2007 Baku Summer School
EU Law and Policy

Crescent Beach Resort Hotel
Baku, Azerbaijan
July 23-28, 2007

Program Description

In the summer of 2007, ADA partnered with the European University Institute to host a week-long EU Law and Policy summer program. Topics studied included the legal aspect of EU politics and EU relations with the region.

ADA hosted the seminar on a beach resort outside Baku, where students and faculty lived and took classes together. They also had an opportunity to take field trips to local historic and geographic sites.

International Body of Participants and Scholars

The program attracted 20 students from Azerbaijan, five from Georgia and five from Turkey. About a dozen professors and doctoral-level researchers from the EUI in Florence, Italy came to Baku for the summer to teach.

Extra-Curricular Activities

The event was held at the breathtaking Crescent Beach Resort Hotel, a four-star beach resort outside Baku. While learning at the Crescent Resort, participants also enjoyed remarkable recreation opportunities, including swimming in the legendary Caspian Sea. Downtown Baku was easily accessible from Crescent Beach for night life, shopping, dining and sightseeing.

During the week, the summer school organized a trip to Gobustan, an open-air museum full of Neolithic rock drawings just 65 km south of Baku. The participants also had a chance to visit Mud Volcanoes near Gobustan, where 300 of the planet's estimated 700 mud volcanoes sit.
Testimonials

Nino Tsereteli, Georgia: “Interesting lectures, as well as exciting discussions and role plays, providing participants with the insight into a wide range of issues of EU law and policy and bringing into light the questions relevant for the countries in the region have made the ADA Summer School a special training event and a very useful intellectual experience. Another and nonetheless valuable part of the program for me was the possibility to meet interesting people and acquire new friends, as well as to see the sights of cultural and historical importance and get to know more about Azerbaijan.”

Lachin Idil, Turkey: “I think Baku Summer School was a very good organization realized with the Azerbaijan Diplomatic Academy and European University Institute. The program covered both political and economic aspects of the European Union, which was a very good opportunity for students of European Union and International Relations. Additionally, the hospitality of the Azerbaijani people left very nice impressions about the country and the people.”

Gulnar Vakilova, Azerbaijan: “This summer school helped us build a good network with peers from Turkey and Georgia. The cooperation between ADA and EUI is very remarkable; especially it is very good that a student from Azerbaijan who studies at EUI helped build this cooperation. Guest speakers and field trips added significance to the knowledge we gained from the highly experienced instructors.”