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Doha - Qatar

21-28 November, 2021

Middle-Eastern Studies



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About the **wip** - Study Mission

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Our **WiP - Study missions** are part of an **innovative training format** devised to offer university students the opportunity to come face-to-face with today's most pressing **challenges in international relations**.

They are based on a **hands-on approach to learning**, in which students become the protagonists in the dialogue with **key interlocutors** in institutions, diplomacy, global business and civil society.

Participation in a **WiP - Study Mission** project means:



Why Qatar?

The Gulf state of Qatar has reached a significant global profile in recent years. Once one of the poorest Gulf States, Qatar is now **one of the richest countries in the region and the world's largest exporter of liquefied natural gas (LNG)**.

The **Qatar diplomatic crisis**, which began in June 2017, when Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt boycotted trade with Qatar by imposing a “land, sea, and air blockade”, has significantly affected the movement of goods within the Middle East. In addition, several other countries withdrew their diplomatic relations.

The **embargo**, dismantled in 2021, came after Qatar did not comply with the other nations' ultimatum, among which cutting all ties with Iran, with whom Qatar shared the world's largest LNG field, and stop all trade unauthorised by U.S. sanctions.

In January 2019, as a strategic response to the embargo, **Qatar left the OPEC**, reinforcing the country's autonomy from its Persian Gulf neighbors, in particular from Saudi Arabia.

In 2020, COVID-19 pandemic, the fall of the oil price and the economic difficulties encountered by its international partners, have exposed Qatar to the need to **consolidate and diversify its economic model to ensure lasting sustainability**.

The ease of the Gulf crisis paves the way to Qatari affirmation in the region.



Target of the **wip** - study mission

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The goal of the Study Mission is to allow participants to open their minds and leave the pre-existing narrative behind. In particular, this project will help students to understand the importance of **diplomatic relations** between countries and how they are directly linked to **their economic ties**.

Participants will elaborate analysis on controversial topics: **economic crisis and sanctions, terrorism, financial crisis**.

The stay in Qatar will also be a unique opportunity to interact with Qatar's ruling class.

By the end of the program, participants will have gained a deeper understanding of the motivations and consequences of the embargo imposed on Qatar, as well as the developments resulting from its dismantle.

We will try to understand how Qatar's political tie with Iran has determined the **blockade** imposed by Saudi Arabia, Bahrain and Egypt in 2017 as well as the rationale behind the **decision to leave OPEC**.

Participants will also have the opportunity to discover the importance and the full impact of Qatar's **cultural and sports diplomacy**, discovering why a small country such as Qatar can be so valuable both in the Gulf region and at the international level.



Our partners



Embassy of Italy – Doha

The current Ambassador is Alessandro Prunas.



Associazione Diplomatici, an NGO with special consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council, which has trained more than 30,000 students coming from more than 100 countries, since 2000



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperations – MAECI

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e della Cooperazione Internazionale



The Ministry of Foreign Affairs – MOFA



At a Glance

QATAR, DOHA

November 21-28, 2021

- Duration:** 7 days
- Course elements:** pre-departure webinars + study mission + simulation
- Participants:** max n° 35
- Language:** English
- Fee:** **1550 €** (Scholarships available)
- Accomodation:** tbd



Program

The structure of the Study Program is divided into three parts:

- A webinar course held by experts, specialized in Qatar and Middle East history, organized in 4 lessons, with special focus on the recent history of Qatar (the isolation of the State, the embargo, its relations with Saudi Arabia and Iran, the withdrawal from OPEC, the economic impact of Covid-19 on Qatar).
- In Doha, 7 days of meetings with Qatari public/private-sector representatives, diplomats, experts, professors, opinion makers.
- Simulation of Diplomatic negotiations on “Towards a reconciliation”. Participants will represent the states of Qatar, Saudi Arabia, UAE, Egypt, Turkey, Iran, Italy, EU, USA and Russia.
- Site-visits to historically important Qatari locations, both from a religious-cultural standpoint, and from a social-political point of view.



