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Description	This document provides a detailed overview of the organization of the teacher training program and the accompanying teaching materials intended for use in the EU CLASS Alliance webinars. It outlines the modular course structure, which includes video lectures delivered by university professors and researchers, followed by self-paced learning activities and knowledge assessments. Each lesson is carefully designed to engage participants for approximately 1.5 to 2 hours and includes external resources to deepen understanding, as well as short quizzes to evaluate knowledge retention. The training is delivered through an open-source Learning Management System, which facilitates participant registration, course tracking, assessments, and certification, ensuring a structured and effective learning experience. The video lessons are available on the project website: https://euclass.enac.org/?page_id=395		

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Course Structure

The course is divided into **two core modules**, each covering a specific set of subtopics presented through individual lessons.

Each **lesson** includes a **video lecture**, typically lasting between **20 and 30 minutes**, followed by **self-paced learning** using external resources. To reinforce learning, each lesson concludes with a **final quiz** assessing participants' understanding.

On average, each lesson is designed to engage participants for approximately **1.5 to 2 hours**, including:

- A **20–30-minute video lecture** delivered by a university professor or researcher;

- Around **1 hour of self-paced exploration** through additional learning materials and teaching resources;

- A **5–10-minute knowledge quiz.**

The learning journey begins with an **initial evaluation questionnaire** to assess trainers' prior knowledge of EU-related topics. After completing each lesson, participants are invited to take a **short survey** to reflect on what they've learned and evaluate their knowledge gains.

Learning Platform

The course is hosted on training.eurocultura.it/courses/euclass-alliance, an **open-source Learning Management System (LMS)** that supports structured, interactive online learning. The platform enables the **EU CLASS Alliance** to:

- Manage participant registration
- Monitor trainer progress
- Conduct pre- and post-assessments
- Issue certificates of completion

This comprehensive platform ensures a smooth, engaging, and effective learning experience for all participants.

Programme Breakdown

	Title	Teacher	Duration
1	History of European Integration	Vincent Della Sala	29 min
2	Institutions: European Parliament	Vincent Della Sala	20 min
3	Institutions: European Council	Vincent Della Sala	21 min
4	Institutions: European Commission	Vincent Della Sala	32 min
5	Institutions: European Court of Justice and European Central Bank	Elif Cemre Besgür	23 min
6	Decision-making in the EU	Elif Cemre Besgür	19min
7	Economic Policy: Single Market and Innovation	Elif Cemre Besgür	23 min
8	Social Policy and Solidarity	Vincent Della Sala	32 min
9	The EU and Sustainable Development	Vincent Della Sala	32 min
10	The EU and the World: Foreign Policy	Elif Cemre Besgür	28 min
11	The EU and the World: Security and Defence	Elif Cemre Besgür	19 min
12	The EU and Borders	Elif Cemre Besgür	18 min
13	The EU and You: Citizenship and Culture	Vincent Della Sala	21 min
14	The EU and You: Values and Democracy	Vincent Della Sala	15 min

Module 1: History of EU Integration & EU Institutions

Short summary of the module 1

This module aims to familiarize teachers with the historical development, institutional setup, and decision-making in the EU. It introduces the history of European integration, tracing key treaties and events that have shaped the EU. It then examines the major EU institutions: the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, the European Commission, the European Court of Justice (ECJ), and the European Central Bank (ECB), explaining their roles and functions. Finally, the module outlines how EU decision-making works, with a focus on legislative processes and policy coordination among institutions. Taken together, these topics provide a comprehensive overview of European governance. At the end of the module, teachers will be able to identify key developments in the history of European integration and better understand the functioning and organization of the main EU institutions.

