

GOVERNANCE & COMPLIANCE | COURSE BROCHURE

Public Sector Governance and Accountability

5 days | Classroom training | English

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Why attend

Public bodies must use public money and power responsibly and transparently. This course covers public sector governance: legal and constitutional frameworks, roles of ministers, boards and accounting officers, financial accountability, performance reporting, transparency and freedom of information, audit and oversight, and ethics in public office.

Public trust depends on visible accountability. You will learn governance practices that strengthen public institutions.

Professional Problems This Course Is Designed to Solve

- Difficulty translating subject knowledge into practical workplace decisions.
- Inconsistent approaches to the activities covered in the course outline.
- Lack of a structured plan for applying and reviewing new skills.

Course methodology

Public sector case studies, accountability mapping exercises, oversight simulations and peer discussion.

Course objectives

By the end of this course, participants will be able to:
- Explain governance frameworks for public bodies
- Clarify roles of ministers, boards and senior officials
- Strengthen financial accountability
- Report public performance transparently
- Work effectively with audit and oversight bodies
- Uphold ethics in public office

Target audience

This course is suitable for:
- Senior public officials
- Board members of public bodies
- Governance and planning officers
- Internal auditors in government
- Policy advisers



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Target competencies

Participants will develop competencies in:

- Accountability design
- Financial oversight
- Performance reporting
- Transparency
- Public ethics

Course outline

Day 1: Public Governance

09:00–10:08	Principles
10:08–11:00	Legal frameworks
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Legal frameworks (continued)
11:45–12:53	Public value
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 2: Roles

09:00–10:08	Ministers and boards
10:08–11:00	Accounting officers
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Accounting officers (continued)
11:45–12:53	Delegations
12:53–14:00	Workshop

Day 3: Financial Accountability

09:00–10:08	Budgets and controls
10:08–11:00	Value for money
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**



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11:30–11:45	Value for money (continued)
11:45–12:53	Audit
12:53–14:00	Case study

Day 4: Transparency

09:00–10:08	Performance reporting
10:08–11:00	Freedom of information
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Freedom of information (continued)
11:45–12:53	Citizen engagement
12:53–14:00	Exercise

Day 5: Ethics and Oversight

09:00–10:08	Codes of conduct
10:08–11:00	Oversight bodies
11:00–11:30	**Coffee break**
11:30–11:45	Oversight bodies (continued)
11:45–12:53	Improvement
12:53–14:00	Action plan

The timings provided are estimates and may vary depending on the number of participants and the discussions taking place during the sessions. They are indicative only and do not constitute a binding commitment.



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Dates, venues and fees

Current published course plans. Fees are per participant in EUR, excluding unconfirmed taxes.

Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Istanbul Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	9 Nov 2026	13 Nov 2026	**€1,250.-**
London Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	30 Nov 2026	4 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Paris Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€2,860.-**
Online Confirmed dates	14 Dec 2026	18 Dec 2026	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Jan 2027	22 Jan 2027	**€1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€2,940.-**



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Venue	Start date	End date	Fee (EUR)
Online Confirmed dates	8 Feb 2027	12 Feb 2027	**€1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**€2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	1 Mar 2027	5 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	22 Mar 2027	26 Mar 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	5 Apr 2027	9 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**
Rome Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	26 Apr 2027	30 Apr 2027	**€1,250.-**



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London Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€2,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	17 May 2027	21 May 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	7 Jun 2027	11 Jun 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	7 Jun 2027	11 Jun 2027	**€1,250.-**
Frankfurt Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**€2,650.-**
Online Confirmed dates	28 Jun 2027	2 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Vienna Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€2,940.-**
Online Confirmed dates	12 Jul 2027	16 Jul 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**€3,150.-**



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Online Confirmed dates	2 Aug 2027	6 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Cape Town Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€1,890.-**
Online Confirmed dates	23 Aug 2027	27 Aug 2027	**€1,250.-**
Dubai Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	13 Sept 2027	17 Sept 2027	**€1,250.-**
Barcelona Confirmed dates	4 Oct 2027	8 Oct 2027	**€2,840.-**
Online Confirmed dates	4 Oct 2027	8 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**
Amsterdam Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**€2,540.-**
Online Confirmed dates	18 Oct 2027	22 Oct 2027	**€1,250.-**



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Dubai Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€3,150.-**
Online Confirmed dates	8 Nov 2027	12 Nov 2027	**€1,250.-**
Kuala Lumpur Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**€1,450.-**
Online Confirmed dates	29 Nov 2027	3 Dec 2027	**€1,250.-**

Plan your next step

Dates, availability, exact venue, taxes, inclusions and payment terms require written confirmation. This brochure is not a quotation, registration, booking confirmation or visa invitation. Participants receive a Smart Horizon certificate of attendance; programmes are not externally accredited and do not award a professional qualification or designation. Confirm arrangements before booking travel.

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