Itinerary plan

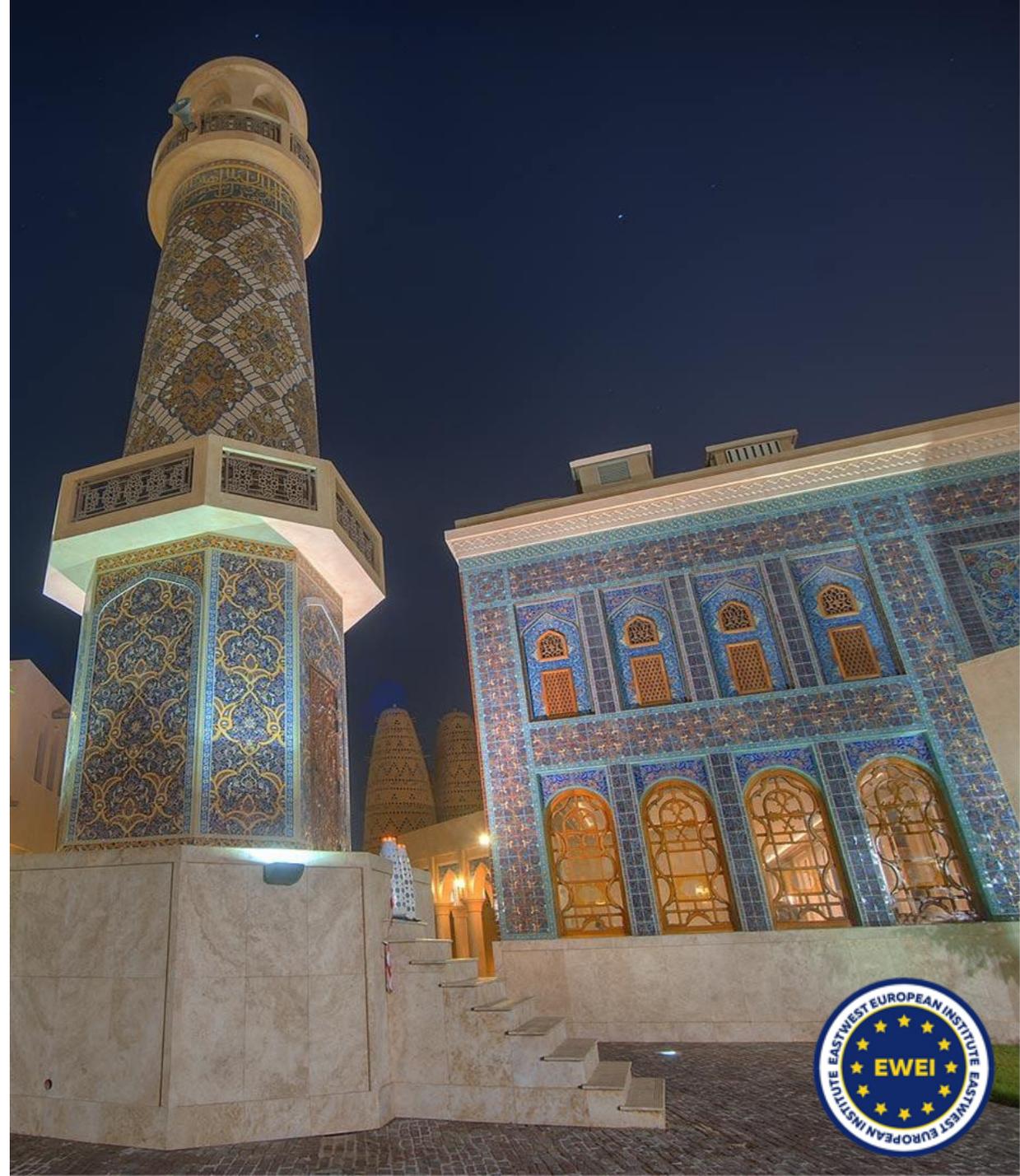
Sunday 21 November, 2021

Arrival in Doha

15.00 - hotel check-in

19.00 - Welcome meeting with the EWEI tutor and Giuseppe Scognamiglio, EWEI Chairman.

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Itinerary plan

Monday 22 November, 2021

Morning:

