COURSE OUTLINE 2026: EU MARKET REGULATION

[formerly, EU Regulation for Business, or RegBus]

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The course has seven sessions, in total 20 hrs. These sessions deal with the seven topics indicated in the ECTS Card.

Session   1   19 January 2026

EU Market Regulation, introductory survey

1.1 What is regulation and what not ? Why so important today?
1.2 Why regulate, and why at EU level ?
1.3 EU tools and types of regulation
1.4 EU & MS market regulation: disciplines, constraints, reforms
1.5 The place of EU regulation in the internal market
1.6 EU institutional regulatory acquis
1.7 Regulatory acquis of EU common policies: competition, trade, agri, transport + shared
1.8 EU market interface: EU regulation dominates, but CU, IM and EMU matter too

Session   2   20 January 2026

Quality of EU Market regulation, subsidiarity and mutual recognition

2.1 Proper economic framework for EU Market regulation

2.2. Subsidiarity, or, why what regulatory power at what [EU and/or MS] level ?

2.3 Mutual recognition, or, free movement with (equivalent) MS SHEIC objectives?

2.4 Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIAs), esp. of EU *risk regulation*

2.5 Better EU Market regulation, simplification (red tape) and quality control (the RSB)

2.6 Is the EU over/under-regulated ?

Session   3   2 February 2026

Horizontal EU Market Regulation: principles and scope

3.1   Principles governing EU Market Regulation

3.2   The precautionary principle, as applied in the EU   [note that there

will also be a student presentation on P.P. as applied to GMOs]

3.4   Horizontal EU regulation by substance: IPRs, including the Unitary Patent (since July 23)

3.5   Horizontal EU regulation by type : the EU public procurement regime

3.6 Horizontal EU regulation by type: basics of EU product liability

Session 4 3 February 2026

Horizontal logic in sectoral EU regulation

4.1 Explaining 'horizontal logic'

4.2 EU food (safety) regulation

4.3 General goods safety, EU risk alerts and market withdrawals

4.4 EU H & S regulation in goods (New Approach, NLF)

4.5 European technical standardisation, EHS and world standards

4.6 EU GHGs regulation, the ETS, CBAM and the Green Deal

4.7 EU consumer protection

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EU sector regulation, special regimes for higher-risks sectors

5.1 Does intra-EU liberalisation prompt centralisation (in precisely these sectors)?

5.2 Rationale(s) for EU Agencies

5.3 EU Food regulation and EFSA

5.4 EU Medicines regulation, the IM and EMA

5.5 The [EU] REACH regime for chemicals, in two stages

5.6 Network industries' (EU) regulation vs. EU car regulation

Session 6 10 February 2026

EU regulation for services in the single market

6.1 What are services ? How diverse ?

6.2 Regulatory logic of the services dir. 2006/123 and what falls under it?

6.3 MS' restrictiveness in intra-EU professional services

6.4 MS and local restrictiveness in intra-EU retail : establishment (FDI) and operations

6.5 Economic benefits of the 2006 Services directive

6.6 EU financial market regulation and the Banking Union

6.7 EU transport regime and transport safety agencies

6.8 Telecoms / eComms regulation, BEREC and the Digital single market

6.9 Single energy market, ACER, the Green Deal and reform of the EU electricity market

Session 7 23 March 2026 (+ 24 March, if necessary)

Analytical issues in EU risk regulation

7.1 Risk assessment, science-based only

7.2 Risk assessment and the *use* of science (by whom?)

7.3 Cost-benefit analyses in RIAs

7.4 Money 'value' of *statistical lives* saved

7.5 On the 'value' of 'soft' benefits

7.6 Assessing regulatory costs

7.7 Better (EU) market regulation with RIAs?

7.8 EU Market regulation and innovation

Remember that there will be 9 [*short*] student presentations. Early in the course the academic assistant [Colm Lavelle] will organise a meeting with all students taking this class, in order to agree on a division of these 9 presentations amongst the students. The first student presentation(s) will take place in session 3.