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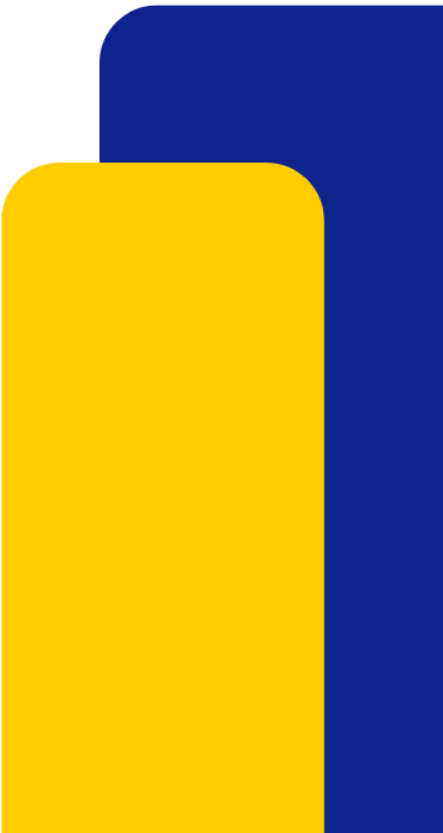
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Understanding the EU Legal Order



In this module you will explore:

Sources of EU law

Primary and secondary legislation

Fundamental principles of EU law

Relationship between EU and national law

The role of the Court of Justice of the European Union (CJEU)

Teaching EU law through real-life examples

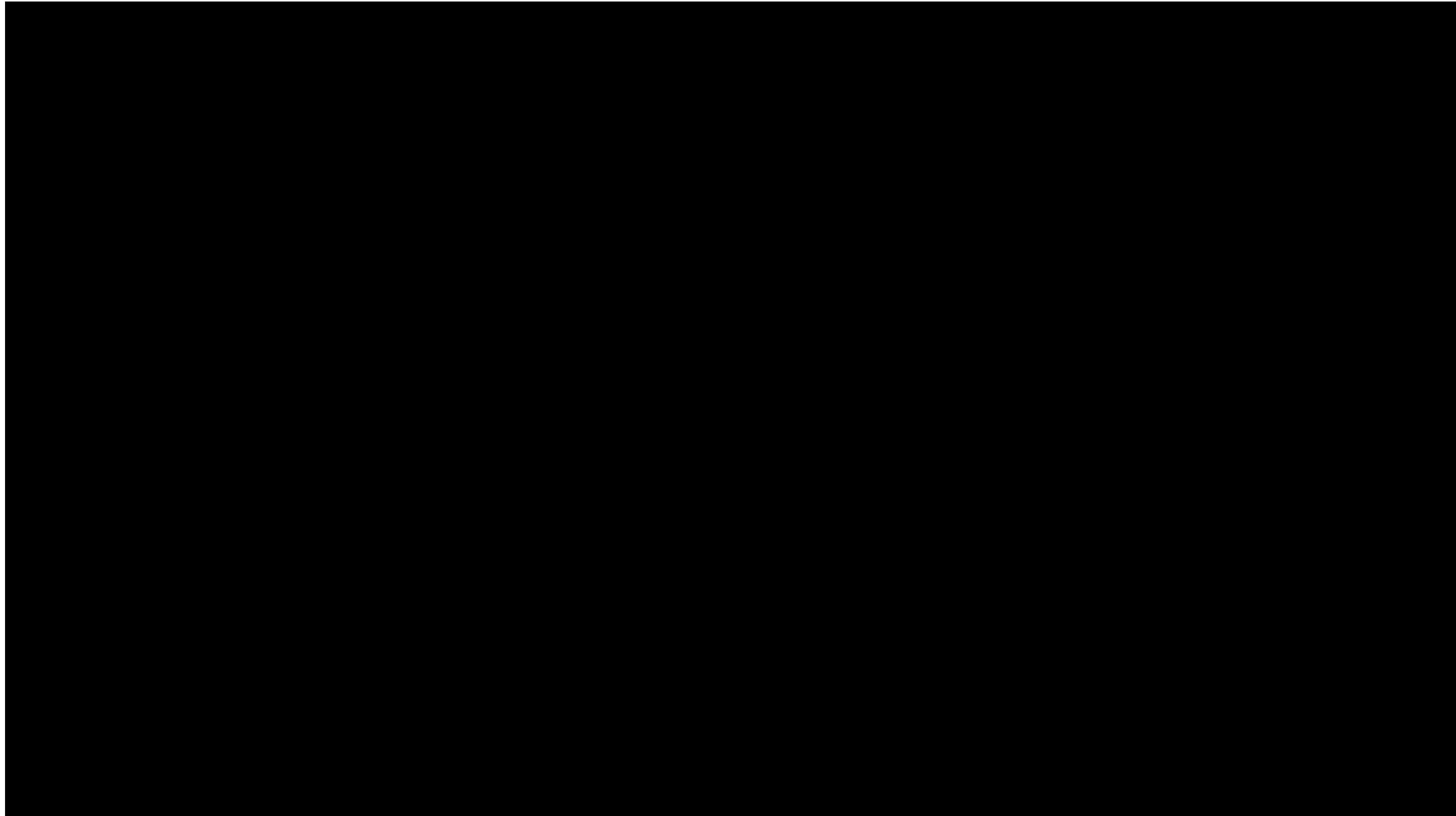
Key Question:
What is EU law, and how does it affect our everyday lives?