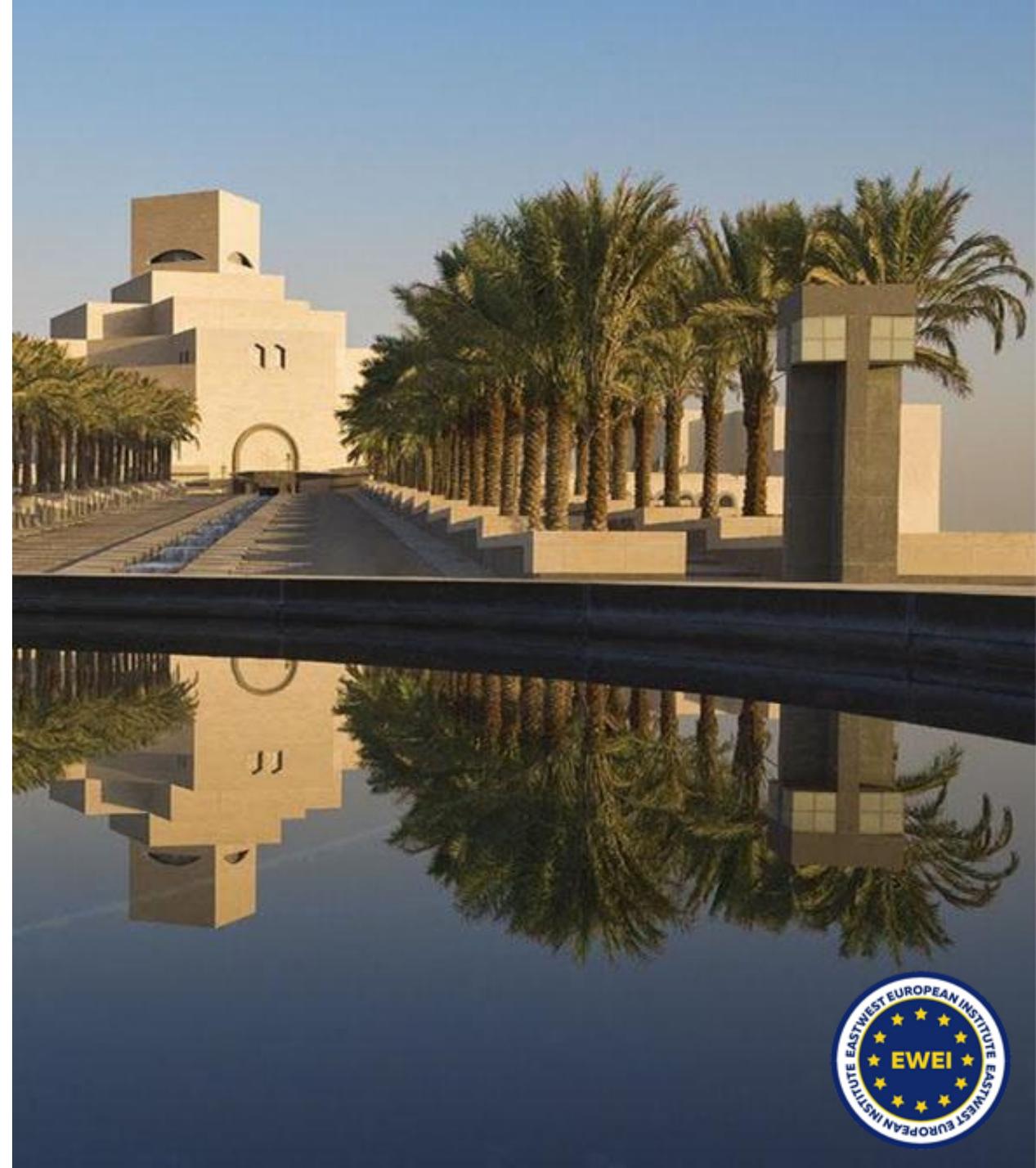
11.00 - 13.00 Qatar 2022 World Cup: meeting and visit to the Legacy Pavilion

Location: Al-Bidda Tower, 14th floor.

Afternoon:

14.00 - National Museum guided tour

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Itinerary plan

Tuesday 23 November, 2021

Morning

9.00 – 10.30 Meeting with H.E. Ambassador Alessandro Prunas

10.30-11.30 Meeting with Mr Palma Libotte, Director of the Italian Chamber of Commerce in Doha

