

Second year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Constitutional Framework of the EU, European Citizenship and EU Fundamental Rights

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Character:	Compulsory/Advanced course , deepening your understanding of EU Law
Teaching methods:	Lecture and course material online, methodological session introducing the participants into the particularities of ECJ judgments and EU legal texts (“guided reading”), seminar and discussion of special topics at the presence workshops, guided forum, simulation of the proceedings before the European Court of Justice (including the oral hearing and the issuing of a judgment), webinars, webcasts, videos
Assessment methods:	Final exam at the end of the term (January), evaluation of your active participation in workshops and forum discussion (continuous)
Skills and competences:	Legal understanding, reasoning and arguing, practising the procedure at the ECJ, in-depth analysis of certain core issues of EU law,

Learning outcomes, methods and course content:

The first term of the second year Master course focuses at the deepening of the understanding of the EU and its constitutional setting and law from the citizens’ perspective. Since the Treaty of Maastricht, the concept of EU citizenship has not only evolved to a central basis of the Union, but also encompasses meaningful political, economic and social rights as recognised by the ECJ.

Master participants will carry out in-depth analyses of five topics, based upon the introduction completed in the first year. These subjects range from constitutional/structural questions, such as the citizens constitutional and political status in the EU, citizens’ rights and obligations in the relationship between national and European (constitutional) law, the individuals’ fundamental rights and her freedoms in the internal market, including social rights of migrant workers and other EU-citizens making use of their right of free movement. Relevant case-law of the ECJ will be discussed more in depth. The discussion will also include the questions of the social dimension of the internal market, as well as of democracy and solidarity in the financial crisis.

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