Lesson 1 of the module 1: History of European Integration

- *Short summary*
  This lecture highlights some of the themes that we might want to introduce the history of the European Union and European integration. It tries to point out how there were good reasons in 1945 for European leaders to find a way to avoid war and to seek to reconstruct after the destruction of the first half of the twentieth century. It highlights how the EU grew in membership and in things that it does often as a response to a crisis.
- *Teacher:* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading Material*
  The historical development of European integration
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/1/the-first-treaties
- *Additional material*
  European Union Enlargement Interactive Map:
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/external/html/euenlargement/default_en.htm
  EU Countries Interactive Tool:
  https://european-union.europa.eu/principles-countries-history/eu-countries_en

Lesson 2 of the module 1: European Parliament

- *Short summary*
  This lesson tries to show how the European Parliament is that part of the EU that tries to represent European citizens. It points out how we might want to show how Members of the European Parliament are not there to represent their national interests but a political position on different issues that the European Parliament has to decide on. It highlights some of the EP's powers and how it plays an important role as a co-decision making body in the EU.
- *Teacher:* Vincent Della Sala

- *Reading material*
European Parliament, The European Parliament – The voice of citizens in the European Union, Publications Office of the European Union, 2023, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2861/709972
- *Additional material*
The Virtual roleplay game of the European Parliament:
https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/virtual-role-play-game-european-parliament_en
Interactive graphics about the composition of the European Parliament:
https://facts-and-figures.europarl.europa.eu

Lesson 3 of the module 1: European Council

- *Short summary*
This video points out how the European Council is the EU institution that represents the 27 member states. It is here where representatives from national governments present and promote their national interests in an attempt to arrive at European policies. The video points out the different forms the Council can take.
- *Teacher:* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading Material*
The European Council and the Council of the European Union – The house of the Member States, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2860/44554
- *Additional material*
Interactive infographic on European Council and Council of Ministers
https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council-and-council-of-the-eu/
Council Simulation Game
https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/council-simulation-game_en

Lesson 4 of the module 1: European Commission

- *Short summary*
The video looks at the European Commission as the institution that ensures that the interests of the European Union as a whole are protected and promoted. It has a range of powers, from being able to introduce legislation to making sure that European laws are implemented by the member states.
- *Teacher:* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading Material*
European Commission- Institution
https://www.europarl.europa.eu/factsheets/en/sheet/25/the-european-commission
What does the European Commission do?
https://european-union.europa.eu/institutions-law-budget/institutions-and-bodies/search-all-eu-institutions-and-bodies/european-commission_en
- *Additional material*
Video on The European Commission explained - Functioning and Tasks

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nWpgO1EPO_Y

Lesson 5 of the module 1: European Court of Justice and European Central Bank

- *Short summary*
  This lesson examines the composition, structure, objectives, and key responsibilities of two important EU institutions: the Court of Justice of the EU (CJEU) and the European Central Bank (ECB). It specifically highlights the CJEU's role in interpreting and enforcing EU law, as well as the ECB's responsibility in managing monetary policy within the Euro Area.
- *Teacher:* Elif Cemre Besgür
- *Reading material*
  The Court of Justice of the European Union – Ensuring the protection of EU law, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024,
  https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2862/25895
  A short guide to the Euro, Publications Office of the European Union, 2023,
  https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2765/111126
- *Additional material*
  Short video about European Central Bank
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vRzFAvgBhU0
  Short Video on How the Court works – the basics
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bIjyIj7RH1Q

Lesson 6 of the module 1: Decision Making in the EU

- *Short summary*
  This lesson provides an overview of the EU decision-making process, highlighting the interactions between EU institutions and their roles within it. It also covers various decision-making procedures, including unanimity, qualified majority voting, and co-decision and emphasizes the differences among these procedures.
- *Teacher* Elif Cemre Besgür
- *Reading material*
  How the European Union works, Publications Office of the European Union, 2014, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/11255 (please see. pp 5-9)
- *Additional material*
  EU Decision-Making Simulation Game
  https://eucraft.consilium.europa.eu/launch_screen
  Infographic about Co-decision Procedure
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/infographic/legislative-procedure/index_en.html

Module 2: EU Policies and Actions

Short summary of the module 2

This module provides a comprehensive understanding of the EU policies. It highlights both deeply integrated areas and those with more limited cooperation at the EU level. Key policy areas explored include Economic Policy, with a focus on the Single Market and its role in driving economic growth and integration, as well as Social Policy and Sustainable Development. Additionally, this module also examines areas where EU-level cooperation has historically been less developed but is increasingly advancing, such as Defence, Security, and Foreign Policy, especially in response to evolving geopolitical challenges at the EU's borders. Lastly, this module addresses EU citizenship and EU's core values of human rights, democracy, and the rule of law. By the end of this module, teachers will gain a better understanding of the EU's diverse policies and how they evolve in response to the changing global context.