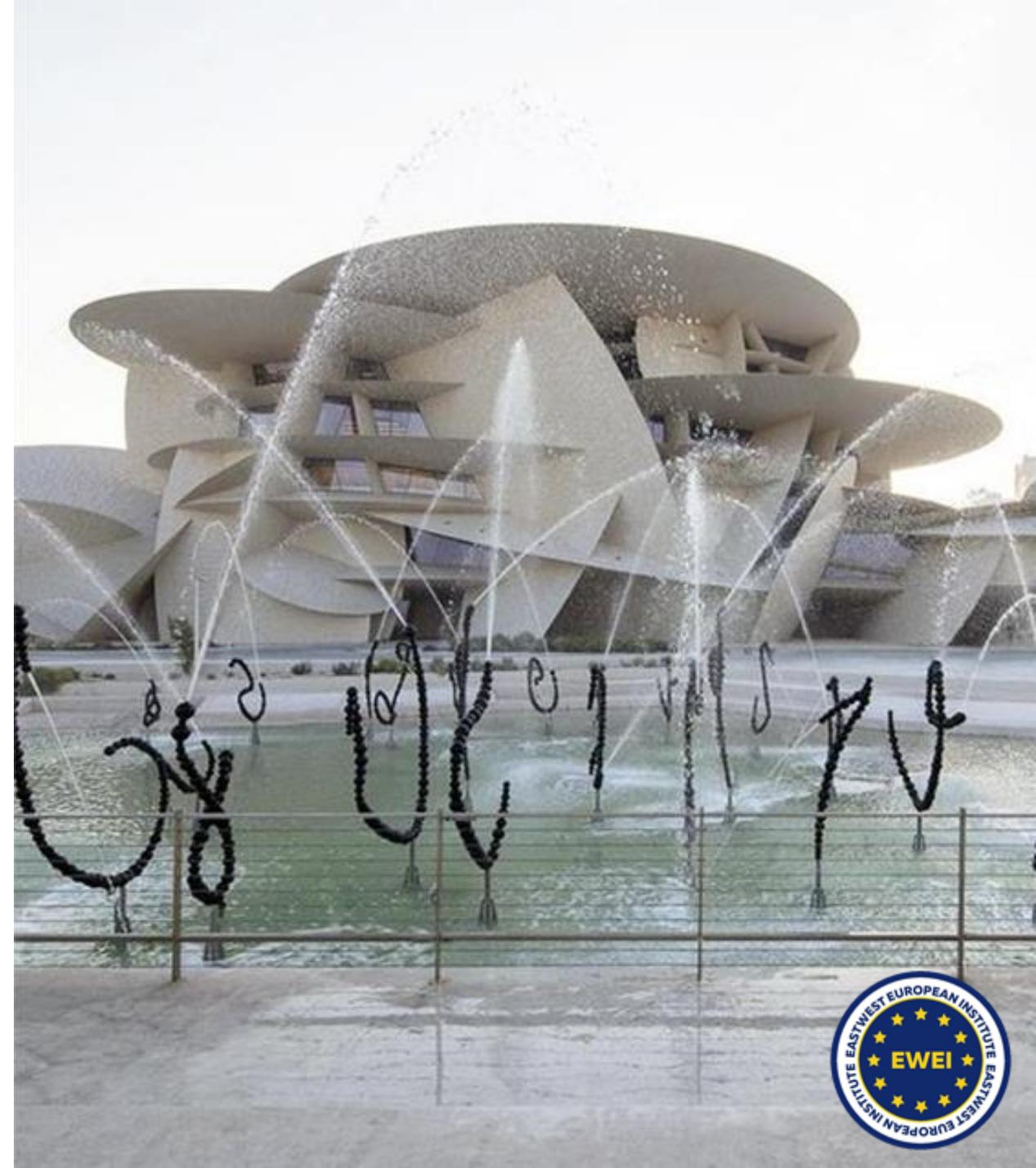
Location: Italian Embassy in Doha

Afternoon:

14.00 - 16.00 Meeting with Dr. Noha Aboueldahab and Dr. Yasmina Abouzzohour

Location: Brookings Institute

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Itinerary plan

Wednesday 24 November, 2021

Morning:

9.00 – 10.00 Meeting with Mr. Yousef Bin Rashid Al Khater, Head of Qatari - Europe Relations and other representatives of the Shura Council, the Consultative Assembly of Qatar

Location: Shura, C-Ring Road.

10.00 - 11.30 Meeting with Ambassador H.E. Dr. Abdulaziz Mohammed Al-Horr, Director of the Diplomatic Institute of the Ministry for Foreign Affairs

