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I work for a financial institution in a 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 developed 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.

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

All you need is daily access to a computer with a broadband 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.

2. ABOUT THE COURSES

What are the Tutors' backgrounds?

All our tutors have many years of experience in environmental risk management in financial institutions; they are also experienced trainers.

How will I access the course?

The courses are hosted by GIZ'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 from Monday to Friday 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 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 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.