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# COURSE SYLLABUS

# Eu Antitrust Law

**2425-2-F6302N044**

## Learning objectives

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## Detailed program

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The course will take a very concrete and interactive approach with regard to the issues which will be dealt with from time to time and will always make reference to European Commission's common practice and Court of Justice of the European Union's case law. For this purpose, several meetings may be scheduled with lawyers, European Commission's high officials, economists or managers who generally apply such rules within their day-to-day activity, in order to provide students with their practical experience.

## Prerequisites

Knowledge of EU Law is mandatory.

## Teaching methods

The lecturing activity will be rendered in English will be organized in:

- frontal lectures also with external experts (lawyers and EU and national officiers);

- critical discussion of the selected topics;

- autonomous solution of cases from the student and homework;

- individual and group works and activities;

- case discussions.

Students are expected to take an active part in the course since the emphasis is placed upon seminars and discussion groups rather than formal lectures.

In particular:

- 18 lectures (2 hours) delivered, in English and in presence, in lecture mode the initial part but aimed at involving the
  students in an interactive manner in the subsequent part. Some lectures will be delivered by external experts (EU lawyers; judges; EU and/or national antitrust officials) and by the Professor.
- 3 lessons (2 hours) in remote delivery mode

## Assessment methods

Oral exam in English on the testbook + materials published on the elerning platform.

Possibily, a final written test will be held open questions on the topics covered in the lectures (based on the textbook + materials published on the elerning platform.

## Textbooks and Reading Materials

Documents published on the platform elerning of the course

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EU Competition Law, 2023, 2 ed., Cases, Texts and Context
Eleanor M. Fox, Professor of Law Emerita, Walter J. Derenberg Professor of Trade Regulation Emerita, New York University School of Law, US and Damien Gerard, Visiting Professor, College of Europe and Université catholique de Louvain and Prosecutor General, Belgian Competition Authority
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