Think about:

- travelling
- consumer rights
- environmental protection
- digital services
- education

Discuss examples you have experienced.

How EU laws are made ?



The Three Key Institutions in EU Law-Making



European Commission

Proposes new legislation;
Acts as guardian of the
Treaties;
27 Commissioners, one per
Member State.



European Parliament

Directly elected by EU
citizens;
Co-legislates with
the Council;
Scrutinises the
budget and holds the
Commission accountable.



Council of the EU

Represents national
governments;
Adopts laws
jointly with Parliament;
Presidency rotates
every 6 months.

Sources of EU Law

Primary Legislation

- Treaties
- Charter of Fundamental Rights

These establish the constitutional framework of the European Union.

Secondary Legislation

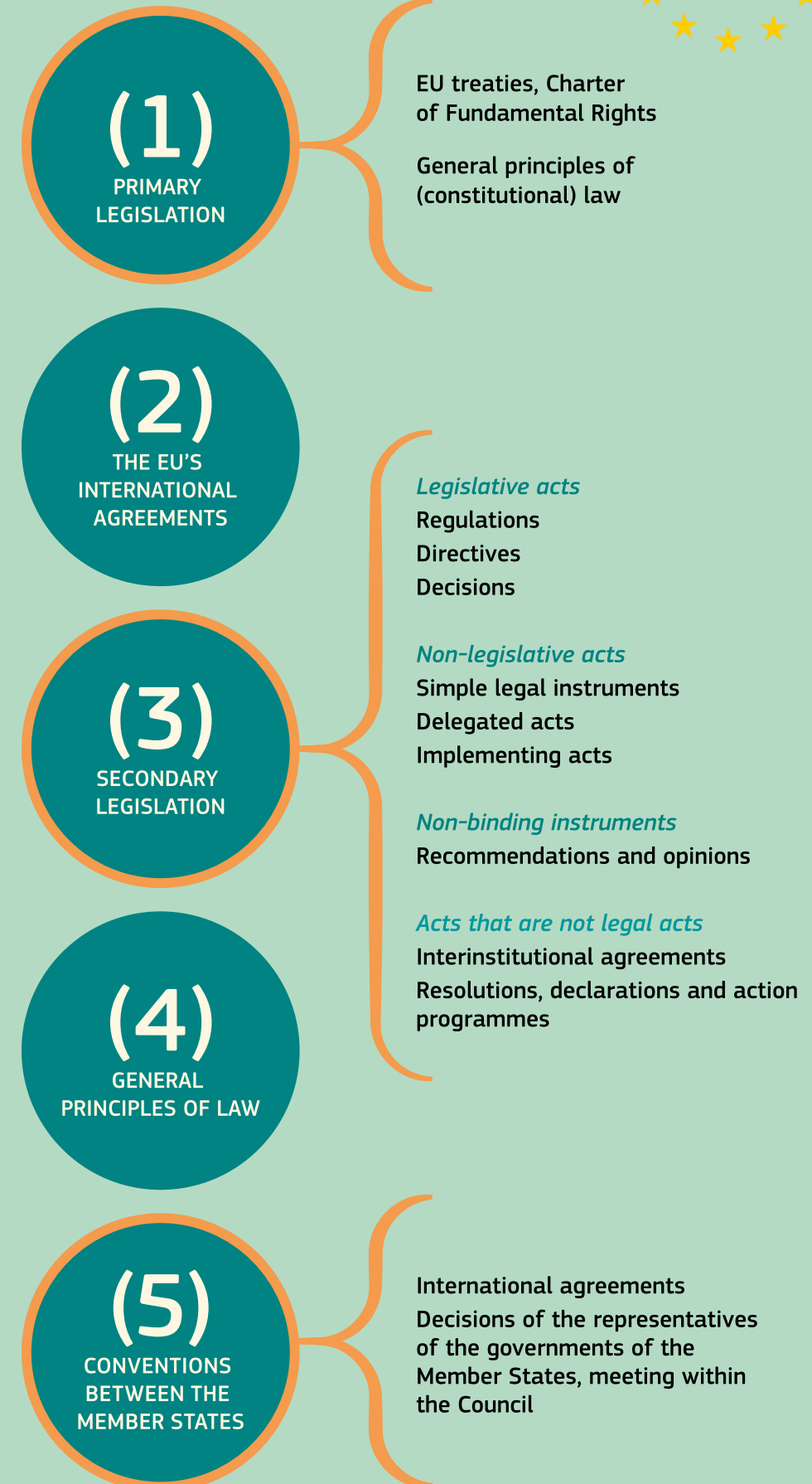
- Regulations
- Directives
- Decisions
- Recommendations
- Opinions

These are adopted by the EU institutions to implement the Treaties.

