



EU Fest Teachers Training Programme

Module 3 - EU Law and Governance

Module Overview



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Module Duration	2 hours
Target Group	• In-service teachers, • Pre-service teachers • Teachers and trainers from all disciplines
Delivery Mode	In-person / Online / Blended learning

Learning Objectives

Learning Objectives	• Distinguish between primary and secondary sources of EU law and explain their functions within the EU legal system. • Explain the fundamental principles of EU law, including primacy, direct effect and subsidiarity. • Analyse the relationship between EU law and national legal systems, using practical examples and Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) case law. • Describe the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in interpreting EU law and ensuring its uniform application across Member States. • Design learner-centred activities that help students understand key concepts of EU law and governance
EU Knowledge Areas	• EU institutions and decision-making processes • EU governance and legal framework • EU citizenship and democratic participation
Pedagogical Competences Addressed	☒ Active Learning & Learner-Centred Pedagogy ☒ Critical Thinking & Analytical Skills ☒ Civic & Democratic Education ☒ Digital Pedagogy (DigCompEdu-aligned) ☐ Media & Information Literacy ☐ Inclusive & Differentiated Teaching ☒ Interdisciplinary & Cross-Curricular Teaching ☐ Assessment for Learning ☒ Collaborative & Peer Learning

	☒ Reflective Practice & Professional Development ☐ Innovation & Pedagogical Creativity ☒ European & International Dimension of Teaching ☐ Other: _____
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Expected Learning Outcomes

Learning Outcomes	• Differentiate between primary and secondary EU legislation. • Explain the principles of primacy, direct effect and subsidiarity using practical examples. • Interpret simplified EU legal texts and identify their implications for Member States. • Describe the role of the CJEU in ensuring the consistent application of EU law. • Develop classroom activities that promote understanding of EU law, governance and democratic values.
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Detailed Session Plan

Time	Learning Focus	Methodology	Learning Activities	Materials/Tools
0:00–0:15	Introduction to the EU Legal System	Guided video + discussion	Short introductory video presenting the EU legal system. Participants discuss how EU law differs from national law and identify examples of EU rules that affect their everyday lives.	Introductory video, presentation slides
0:15–0:40	Sources and Principles of EU Law	Interactive mini-lecture	Presentation of the hierarchy of EU law (primary and secondary legislation) and the principles of primacy, direct effect and subsidiarity using practical examples and short knowledge checks.	Presentation slides, legal hierarchy infographic
0:40–1:20	EU Law in Practice	Case-based collaborative activity	Small groups analyse simplified CJEU cases illustrating different legal principles. They identify the legal issue, explain the Court's reasoning and discuss the implications for Member States before sharing their conclusions.	Case study worksheets, facilitator guide
1:20–1:45	The CJEU and Classroom Application	Collaborative workshop	Groups create a simple classroom activity to explain one legal principle or one CJEU case using an age-appropriate teaching strategy (e.g., infographic, debate, concept map or simplified scenario).	Activity planning template, sample resources
1:45–2:00	Reflection & Transfer	Individual reflection + peer discussion	Participants complete an exit ticket identifying one legal concept they feel confident teaching and one strategy they intend to apply in their classroom.	Reflection worksheet

Interactive Components

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☒ Group or pair work ☐ Simulation / Role-play ☒ Case study ☒ Debate / Discussion ☒ Problem solving ☒ Digital interactive activity ☒ Other: <u>Collaborative Classroom design</u>

Final Checkpoint
☒ Short assessment ☒ Reflective task ☒ Practical classroom application ☒ Evidence of Learning (short quizzes or knowledge checks)

Suggested Resources and Digital Tools	
EU official resources	EUR-Lex – Access to European Union Law https://eur-lex.europa.eu Summaries of EU Legislation https://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/summaries.html Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU) https://curia.europa.eu European Commission – How EU Law Works https://commission.europa.eu/law_en European Commission – Better Regulation https://commission.europa.eu/law/law-making-process_en European Parliament – Fact Sheets on the European Union https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/home
Educational platforms	EU Learning Corner https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu Learning Corner – Teachers https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials_en EPALE https://epale.ec.europa.eu

	Erasmus+ Project Results Platform https://erasmus-plus.ec.europa.eu/projects
Digital tools / apps	
Videos / multimedia	European Commission – <i>How EU Law is Made</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPCjQACQ68A&t=8s Court of Justice of the European Union – <i>Why does the Court of Justice of the EU Exist?</i> https://youtu.be/-xMzYkfVH4E?si=OYlgqQIZA_fqN_83 Court of Justice of the European Union – <i>How the Court works – the basics</i> https://youtu.be/wDTYYYGQWyk?si=45VweqvPNYIN7f9 Court of Justice of the European Union – <i>What happens when a Country doesn't respect EU law?</i> https://youtu.be/NrB_9SNjrAA?si=vm_3X3BUzxyuWbC5 Court of Justice of the European Union – <i>The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights – binding rules with real-world impact</i> https://youtu.be/Ln7hAl5fN7c?si=1qFUOZBxGh545D3L EU Learning Corner – Materials for Secondary Schools https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/materials-secondary-school_en
Further reading	European Commission. The European Union: What it is and what it does. https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/institutions-and-bodies/search-all-eu-institutions-and-bodies/european-commission_en EUR-Lex. Summaries of EU Legislation. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/browse/summaries.html Court of Justice of the European Union. Case-law Database. https://infocuria.curia.europa.eu/tabs/affair?lang=en

Annex / Attachments

Essential	
Resource	Purpose
Module 3 Presentation	Supports the delivery of the module, including the sources of EU law, fundamental principles (primacy, direct effect and subsidiarity), the relationship between EU and national law,

	and the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU).
CJEU Case Study Pack	Simplified real-life case studies illustrating the application of EU law (e.g., Van Gend en Loos, Costa v ENEL, Cassis de Dijon), including discussion questions and suggested answers for facilitators.
Classroom Activity Planning Template	Template supporting participants in designing a learner-centred classroom activity to teach an EU law or governance concept.
Reflection & Final Checkpoint	Reflection worksheet and exit ticket to consolidate learning and encourage classroom transfer.

Recommended	
Resource	Purpose
Introductory Video – Understanding EU Law	Short video introducing the EU legal system and its key principles. Used as an engaging introduction or pre-session activity. European Commission – <i>How EU Law is Made</i> https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CPCjQACQ68A&t=8s
Interactive Exercises	Image Hotspot and Branching Scenario (training platform).