Lesson 1 of the module 2 Economic Policy: Single Market and Innovation

▪ *Short summary*
  This lesson explores the cornerstone of EU integration: the single market. It focuses on the fundamental economic freedoms: the free movement of goods, services, capital, and people. It also examines principles underpinning the internal market, as well as its role in fostering economic integration and competition. The lesson also covers recent challenges, including the impact of digitalization, climate change, highlighting how the EU adapts to these challenges.

▪ *Teacher* Elif Cemre Besgür

▪ *Reading material*
  Understanding the Economic and Monetary Union, Publications Office of the European Union, 2023, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2860/383628.

▪ *Additional material*
  A Europe fit for the digital age
  https://op.europa.eu/webpub/com/eu-and-me/en/WHATS_ON_THE_EUs_AGENDA.html#A_Europe_fit_for_the_digital_age
  Discovering the Benefits of Single Market
  https://op.europa.eu/en/publication-detail/-/publication/ba896328-65b0-11ef-a8ba-01aa75ed71a1/language-en
  A short video on Single Market
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z0Bn3Edc31c&t=6s

Lesson 2 of the module 2: Social Policy and Solidarity

▪ *Short summary*

The EU is often only associated with free trade and economic integration but over time it has developed a number of policy areas that we can call "social" Europe and are meant to create solidarity across the continent. They essentially try to reduce some of the economic and social consequences of having an open economy in Europe and with the rest of the world. These policy areas include agriculture, regional development and youth.

- *Teacher* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading material*

Bridging gaps – EU cohesion policy – Creating a better life for Europeans, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2776/922645

The cohesion policy: examples of past and ongoing projects across the European Union, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2776/540291

- *Additional material*

Infographics about DiscoverEU on European Youth Portal
https://youth.europa.eu/discovereu/infographics_en
Erasmus: Youth Exchange
https://learning-corner.learning.europa.eu/learning-materials/erasmus-youth-exchange_en
Video on New Cohesion policy 2021-2027
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yXhYOBO8ZdM

Lesson 3 of the module 2: The EU and Sustainable Development

- *Short summary*

In this video we look at how the EU has developed into a global leader on protecting the environment, especially climate change. It looks at the Green Deal and the different measures that the EU has introduced to meet the objective of becoming emissions neutral by the middle of this century.

- *Teacher* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading material*

European green deal – Delivering on our targets, Publications Office of the European Union, 2021, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/373022

- *Additional material*

Video on How the EU fights climate change: the race against the clock
https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/it/video/how-the-eu-is-fighting-climate-change_B01ESN190923
Video on European Green Deal
https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/parliament-and-the-european-green-deal_N01-PUB-200623-GREE

Lesson 4 of the module 2: The EU and the World: Foreign Policy

- *Short summary*

This lesson examines the EU's role as a global actor, focusing on the institutional framework of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and its key mechanisms, programmes, and initiatives. It also addresses how the EU promotes human rights worldwide, engages in international cooperation and development, and enforces the rule of law through measures such as sanctions. Through analysing the EU's foreign policy strategies and challenges, it also provides insight into the EU's influence on global affairs and its evolving diplomatic, security, and economic relationships.

- *Teacher* Elif Cemre Besgür
- *Reading material*
  Foreign affairs and security policy, Publications Office, 2020, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/13095
  The EU as a global actor, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2871/095026
- *Additional material*
  Short Video on Global Gateway 2030: Future of Europe's global infrastructure bid
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_4qmETQ3THg&list=PLPPfzoqPUImUtVdxnYaUXQakrxd8A6f7t
  EU sanctions on Russia explained
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OpB2IGm8pdk

Lesson 5 of the module 2: The EU and the World: Security and Defence

- *Short summary*
  This lesson explores the EU's security and defence approach, focusing on cooperation among member states and its evolving relationship with NATO. It examines key areas of collaboration, strategic alignment, and the EU's role in addressing global security challenges. Given increased geopolitical instability and ongoing conflicts near the EU's borders, the lesson analyses the EU's security and defence agenda, including efforts to enhance military capabilities, strengthen crisis response, and the future of European defence policy.
- *Teacher* Elif Cemre Besgür
- *Reading material*
  One step forward for Europe's defence, Luigi Scazzieri,
  https://www.cer.eu/sites/default/files/LS_defence_wh_paper_26.3.25.pdf
  Acting on defence to protect Europeans
  https://commission.europa.eu/topics/defence/future-european-defence_en
- *Additional material*
  Video on building a common EU defence industry
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o3WIw-5RwOk&list=PLPPfzoqPUImXiovB7Kf05PEulidr4SCzV&index=5
  Video on Stepping up EU defence
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RtaEyfwA1Kc&list=PLPPfzoqPUImXiovB7Kf05PEulidr4SCzV&index=12