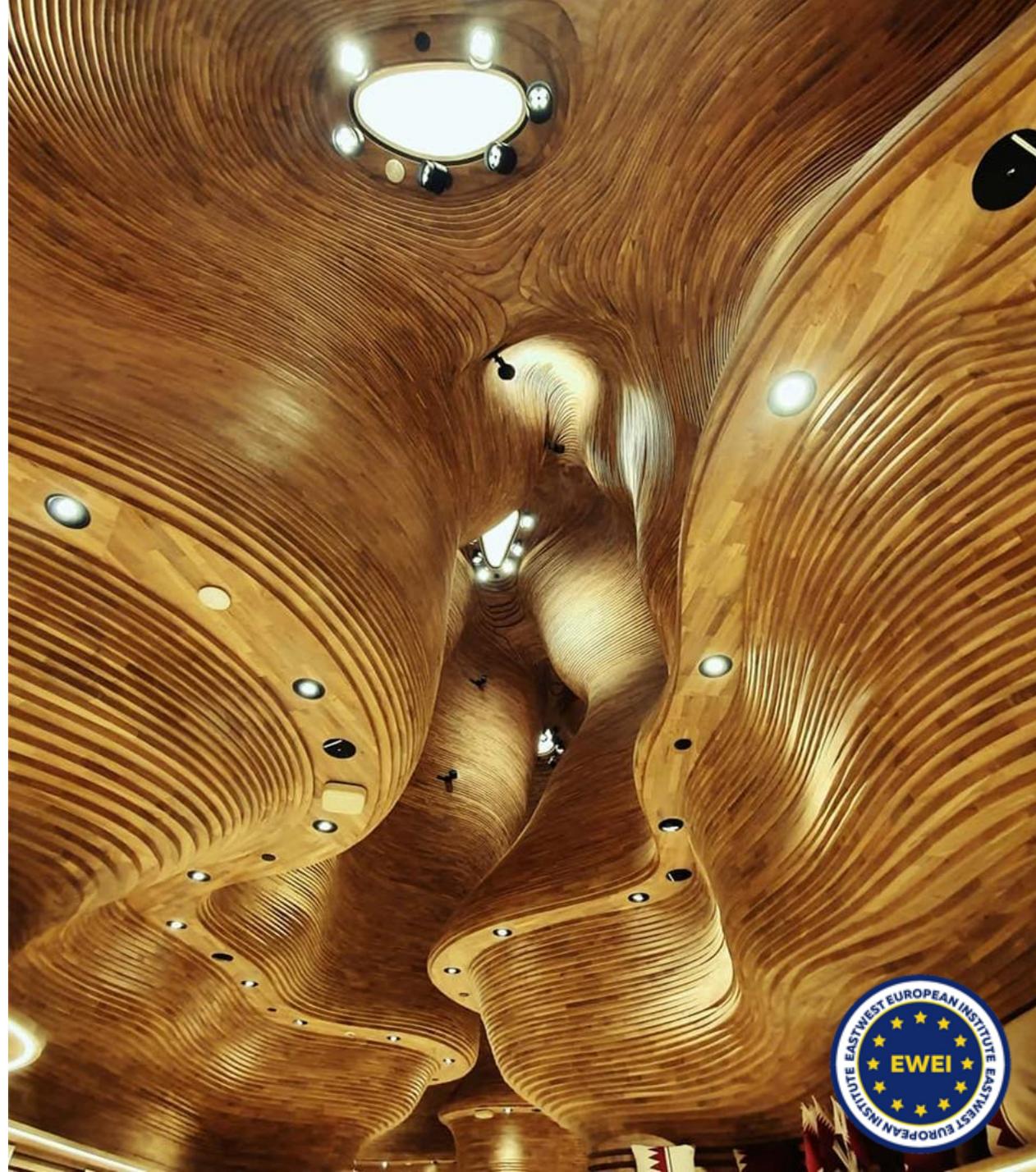
Location: Diplomatic Institute, Qatari Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

Afternoon:

14.30 - 15.45 Guided visit of Al Jazeera television studios and meeting with journalists

Location: Al Jazeera Media Corporation

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Itinerary plan

Thursday 25 November, 2021

Morning:

Preparation of the simulation

Afternoon:

12.00 – 13.30 Meeting with Al Sulawiti Law Firm, the most high-profile international law firm in Qatar

14.00 - 16.00 Simulation of diplomatic negotiations
Location: Italian Embassy

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Itinerary plan

Friday 26 November, 2021

Morning:

