COURSE UNIT (MODULE) DESCRIPTION

Course unit (module) title	Code
EU ENERGY LAW	

Lecturer(s)	Department(s)
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Study cycle	Type of the course unit (module)
Second	Optional

Mode of delivery	Course unit delivery period	Language(s) of instruction
Face-to-face	8 (spring) semester	English

Requirements for students	
Pre-requisites: none	**Co-requisites (if any):** none

Number of credits allocated	Total student's workload	Contact hours	Self-study hours
5	133	32	101

Purpose of the course unit (module): programme competences to be developed		
The course aims at providing profound knowledge on the rules and regulations governing the energy sector in the European Union, including the development of abilities to systemically analyse legal norms, to apply them in practical situations, as well as to specify main problematic issues of the sector and examine the relevant case-law. Communication skills are developed.		
Learning outcomes of the course unit (module)	**Teaching and learning methods**	**Assessment methods**
Students will be able to explain the organization of the energy sector, and the rules governing it at EU level.	Lectures and seminars (interactive teaching method including group discussions, case analysis, comparative assessment and systemic analysis of legal norms), individual work (search of information, analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature).	Assessment of paper, written final examination (open questions).
Students will be able to independently identify and systemically analyse key problems in the energy sector on the basis of scholarly debate and EU case-law.	Lectures and seminars (interactive teaching method including group discussions, case analysis, comparative assessment and systemic analysis of legal norms), individual work (search of information, analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature).	Assessment of paper, written final examination (open questions).
Students will be to thoroughly explain and systemically interpret the legal sources of the energy sector, as well as to apply relevant rules and regulations in support of their legal decisions.	Lectures and seminars (interactive teaching method including group discussions, case analysis, comparative assessment and systemic analysis of legal norms, paper in written), individual work (search of information, analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature).	Assessment of paper, written final examination (open questions).
Students will be able to argue their position in written or orally, support their arguments by relevant case-law, and convey their ideas in a critical and reasonable manner.	Lectures and seminars (interactive teaching method including group discussions, case analysis, comparative assessment and systemic analysis of legal norms, paper in written and it's oral presentations), individual work (search of information, analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature).	Assessment of paper, written final examination (open questions).
Students will be able to enhance acquired knowledge and abilities independently, *inter alia*, to use legal information data bases and other sources, to select relevant theoretical and	Individual work (search of information, analysis of the relevant legal framework, policy and case-law, reading of academic literature).	Assessment of paper, written final examination (open questions).

practical material, and to substantiate their own conclusions by the achievements of jurisprudence.		

Content: breakdown of the topics	Contact hours							Self-study: hours and assignments	
	Lectures	Consultations	Seminars	Practical sessions	Laboratory activities	Internship/work placement	**Contact hours**	**Self-study hours**	**Assignments**
1. Introduction to the EU Energy Law: historic overview and main objectives	2						**2**	**10**	Literature analysis
2. Theoretical foundations of regulatory law governing energy sector	2						**2**	**10**	Literature analysis
3. Legal framework governing the functioning of the energy markets	2		2				**4**	**13**	Literature analysis, assignment (case study)
4. Fundamentals and legal framework for generation, production of energy	2		2				**4**	**10**	Literature analysis, assignment (case study)
5. Fundamentals and legal framework for transmission and distribution	2		2				**4**	**10**	Literature analysis
6. Fundamentals and legal framework for trade and supply	2		**2**				**4**	**18**	Literature analysis, preparation of paper
7. Fundamentals and legal framework for competition in the energy sector	2		**2**				**4**	**10**	Literature analysis, assignment (case study)
8. Fundamentals and legal framework for state aid in the energy sector	2		**2**				**4**	**10**	Literature analysis
9. Energy transition: recent developments in legislation and case-law	2		**2**				**4**	**10**	Literature analysis, assignment (case study)
Total	**18**		**14**				**32**	**101**	

Assessment strategy	Weight, percentage	Assessment period	Assessment criteria
Paper in written	30	Mid of semester	Paper to be written on a selected topic to be approved by the lecturer. Assessment consists of: - work content (comprehensive problem analysis, proper source application, critical analytical thinking, conclusion/recommendation formulation); - work structure and style (clear structural parts, scientific language style, exact wording, source references, proper and ethical citation use). Grading scale: • Excellent, 10 • Very good, 9 • Good, 8 • Average, 7 • Satisfactory, 6 • Weak, 5 • Failed, minimal requirements not satisfied, 4, 3, 2, 1
Written final examination	70	End of semester	Five open questions. Each question will have a value of 20%. Assessment criteria: comprehensive problem analysis, critical analytical thinking, conclusion/recommendation formulation, scientific language style. Grading scale: • Excellent, 10 • Very good, 9 • Good, 8 • Average, 7 • Satisfactory, 6 • Weak, 5 • Failed, minimal requirements not satisfied, 4, 3, 2, 1

Author	Year of publication	Title	Issue of a periodical or volume of a publication	Publishing place and house or web link
Compulsory reading				
Angus Johnston, Guy Block	2012	EU Energy Law	Vol 2	Oxford university press
Kim Talus	2013	EU Energy Law and Policy: A Critical Account	Vol 1	Oxford university press
Raphael Heffron	2016	Energy Law and Energy Infrastructure Development for a Low-Carbon World	Vol 1	Cambridge university press
Christopher Jones, et al	2020	EU Energy Law: The Internal Energy Market	Vol 1, 5th edition	Edward Elgar Publishing
Recommended reading				
Martha Roggenkamp, Catherine Redgwell	2016	Energy Law in Europe: National, EU and International Regulation	Vol 1	Oxford university press
Petri Mäntysaari	2016	EU Electricity Trade Law: The Legal Tools of Electricity Producers in the Internal Electricity Market	Vol 1	Springer
Rafael Leal-Arcas	2020	EU Energy Law and Policy: The External Dimension	Vol 1	Eliva
Sirja-Leena Penttinen	2020	Free Movement and the Energy Sector in the European Union: The Role of the European Court of Justice	Vol 1	Routledge