egmont publications via email before the official hour release. This provides them with a priority preview before the content is made available to the public. Moreover, members can benefit from one-to-one discussions with Egmont experts, allowing for personalized insights and a more focused exploration of various topics of interest. <p>2. Training</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- In a dynamic working lunch format, two participants per member embassy have the opportunity to take part in our crash courses of their choosing at no extra cost, gaining access to four specialized training sessions. Additionally, they can take advantage of on-demand and customized courses focused on enhancing their diplomatic skills. <p>3. Networking</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The EDC organises exclusive and unique networking opportunities, fostering connections and expertise-sharing among diplomats, Egmont experts, and special guests. Member embassies will benefit from three annual talks in a private lounge, exclusive expert insights, and meetings with Young Diplomats in Belgium Network.

2. EDC Membership

Q	Can anyone join the EDC as a member?
A	<p>Membership of the EDC is exclusively open to Brussels-based embassies and missions. However, our crash courses are designed for a broader audience. Whether you are a member embassy, or an individual interested in enhancing diplomatic skills, we welcome your participation in our enriching crash courses. Kindly note that participation in crash courses is free for member embassies, while a fee is applicable for the general public.</p>



3. Number of participants

Q	What is the number of participants a member embassy can send per activity? And what are the conditions to allow more participants to be sent?
A	Each embassy has the possibility to send a maximum of two representatives to the event. These representatives may be either the Ambassador himself accompanied by a person of his choice, or two diplomats from the embassy. It is also possible to attend on behalf of the Ambassador. However, if the Embassy wishes to send more than two people, they must contact our Managing Director for approval, and this may incur additional costs.

4. Participation to EDC activities

Q	Must a member embassy subscribe to the full package if it wishes to participate in a singular EDC activity?
A	To participate in any of our offered activities, any Embassy or Representation interested must become a club member and subscribe to the complete package.

5. Crash Courses

Q	What can you tell us about the crash courses organized within the EDC?
A	In a working lunch format, the Egmont Diplomatic Club conducts four crash courses annually, each focusing on specific diplomatic or international relations topics. Given by seasoned experts, these courses are open to diplomats, young professionals, and students aiming to enhance their diplomatic skills. Students are particularly encouraged to participate, benefiting from competitive prices to make the most of these enriching learning opportunities. For insights into the topics covered, please check the indicative calendar of our crash courses on the EDC Webpage.

6. Evening Talks

Q	What can you tell us about the Talks organized by the EDC?
A	In a private networking lounge, the EDC organizes evening Talks three times a year. These exclusive events feature distinguished speakers, including Egmont experts and Special Guests, offering valuable insights into various topics of interest. For each Talk, an exclusive invitation is extended to two diplomats per embassy, providing an intimate and enriching experience for our members.



7. Application Process

Q	How can I become a member of the EDC?
A	Becoming a member of the EDC is a straightforward process. Simply visit our website and complete the membership form, which you can find on the EDC tab. The application process is open at any time of the year for a new embassy. Just follow the easy steps on our website to become a part of our esteemed diplomatic community. To facilitate the payment, we provide an invoice for every received subscription. If applicable, kindly include the VAT number while completing the application form.

8. Membership fees

Q	What are the fees associated with the Club membership?
A	The annual subscription fee is 1000€. The payment method is through bank transfer to the account specified on the EDC Webpage.

9. Additional Requests

Q	Can EDC member embassies make <i>ad hoc</i> requests or inquiries for specific needs?
A	Absolutely! We encourage member embassies to reach out to our EDC Team at: membership@egmontinstitute.be for any <i>ad hoc</i> requests or inquiries they may have. Whether it's arranging on-demand training courses at an extra cost or organizing joint events or activities, our team will be delighted to assist. We act as a liaison with our Director General, ensuring that the unique needs of each embassy are met to enhance their experience with the Egmont Diplomatic Club.