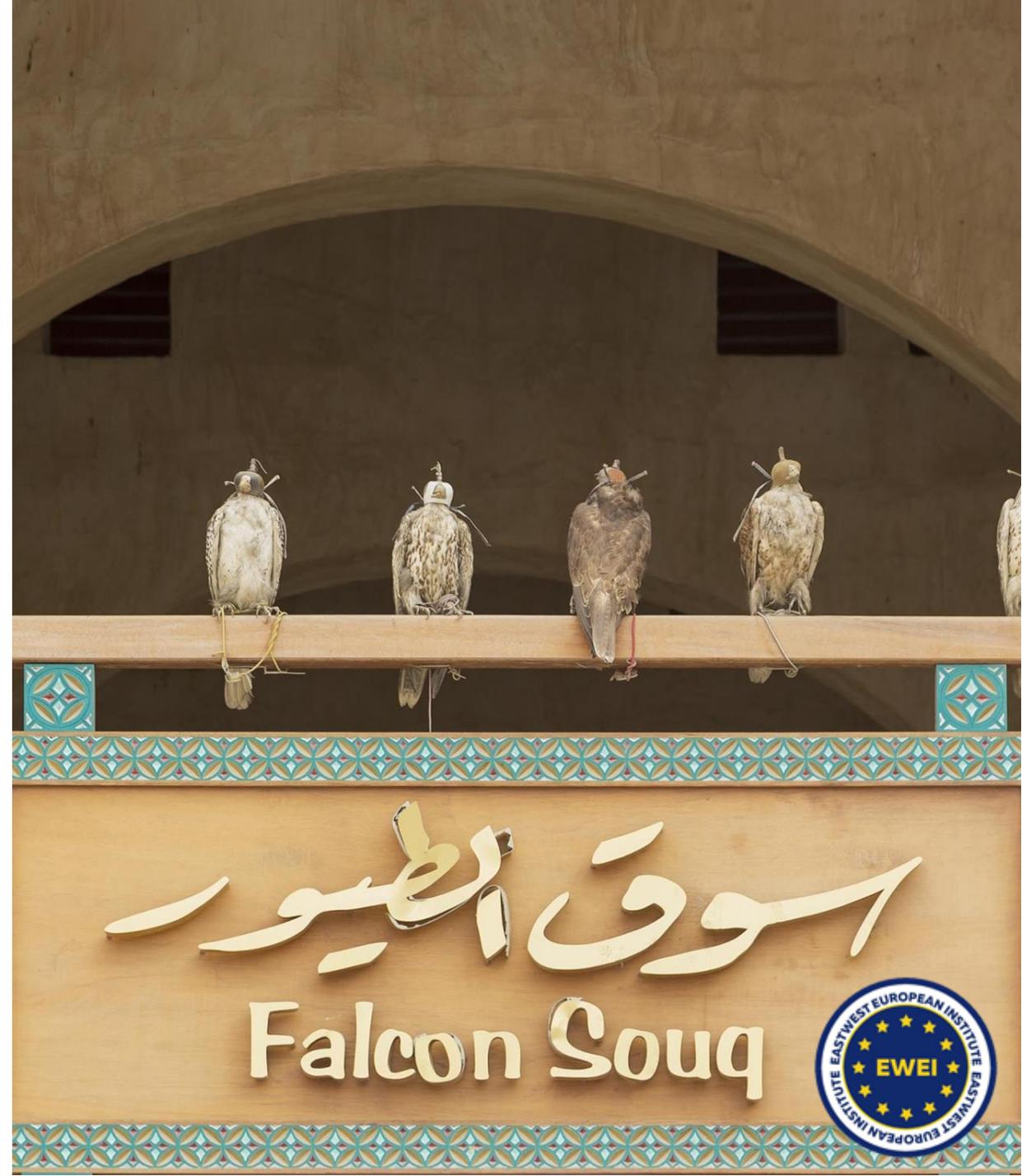
9.00 – 12.00 Visit of Qatar Foundation, Qatar Science and Technology Park (QSTP) and National Library
Location: Qatar Foundation

Afternoon:

14.30 - 16.00 Meeting with Arch. Marco Causi, Italiana Costruzioni – visit of the Red Metro Line, one of the main component of the urban transformation of Doha which was taken care of by the main Italian construction company.

16.00 - 17.00 International Labour Organization (ILO), Meeting with Director Mr. Houtan Homayounpour and Maria Laura Fino, Technical Officer, Labour Protection and Wage

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Itinerary plan

Saturday 27 November, 2021

Free day

Suggested visits to:

