



Introduction

Law of the European Law
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Course Schedule

Date	Topic
25/02/2025	Introductory session. Purpose and essence of the EU, distinction from other international organizations.
04/03/2025	Sources of EU law – primary and secondary law, legislative process, non-legislative acts. Supremacy of EU law. Overview of EU institutions.
11/03/2025	Direct and indirect effect, state liability. Court of Justice of the European Union. Interpretation of EU law. Preliminary ruling procedure, other proceedings before the CJEU.
18/03/2025	Mid-term Test I. Student presentations (Part 1).
25/03/2025	Economic integration. Free movement of goods.
01/04/2025	Free movement of persons – general principles, free movement of workers.
08/04/2025	Free movement of services and freedom of establishment. Free movement of capital.
15/04/2025	Mid-term Test II. Student presentations (Part 2).
22/04/2025	Competition law in the EU.
29/04/2025	EU citizenship and human rights protection.
06/05/2025	Schengen Area. Judicial cooperation in civil and criminal matters. Asylum and migration policy.
13/05/2025	Common commercial policy. Common foreign and security policy.
20/05/2025	Mid-term Test III. Student presentations (Part 3). Accession to and withdrawal from the EU.

Attendance

- lectures are not mandatory (only recommended)
- **EXCEPT FOR THREE LECTURES**
 - March 18
 - April 15
 - May 20
- on these dates – written tests and your presentations

Tests and presentations

- each test will have
 - 6 multiple-choice questions a-b-c-d (where 1 to 4 answers may be correct)
 - 5 short-answer questions (which required brief responses – about two sentences)
 - 1 longer question (which may ask for your opinion or an analysis of a statement)
 - each test is worth up to 20 points (6 + 14), 60 points in total
- the first test will cover lectures 1 to 3, the second test 5 to 7, the third test 9 to 12
- presentation
 - In pairs
 - 15 minutes
 - 10 points
- additional points – for exceptional participation

Grades

70 (and more than 70)-64 A (including bonus points)

63-57 B

56-50 C

49-43 D

42-36 E

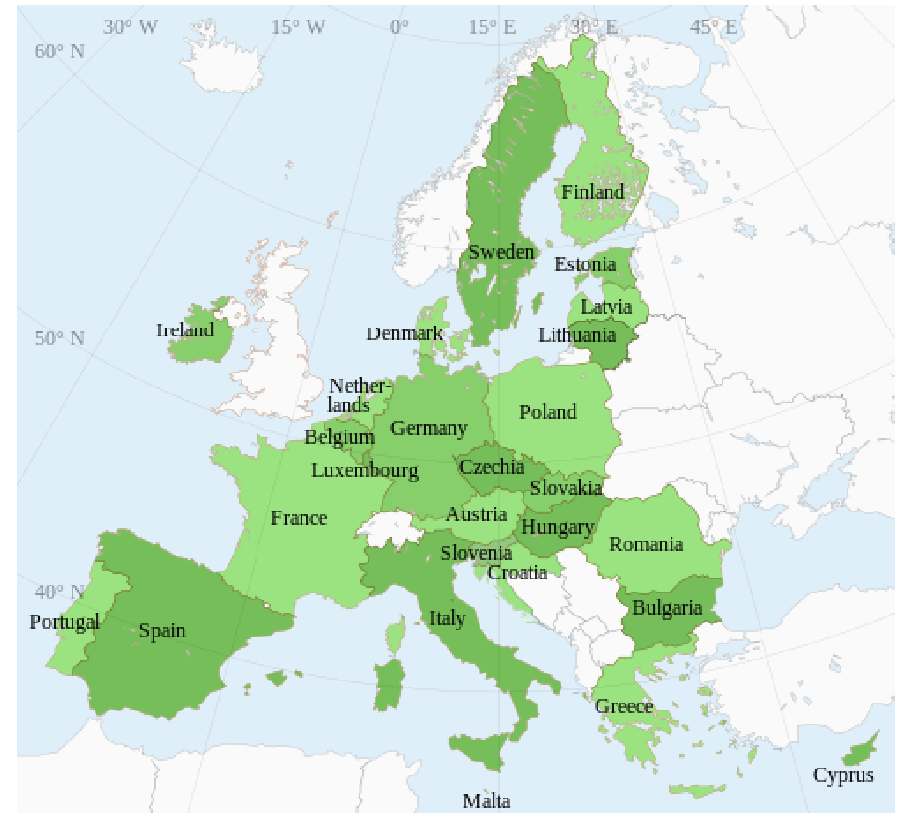
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Why European Law?

