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The enlargement of the European Union to 25 member states in 2004 brought new challenges for those who work with EU institutions. The cultural diversity in any EU meeting is likely to be greater than ever before. Although exciting, culturally rooted differences can also render cross-cultural cooperation time-consuming and frustrating, ranging from a lack of common language to different concepts of managing, negotiating, and time-keeping—to mention only a few of the challenges encountered in an EU workplace setting.

This course explores the challenges as well as the opportunities of the cultural diversity that exists within the corridors of EU institutions; how cultural differences are manifest in everyday workplace situations and how these can be best harnessed to make cross-cultural working situations a positive and rewarding experience.

Benefits

- Increased awareness of culture and cultural differences
- In-depth understanding of different approaches to workplace organization
- An exploration of different working, management and communication styles
- An appreciation for the advantages of cultural diversity in the cross-cultural workplace
- The cultural competence to allow you to reduce cross-cultural misunderstandings
- Practical tips to encourage positive and successful cross-cultural working relationships

Who should attend?

This course will be of benefit if you:

Work with EU departments and counterparts on a regular basis
Are involved in EU activities
Lead EU-funded cross-border projects
Are involved in EU meetings, conferences and similar events

Course content:

- Cultural definitions and dimensions
- Background to Europe's cultural diversity
- Attitudes and values across Europe
- Cross-cultural workplace dynamics
- Communicating with European colleagues
- Tips for social and workplace etiquette
- Practical strategies for working with European colleagues

