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I work with a financial institution in Europe, North America or another developed country. Am I eligible for the course?

Yes. Although the courses were developed with an emerging market & developing country focus, we frequently accept FI representatives from developing countries who have found the experience useful. You will find the course particularly enriching if your activities involve doing business with emerging market & developing countries.

I do not work in a financial institution. Am I still eligible for the course?

Possibly. The ESRA E-Learning Programme was developed specifically for FI representatives, specially analysts in the lending business, in order to train them on the incorporation of environmental and social considerations in their risk analyses. However, we do accept a limited number of representatives from civil society, academia and government agencies provided their work is clearly related to the sustainable finance agenda.

What is the difference between the different courses? Which one should I apply for?

The structure and dynamics of all the courses are the same. The Tutors, and eventually some of the case studies that make up the course materials, are different for each region; we wish to ensure that all participants are provided with region-specific know-how. And of course having a Tutor from your region means they will be operating in the same time zone as you and makes for more frequent and fruitful exchanges.

What are the technical requirements to participate in an ESRA course?

All you need is daily access to a computer with a broad-band internet connection, whether in the office or at home.

What language skills do I need to participate in an ESRA course?

You have to be fluent in one of the languages in which we offer our courses. The course involves both readings, which you will have to be able to understand fully, and active assignments such as written exercises and interactive forum sessions. You will also be asked to produce a 5 page open-answer essay assignment, at the end of the course.

How can I apply for the course?

Please apply online on our web-page.

When will I know if my application has been successful and what happens next?

After you fill in the online application form, you will receive a confirmation of receipt. We will then get in touch with you by email at least one week before the

beginning of the course to confirm your place. If you have been accepted you will then receive information on how to access the course and get started.

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What are the Tutors' backgrounds?

A Senior Tutor from the INCAE Business School oversees the work of our team of Regional Core Tutors. All our tutors have many years of experience in environmental risk management in financial institutions in their respective regions; they are also experienced trainers.

How will I access the course?

The courses are hosted by InWent's online training platform; you will be provided with personal access codes shortly before the beginning of your course.

How much time do I need to set aside to complete the course?

As a general rule, you need 2 hours/day to complete daily assignments and complete the course successfully. However, this may vary according to the assignment of the day.

Do I have to complete assignments at specific times?

No. Assignments are posted on the course platform every day and should be fulfilled by the next day, at a time of your own convenience. Tutors will be available on a daily basis at set times to interact with participants "live", alternatively Tutors can be reached by email at any time.

Will my work be evaluated?

Yes. All assignments will be marked out of 5 with 3.5 being the pass mark. An overall (average) mark of 3.5 minimum is required to pass the course.

Are successful participants rewarded a certificate?

Yes. All students having reached an overall mark equal to or higher than 3.5/5 will receive a certificate at the end of the course.