First year of the Executive Master in EU Studies

The Enlargement of the EU

Theme/Topic: Enlargement of the EU - Experiences, processes and impact
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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: Working with and evaluating of short-, medium- and longer-term development trends based on official documents, statistics, policy papers, exploring and discussing macroeconomic dimensions, and developing analytical skills by comparing original goals and instruments (expectations) with real performance (implementation).

Objective and course content:
The course includes four main topics:
(a) process of and experience with Eastern enlargement of the EU (2004 and 2007),
(b) lessons for candidate countries and countries of the Eastern Partnership,
(c) the current state of further enlargement (Western Balkan countries and Turkey), including ongoing accession negotiations
(d) impact of enlargement on the European Union

In this framework, a pragmatic and policy-oriented approach will highlight how to negotiate the individual chapters, with special reference to the most difficult ones. In addition, the constant and changing interest of the enlarged EU in widening (and deepening) will be addressed.

Bibliographical advice