Lesson 6 of the module 2: The EU and Borders

- *Short summary*
  This lesson focuses on the EU's borders, highlighting the benefits of the Schengen Area alongside the challenges associated with issues such as illegal migration. It examines how the EU and its member states regulate the Schengen Area to minimize risks for citizens while maintaining the principle of free movement. In this context, the lesson presents examples of various mechanisms and instruments that are influential.
- *Teacher* Elif Cemre Besgür
- *Reading material*
  Schengen – Your gateway to free movement in Europe, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2860/46816
- *Additional material*
  Video on Bringing down barriers
  https://multimedia.europarl.europa.eu/en/video/bringing-down-barriers-20-years-of-schengen_V003-0083
  https://www.europarl.europa.eu/RegData/etudes/BRIE/2023/745696/EPRS_BRI(2023)745696_EN.pdf
  A video on Securing Borders
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cQYGU4yf22Q

Lesson 7 of the module 2: The EU and You: Citizenship and Culture

- *Short summary*
  This lesson examines the emergence of the concept of European citizenship and the rights that come with being a European citizen. The lesson looks at the key areas of the Charter of Rights that protects all Europeans. These rights reflect some basic values that are also at the heart of a European culture and way of life. The lesson shows how there is not a single European culture but there are some core values that Europeans share and that are promoted through different policies of the EU.
- *Teacher* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading material*
  EU citizenship – Rights and opportunities, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, *https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2838/655206*
- *Additional material*
  Interactive Website on EU Citizenship *https://ec.europa.eu/justice/citizenship/index_en.html*
  Guide to EU citizenship
  https://commission.europa.eu/publications/guide-eu-citizenship_en

Lesson 8 of the module 2: The EU and You: Values and Democracy

- *Short summary*

The last lesson looks at how democracy is at the heart of the values that we share as Europeans and what has made European integration possible. The EU is many things but above all else it is about sovereign states agreeing to work together on the basis of respecting rules and institutions that are part of the European experience with democracy. The lesson shows how we might teach this to young people who maybe do not have the immediate memory of the war and its destruction, which we saw in the first lesson.

- *Teacher* Vincent Della Sala
- *Reading Material*
  Defending democracy in Europe – Addressing the threat of authoritarian populism and reinforcing democratic practice, Publications Office of the European Union, 2024, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2777/453862
- *Additional material*
  Protecting EU common values within the Member States
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FMDk58yAUhM
  Citizens make their voices heard
  https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jVd5iJ7q82o&list=PLJmEREKFYU8VwhjtPq3aI6LCNuBuKobgk&index=16

Key Resources on the European Union

Practical EU Booklets

This short list includes booklets in a handy, small format that provide essential information on the European Union, its institutions, member states, and the policy areas in which the EU is active. All of them are available in 24 EU languages, can be accessed for free.

- A short guide to the EU, Publications Office of the European Union, 2023, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/20502
- Europe in 12 lessons, Publications Office, 2018, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/206900
- The European Union – Facts and figures, Publications Office, 2020, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2860/3667
- The European Union – What it is and what it does, Publications Office of the European Union, 2022, https://data.europa.eu/doi/10.2775/5377

Books

These books are essential resources for anyone looking to deepen their understanding of the European Union. They offer comprehensive insights into the EU's politics, policies, institutions, and legal frameworks. Please note that these books are not available for free access and are primarily published in English.

- Cini, M., & Pérez-Solórzano Borragán, N. (Eds.) (2019), *European Union Politics*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.
- Jones, E., Menon, A., & Weatherill, S. (Eds.). (2012). *The Oxford handbook of the European Union* (Online ed.). Oxford Academic.
- Nugent, N. (2017). *The European Union: Politics and policies* (7th ed.). Palgrave Macmillan.