

EU LEGAL SYSTEM AND INSTITUTIONS

Lecturer

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Prerequisites

No prerequisites.

Content (Syllabus outline)

- Basic terms (EU, EC, Council of Europe, EU law, EC law, Law of the Council of Europe).
- Goals and types of economic integrations. • History and development of European Communities and European Union (the establishment of ECSC, EEC, Euratom, Single European Act, EU Treaty, Amsterdam Treaty, Treaty of Nice, Constitutional Treaty, enlargements).
- Sources of EU law (notion and types of sources, definition, importance and legal character of a regulation, directive, decision, recommendation and opinion, retrieval in EU legal databases, Acquis communautaire as a source of law, mandatory contents of legal documents).
- The relationship between EC law and the law of the Member States (supranationality, autonomy, precedence and direct applicability of EU law, the division of jurisdiction between the EC and the Member States).
- Basic principles of European Union law (fundamental rights, subsidiarity, proportionality legitimate expectations, transparency, non-discrimination etc.).
- Institutions and bodies of the EC/EU (Council, Commission, Parliament, ECJ, other institutions bodies and agencies).
- Decision-making and legislative procedure.
- Legal review before ECJ, CFI, CST (general about the courts, breach of Community law, review of legality, non-activity, damages and money claims, preliminary rulings).
- Competition within the Internal market.
- Common external and security policy.
- Police and Judicial Cooperation in Criminal Matters.

Textbooks

(recommended books, selected chapters)

-Lenaerts & Van Nuffel (ed. Bray & Cambien),

European Union Law, third edition, Sweet & Maxwell / Thomson Reuters, 2011

-Craig & De Búrca

EU Law – Text, Cases, and Materials, fourth edition, Oxford University Press, 2009

-Chalmers, Hadjiemmanuil, Monti & Tomkins

European Union Law – Text and Materials, Cambridge University Press, 2009

-Jans, Prechal, Lange & Widdershoven

Europeanisation of Public Law, Europa Law Publishing, 2007

-Schwarze

European Administrative Law, Sweet & Maxwell, 2006

-Craig & De Búrca

The Evolution of EU Law, Oxford University Press, 1999