Katara Cultural Village

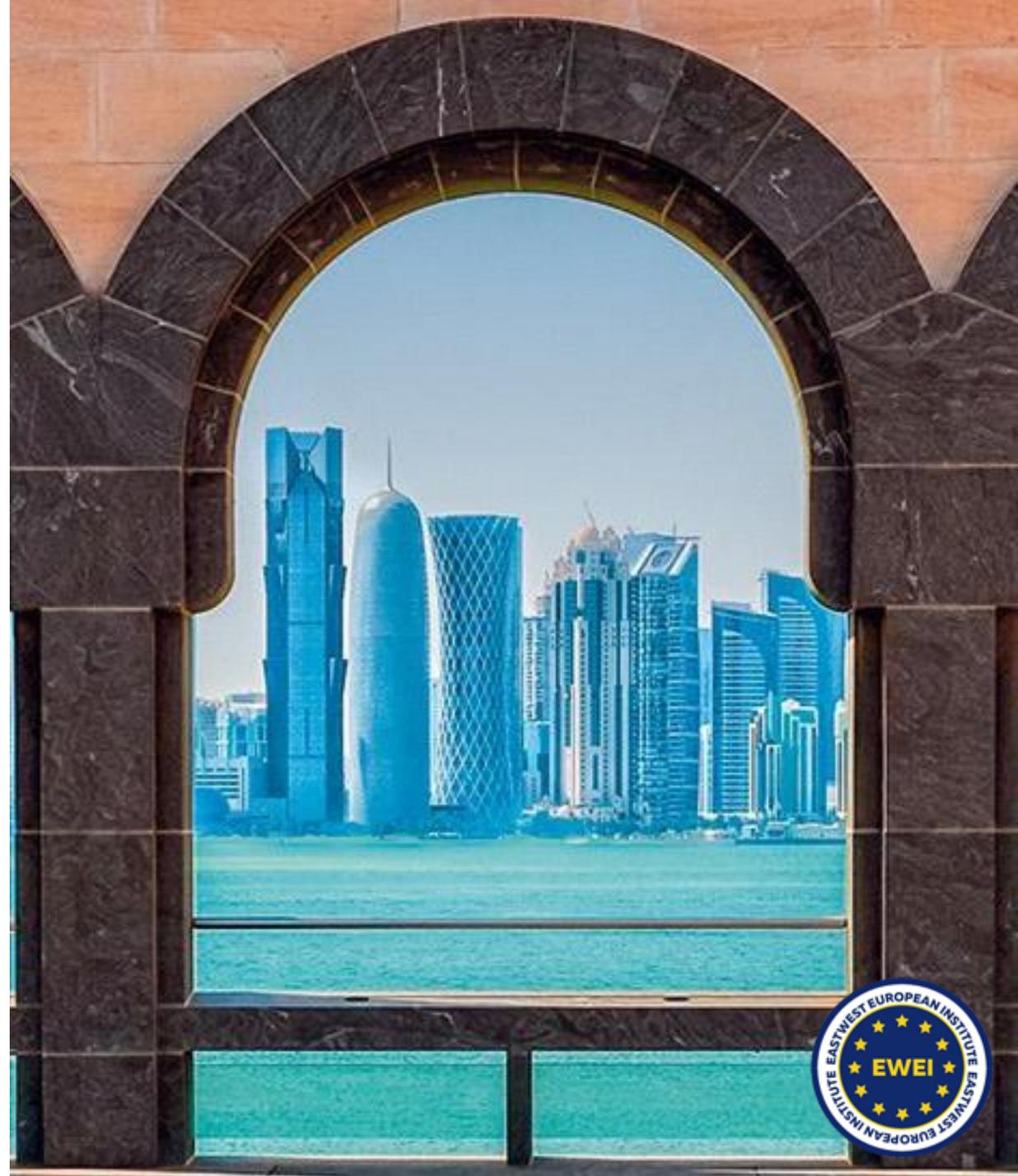
Dunes of Khor al Adaid

Sheik Faisal Bin Qassim Al Thani Museum

Dukhan

The Pearl Monument

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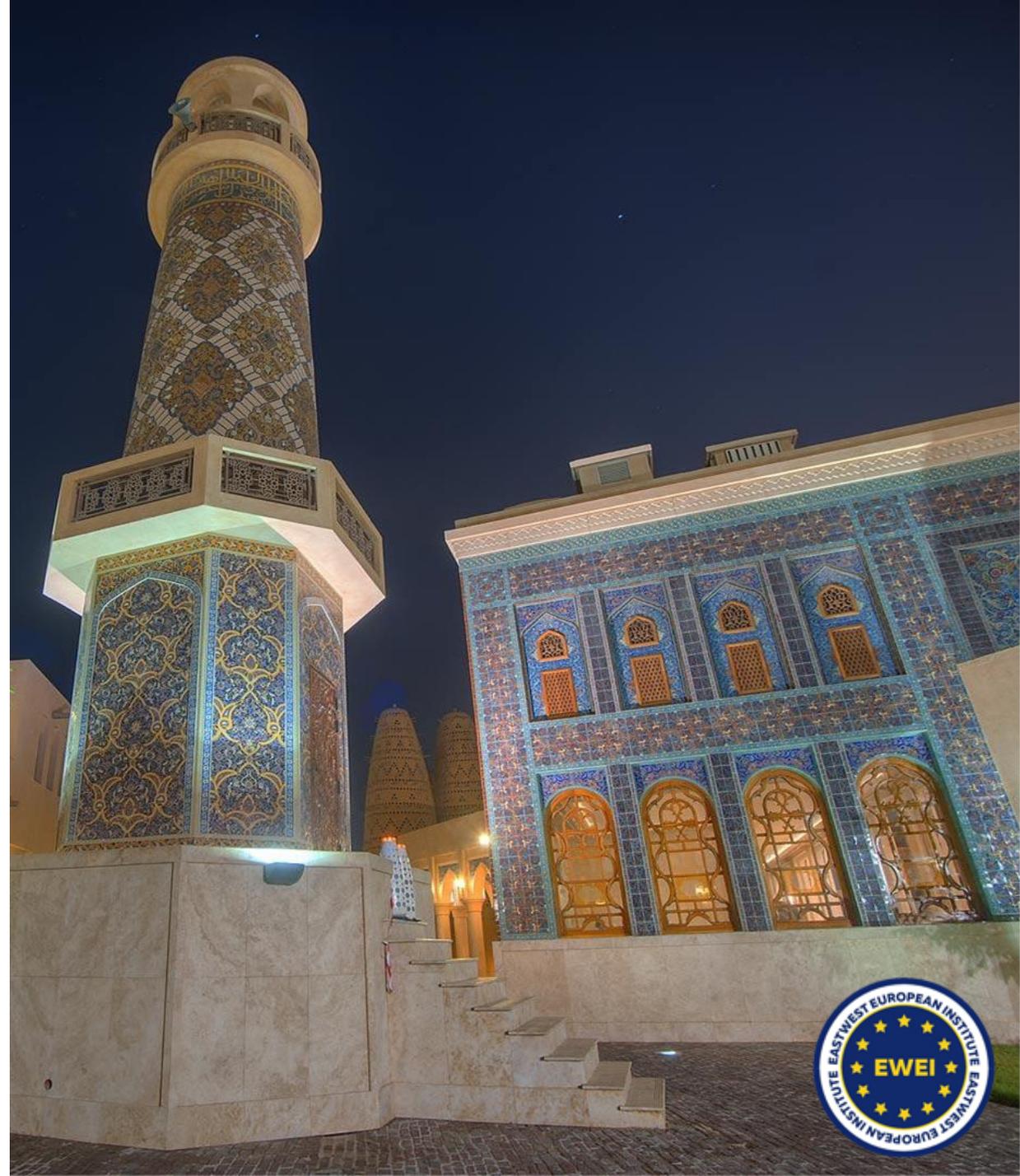


Itinerary plan

Sunday 28 November, 2021

Return trip

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Useful Information

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Documents:

Italian citizens will need a valid **Passport** with **residual validity of at least six months** upon arrival in the country

2

Currency Exchange:

Qatar Rial: **1€ = 4,07 QR**

3

What is included in the participation fee?

- Preparatory course
- Hotel stay
- Breakfast
- All meetings and activities listed in the itinerary
- Certification of participation

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What is not included in the participation fee?

- Round-trip airfare to/from Doha
- Cost and support to obtain Visa
- Lunches and dinners
- City tours & Museum fees
- Airport-hotel transfers and short city transfer



Scholarship Credits

The goal of **eastwest European Institute** is to involve students, selected on merit, providing them with specialized training, finalized to a career in diplomacy, international affairs, advocacy and international business.



EWEI scholarships cover partially the participation fee.

Credits will be awarded on the basis of the following criteria:

- ✓ Previous participation to an EWEI or Associazione Diplomatici course;
- ✓ Interview on general knowledge of International relations;
- ✓ English language at C1 level;
- ✓ Single – income family.

Any documents to prove the indicated criteria may be randomly asked, but we will mainly count on the responsible statements of the candidates.



Internship opportunities

The eastwest European Institute sponsors the application for an internship in one of the following partner Companies and Associations for the 5 best participants to each WiP - Study Mission

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Publication opportunity

A group of 2 to 5 participants can apply to write a common article on the geopolitics of Qatar for publication in the *eastwest* magazine. An editorial coordinator should be appointed within the team.





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