



## CAPACITY-BUILDING OF THE GEORGIAN LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY FOR IMPROVED DECISION-MAKING AND NEGOTIATION SKILLS

### EU: INSTITUTIONS AND DECISION-MAKING, HARMONISATION OF DOMESTIC LEGISLATION WITH EU-LEGISLATION (EU/NS)

#### Syllabus

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1,5 hours

**Course Description and Objectives:** The aim of the course is to give the fellows an introduction to EU institutions and its decision-making process, as well as basic understanding of harmonisation of domestic legislation with the EU legislation and its impact on national legislative drafting. Since the title given is connected to subject „Experiences of Harmonization of Estonian Legislation with the EU *Acquis*“, the issues covered will also be placed in Estonia’s context and looked from practitioner’s view, where it is relevant.

#### Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course students should be able to:

- Understand what are the main EU institutions involved in the EU decision-making process and what are their competencies
- Understand in general the decision-making process of the EU
- Understand various aspects and importance of legislative harmonisation, inter alia the difference between EU legal acts
- Understand when and how the EU functions in legislative drafting from a Member State’s view.

#### Methodology of the course

The methodology is mainly a theoretical input given by a presentation, but discussion and reflections are also encouraged.

#### Course Requirements

- Attendance of a class and class participation is strongly encouraged.
- The listed readings are suggested as sources of deeper and more detailed knowledge of the topic.

#### Recommended readings:

Borchardt, K-D, The ABC of European Union law. Publication Office of the European Union, 2010. [http://europa.eu/documentation/legislation/pdf/oa8107147\\_en.pdf](http://europa.eu/documentation/legislation/pdf/oa8107147_en.pdf)

Chalmers, D, Davies, G and Monti, G. European Union Law, Cambridge University Press, 2010

### **Course Evaluation and Procedures**

No course evaluation is foreseen due to comprehensiveness of the topic given and the short time allocated.

### **Course Schedule**

- EU institutions and their competencies
- EU decision-making process
- Harmonisation of domestic legislation
- Estonia's experiences