

Second year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

Cohesion and differentiation - internal cohesion of the EU

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Character:	Compulsory / Specialisation Course
Teaching methods:	Lecture and course material online, seminar and discussion at workshops, guided forum For those who write their Master thesis in this module: methodological class during the workshops, interdisciplinary presentation and discussions during workshops
Assessment methods:	final exam at the end of the term, assignments, active participation in workshops and forum discussions, methodology seminar, Master thesis
Skills and competences:	policy-oriented assessment of the interdependence between and mutual impact of global economic trends and developments of the EU, interdisciplinary approach, methods of academic research and writing, developing practical economic policy approaches, writing policy briefs, open discussion of key issues (to be identified according to specific current issues)

Learning outcomes, methods and course content:

Contents:

- (a) the upgrading of economic security (mainly energy, migration and environment)
- (b) internal factors of cohesion and differentiation (economic divergences, different impact of external factors on member countries, emerging nationalism and anti-EU movements, the necessity of two-way solidarity)
- (c) consequences and management of a multi-speed EU: towards disintegration or a qualitative leap forward towards deepening the integration?

The interdisciplinary character of all subjects is continuously highlighted. As a result, an excellent basis is created for discussion with the major topics of the tracks with a political and legal component.

Participants are made acquainted with critical external and internal challenges of the European integration. On the one hand, external economic security challenges will be addressed and discussed. On the other hand, internal threats of cohesion (different member country priorities, undermining of key European values, nationalistic trends) will be dealt with in the context of how or whether to manage the critical mass of cohesion in a multi-speed European Union.

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