

Course identification :	- Teaching unit : SMEs & their specificities - Module : Environment II - Subject : European Union	ECTS credits : 5 credits	Semester : spring Teaching hours : 36 Full workload : 108
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Objectives of the course :	Make the students understand the genesis of the European unification process, the structures and the institutions as well as a series of major European policy fields : Competitiveness, Innovation, Knowledge Society, Mobility and Transportation
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Prerequisites :	General knowledge and interest for the European unification process
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Course contents :	<p>Rüno Lumiste (Tallinn University of Technology, 12 academic hours) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Innovation and EU 2. Basic documents regulating science and innovation in EU 3. Innovation networks 4. CIS Community Innovation Survey, Innovation Scoreboard 5. Lisbon strategy 6. Green Europe (sustainable growth) 7. Knowledge society 8. Industrial policy 9. Product safety, conformity assessment in EU 10. EU SME policy <p>Bernd Hofmann (Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, 24 academic hours) :</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Introduction into the "European question" 2. The Borders of Europe (geographically, value-based, natural conditions) 3. The European institutions, interactions, roles, legitimacy and sovereignty, elections, legislation process, competences, policy domains and targets 4. The multiannual financial framework – general outline : origin and use of the EU budget 5. The European project (origins 19th century, non-achieved paths of the early 20th century, projects which opened the way to nowadays' EU) 6. The issue of the 21st century : enlargement and threats resulting from changing world order
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Evaluation :	Written exam and paper to be handed in. Classroom tasks
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Bibliography :	EU Lisbon Treaty. http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=OJ:C:2007:306:TOC
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Remarks :	
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