European regulation and business environment

Lecturer
Filippo Biondi (Coordinator)

Course mnemonic
GEST-S519

ECTS credits
5 credits

Language(s) of instruction
English

Course period
First term

Campus
Solbosch

Course content

This course examines how European regulation shapes the choices, strategies, and competitive environment of firms. It combines economic reasoning with an accessible understanding of EU institutions and policymaking, using timely business and policy cases to explore why markets are regulated, how rules are designed and enforced, and how firms respond. Students will develop a practical framework for evaluating regulatory choices, their consequences for different stakeholders, and the trade-offs between market integration, innovation, sustainability, and competitiveness.

Objectives (and/or specific learning outcomes)

Students will be able to analyse how EU regulation affects firms and markets; assess the rationale, design, and enforcement of regulatory choices; and evaluate their consequences and trade-offs for different stakeholders.

Teaching method and learning activities

Lectures.

Discussions with students (including mandatory readings).

Contribution to the teaching profile

Critically assess the potential solutions to make informed decisions.

Bring together various strands of economic analyses (basic microeconomics, information/industrial/public economics) together with institutional knowledge.

Address problems systematically to ensure a scientific approach.

Course notes

Université virtuelle

Other information

Place(s) of teaching

Solbosch

Contact(s)

Professor: Filippo Biondi (filippo.biondi@ulb.be)

Evaluation method(s)

Other and written examination

Determination of the mark (including the weighting of partial marks)

Final exam: 100%.

The professor reserves the right to invite any student to a complementary oral interview to verify personal mastery of the content of the submitted exam, particularly when inconsistencies in the exam do not allow the holder to correctly assess the level of mastery of the knowledge and skills targeted by the teaching.

Main language(s) of evaluation

English

Programmes

Programmes proposing this course at the Solvay Brussels School of Economics and Management

MA-ECON | Master in Economics : General | finalité Business Economics/unit 1 and MA-ES4SE | Master of Education, Section 4 : Economics | unit 1