

First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Institutional architecture of the EU

Theme/Topic:	The institutional architecture of the EU – evolution and reforms
Expert:	Prof. Wolfgang Wessels , Universität zu Köln, Jean Monnet Chair
Character:	Compulsory
ECTS Credits:	3 ECTS credits
Teaching methods:	lecture, seminar and discussion at the presence workshop
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshop and forum discussion
Skills and competences	Handling of EU primary documents; read and interpret EU primary sources, learn to filter and interpret these information properly.

Objective and course content:

The course focuses on the explanation of the institutional architecture of the EU. It provides comprehensive information on all major EU institutions and offers starting points for further research. In its first part, the course focuses on enlargements rounds, methods of treaty revisions and the constitutional development of the European Union in the past decades. In the second and major part, the evolution of the EU institutional architecture is analysed. The course text analyses the institutions from a legal and a living perspective. The last chapter is dedicated to the different scenarios of deepening and widening.

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