

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 pilot stage of the course delivery within EUTOPIA framework, students from the partner Universities will be able to listen to the lectures as well as to interact with the lecturers and with other students. Next year we plan to strengthen interactive modalities of the course.

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 and an individual 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 suggested:

- *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:* EU macro policies (monetary policy and economic governance): lectures 9 and 10;
- *Thematic module no. 5:* Sustainable development and climate change (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. Students interested 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 filling out the enrolment questionnaire at the link that was made available to the EUTOPIA coordinator at your respective University.

The following deadlines apply for registration:

- **For enrolment into thematic modules 1 and 2, students must register by Wednesday, 9 February at the latest;**
- **For enrolment into thematic modules 3 – 5, students must register by Wednesday, 9 March at the latest.**

The host University (School of Economics and Business, University of Ljubljana) will make the Zoom link available to the EUTOPIA network for each individual module. This link will be shared with the participating students through their home Universities. Students must have Zoom installed to access the lectures and will be required to enter their email address for the lectures in Zoom. To verify their participation, students should use the same email address to register for the lectures and to access the lectures in Zoom.

Students should always attend lectures on time. Based on proper registry, students can obtain a certificate of participation from the host institution, but no ECTS.

Schedule of lectures

Online lectures are held on Mondays at 15:00 according to the schedule of lectures. 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	14.2.	Introduction/Microeconomics of the EU	Rant	Economic background
2	21.2.	Macroeconomics of the EU	Rant	
3	28.2.	EU history	Mrak	Institutional framework
4	7.3.	EU decision making	Mrak	
5	14.3.	EU institutions	Mrak	
6	21.3.	Overview of EU policies and the Single European market	Rant	Single market
7	28.3.	EU competition and state aids policies	Mrak	
8	4.4.	EU trade policy	Zajc-Kejžar	
9	11.4.	EU monetary policy	Rant	EU macro policies
10	15.4.	EU economic governance and financial supervision	Rant	
11	22.4.	Competitiveness policy and sustainable development of the EU	Mrak	Sustainable development and climate change
12	25.4.	EU environmental policy and the European Green Deal	Rant	
13	9.5.	EU cohesion policy and post-pandemic recovery	Mrak	
14	16.5.	Common agricultural policy	Mrak	
15	23.5.	EU sustainable finance framework	Rant	

About the lecturers

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