- Czech Republic is a member of the EU
- 27 members
- bound by the law that EU creates
- a direct influence on various aspects of our daily lives
 - *Examples?*

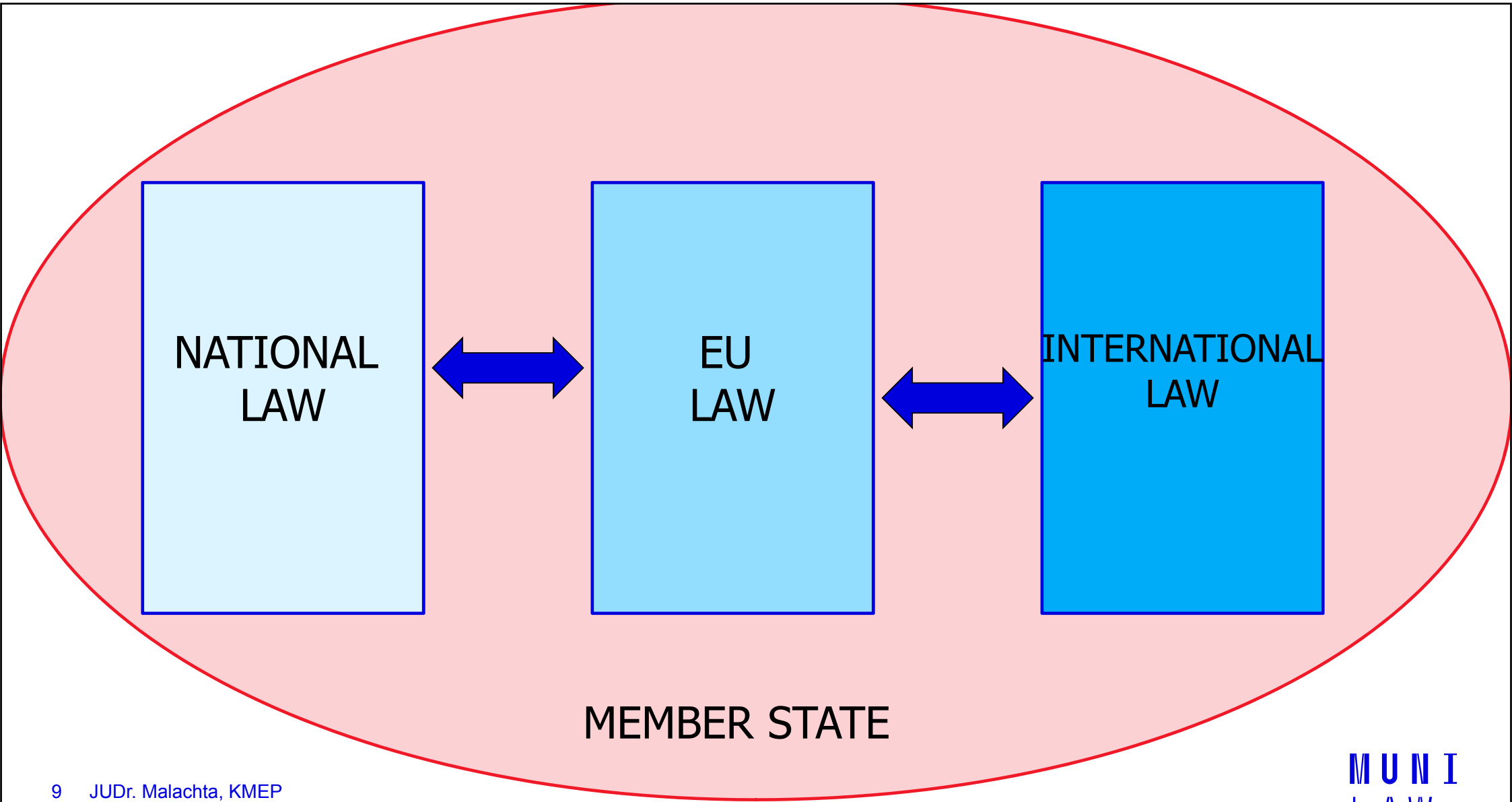


How EU Law Affects Our Everyday Life



**The Right to
Cancel a Contract
Within 14 Days**





MEMBER STATE

The Nature/Essence of the EU

- EU is a supranational organization
- superior, „above“ the Member States
- Member States **VOLUNTARILY TRANSFERRED CERTAIN POWERS TO THE EU IN SPECIFIC AREAS**
 - EU exercise authority on their behalf in certain areas/fields – EU can create laws and rules
 - EU does not have authority in some areas – MS are free to set their own laws and rules