Legal sources of EU law



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Fundamental Principles of EU Law

Primacy

EU law takes precedence over conflicting national law.

Direct Effect

Certain provisions of EU law create rights that individuals can invoke directly before national courts.

Subsidiarity

The EU acts only when objectives cannot be sufficiently achieved by Member States acting alone.

How a Law is Made: The Ordinary Legislative Procedure



**Commission
Proposes**

**Parliament's
1st Reading**

**Council's
Position**

**Conciliation
(if needed)**

**Law
Adopted**

The Court of Justice of the European Union

Role: Ensuring EU law is interpreted and applied the same in every EU country; ensuring countries and EU institutions abide by EU law.

Members:

- Court of Justice: [1 judge from each EU country](#), plus 11 advocates general
- General Court: [2 judges from each EU country](#)

Established in: 1952

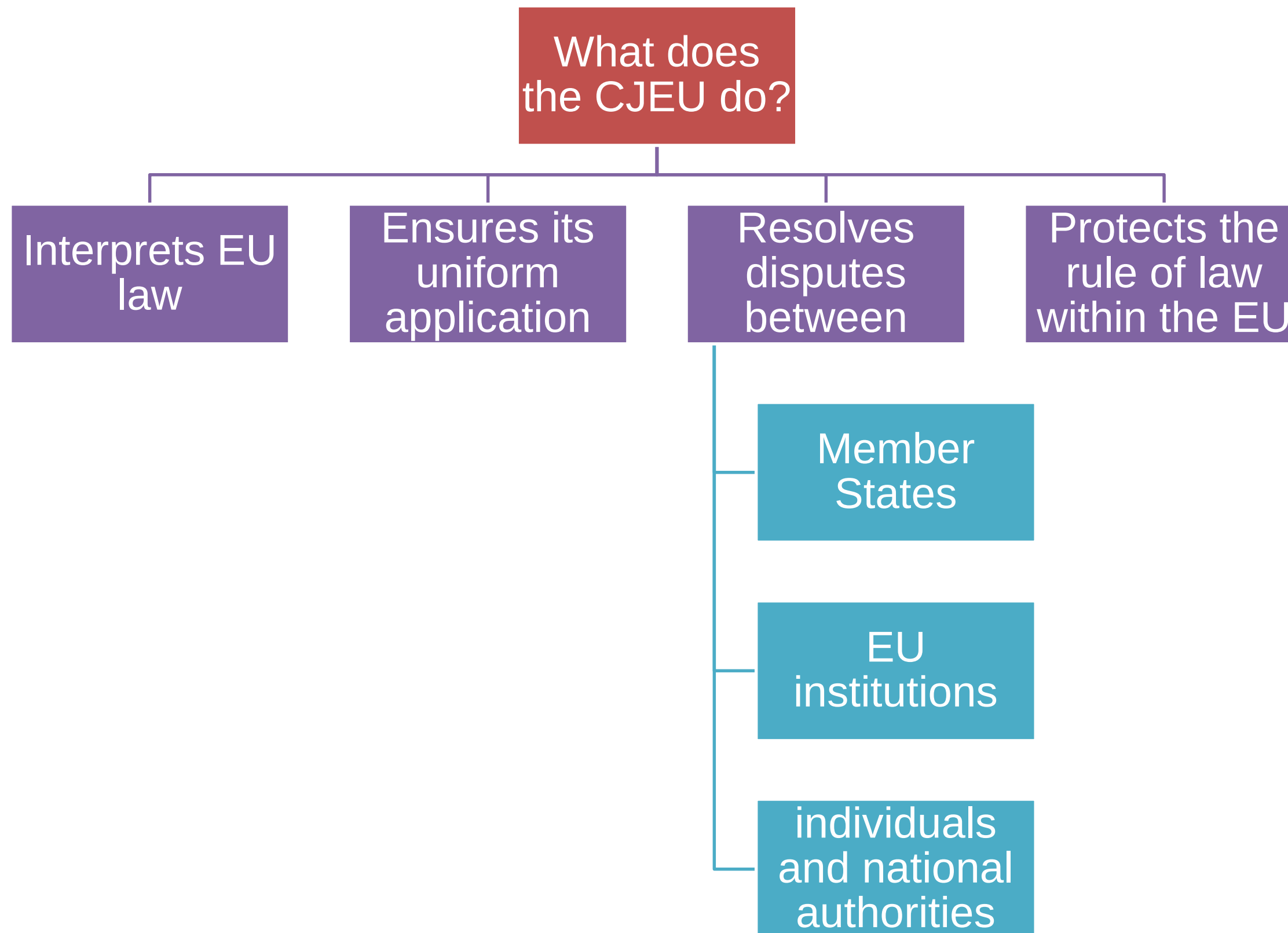
Location: Luxembourg

Website: [Court of Justice of the European Union](#) (CJEU)



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Activity

Collaborative Case Study

EU Law in Practice

Activity

Teaching EU Law in the Classroom

Design Challenge

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