

Economic policies of the EU

Access to the course's packages of online lectures

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Purpose

The EUTOPIA Learning Community “Europe in the World” offers students from partner Universities the possibility to access live online lectures of the course Economic policies of the EU, delivered by the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana. In this year’s course delivery within EUTOPIA framework, students from the partner Universities will be able to listen to the lectures and interact with the lecturers and with other students through Zoom. They will also have access to lecture slides through Canvas.

About the course

The main objective of the course is to broaden and deepen the knowledge about economic policies of the EU that affect the business, economic and institutional environment of enterprises, individuals, and governments in the internal EU market.

The course consists of two parts. The first part reviews historical, legal and institutional foundations of the European integration and presents its theoretical economic logic at microeconomic and macroeconomic levels. The second part focuses on economic policies that are designed and predominantly implemented at the EU level, particularly the policies, related to the EU single market and the European monetary union. Certain economic policies, where the EU and its member states share responsibilities, such as the cohesion policy or the coordination of competitiveness policies, are also presented. The course also highlights recent EU challenges, in particular in relation to economic governance, sustainable development and climate change.

Participation

For students of the EUTOPIA partner Universities, the programme of the course is arranged into 5 thematic modules. Each **student may sign up for up to 3 thematic modules**. Lecture numbers and sequence are laid out in the schedule of lectures. The following lecture packages are offered:

- *Thematic module no.1: **Economic background*** (theoretical economic foundations of EU integration): lectures 1 and 2;
- *Thematic module no 2: **Institutional framework*** (history, institutions and decision making): lectures 3 to 5;
- *Thematic module no. 3: **Single market*** (concept of the single market, competition and state aids, trade policy): lectures 6 to 8;
- *Thematic module no. 4: **Macro policies*** (monetary policy and economic governance): lectures 9 and 10;
- *Thematic module no. 5: **Sustainability*** (EU competitiveness and European Green Deal with implications on cohesion policy and common agricultural policy): lectures 11 to 15.

Information about the course will be made available to students from the partner Universities of the EUTOPIA Learning Community “Europe in the World” through EUTOPIA coordinators at their respective Universities. Students who intend to enrol in one and up to three thematic modules should **register for individual modules** directly at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana **by responding to this online questionnaire**:

- Link to questionnaire: <https://forms.gle/XVmoHgHmfnu89FtD7>

The deadline for enrolling into all the 5 modules is Monday, 6 February.

Based on enrolment data, the host University (School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana) will create Canvas course profiles for all registered students. Students should accept the Canvas course invitation to access the lectures. On the Canvas course webpage, students will receive Zoom links for each individual module they signed up to. Additionally, they will also receive lecture slides within individual modules.

In order to access lectures within the module, students must have Zoom installed. Students will be required to **register for each individual lecture on Zoom with the same e-mail address that they used for enrolment**. After completing registration, a Zoom link will be sent to their e-mail address to access the lecture. This link is individualized and can only be used on one device.

Students can obtain a written certificate about attending the modules from the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana when the course is finished based on proper Zoom registration to verify participation. To receive a certificate for a particular module, students must attend at least 80% of lectures within that module. No ECTS will be awarded for participation.

Schedule of lectures

Online lectures are held on Mondays at 15:00 according to the schedule of lectures. The only exception is Easter, when the lecture will be held on Friday, at 10:00 instead of Monday. Each lecture lasts 90 minutes.

The table below shows the expected schedule of lectures for the course Economic policies of the EU.

Lecture	Date	Topic	Lecturer	Thematic module
1	13.2.	Introduction/Microeconomics of the EU	Rant	Economic background
2	20.2.	Macroeconomics of the EU	Rant	
3	27.2.	EU history	Mrak	Institutional framework
4	6.3.	EU decision making	Mrak	
5	13.3.	EU institutions	Mrak	
6	20.3.	Overview of EU policies and the Single European market	Rant	Single market
7	27.3.	EU competition and state aids policies	Mrak	
8	3.4.	EU trade policy	Zajc-Kejžar	
9	14.4.	EU monetary policy	Rant	Macro policies
10	17.4.	EU economic governance and financial supervision	Rant	
11	24.4.	Competitiveness policy and sustainable development of the EU	Mrak	Sustainability
12	8.5.	EU environmental policy and the European Green Deal	Rant	
13	15.5.	EU cohesion policy and post-pandemic recovery	Mrak	
14	22.5.	Common agricultural policy	Mrak	
15	29.5.	EU sustainable finance framework	Rant	

About the lecturers

Mojmir Mrak is a full professor at the School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana. He has also been a regular visiting professor at WU in Vienna (Austria) and at BSB in Dijon (France). His main research fields include national and EU public finance, EU accession as well as international capital flows. Mojmir Mrak is author, co-author and editor of numerous books published by international publishers and respective international journals.

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