The Nature/Essence of the EU

European Union

voluntary transfer of powers to the EU



Member States

customs
union

competition
rules

agriculture

enviroment

transport

industry

culture

education

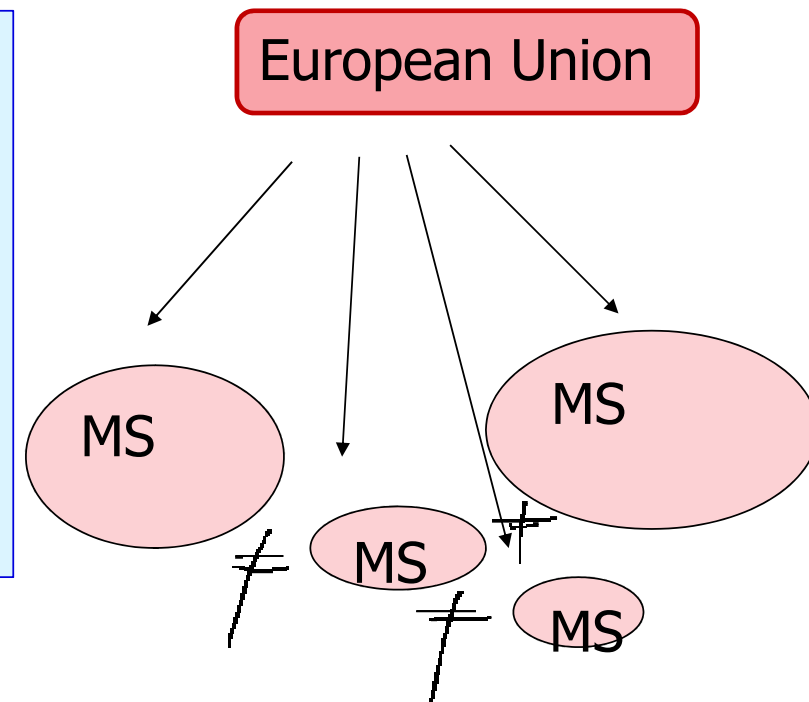
tourism

Etc.

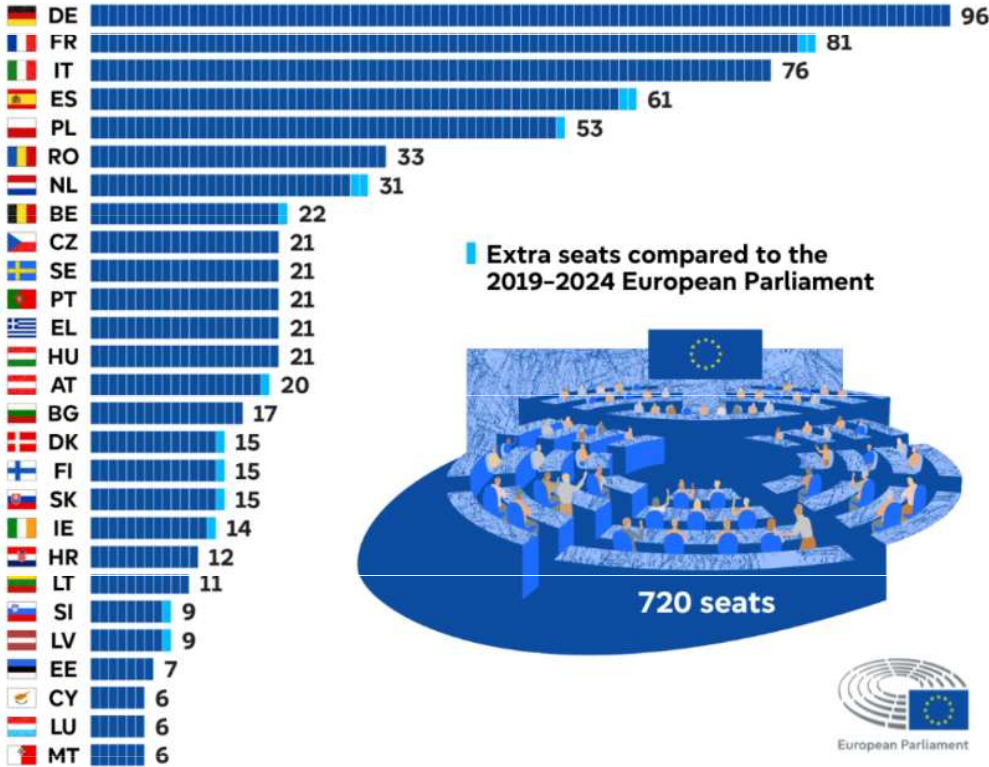
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The Nature/Essence of the EU II

- inequality among Member States
 - MS are not equal to each other
- the decision-making bodies of the EU
 - European Parliament
 - Council of the European Union
- based on the population size of each state



Distribution of seats per country in the European Parliament



Number of seats per country in the 2024-2029 legislative term of the European Parliament.

Member State	Weighting	Vote
 BELGIQUE/BELGIË	2,61	
 БЪЛГАРИЯ	1,44	
 CESHÁ REPUBLIKA	2,40	
 DANMARK	1,31	
 DEUTSCHLAND	18,72	
 EESTI	0,30	
 ÉIRE/IRELAND	1,15	
 ΕΛΛΑΔΑ	2,31	
 ESPAÑA	10,67	
 FRANCE	15,11	
 HRVATSKA	0,85	
 ITALIA	13,25	
 ΚΥΠΡΟΣ	0,20	
 LATVIJA	0,42	

Member State	Weighting	Vote
 LIETUVA	0,63	
 LUXEMBOURG	0,15	
 MAGYARORSZÁG	2,13	
 MALTA	0,12	
 NEDERLAND	3,99	
 ÖSTERREICH	2,02	
 POLSKA	8,37	
 PORTUGAL	2,33	
 ROMÂNIA	4,23	
 SLOVENIJA	0,47	
 SLOVENSKO	1,21	
 SUOMI/FINLAND	1,24	
 SVERIGE	2,34	
		

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