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EUROPEAN BUSINESS LAW

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This course provides an introduction to and overview of the so-called 'first pillar' of the European Union on the basis of the European treaties as currently established, and with some reference to the Lisbon text in a forward perspective. Included are components on the institutions, competition law, agriculture, the 'four freedoms' that are at the core of the internal market (movement of goods, persons, capital and establishment rights), the customs union, social security and external relations.

Teaching is done on the basis of the actual treaty provisions: students receive these in electronic format. In addition, there are references to case law and papers.

The instructor graduated from Antwerp and Columbia Law Schools; he is a deputy judge at the Brussels Commercial Tribunal and of counsel at Marx Van Ranst Vermeersch & Partners. He is the Advisor, industrial policy, at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Secretary-general of its spin-off fund. The instructor is an elected representative of the Brussels Bar with the General Assembly of the Flemish Bar Associations and a former member of the Brussels Bar presidium. He is on the board of several VUB spin-offs and is a member of several Bar Association committees, as well as of the scientific committee of the Institute for Permanent Education of Magistrates. He is on the editorial board of *Intellectuele Rechten Droits*

***Intellectuals and of Ad Rem*, and the author of several books and numerous articles and conference papers.**

The outcome should be that students are familiar with treaty provisions on the first pillar and are able to use them in argument.

There are no prerequisites; however, students should be familiar with at least some basic features of the European Community (such as its current membership).

The instructor is using Paul Craig and Grainne de Burca, EU Law, fourth edition, Oxford University Press (2008) as reference, as well as the Treaties on the European Union and on the establishment of the European Community (consolidated versions) Official Journal, C 321/E, 29 December 2006, as reference. The latter are made available to students electronically. The former should be bought: it is a good investment.

The sessions are currently planned as follows:

- **Community history and institutions**
- **Community decision-making**
- **Sources of Community law**

- **The relationship between Community law and Member state law – subsidiarity**
- **Direct and Indirect actions**

- **Free movement of goods**
- **Free movement of persons**
- **Free movement of services**
- **Free movement of capital**

- **Monetary policy and the ECB**
- **Competition policy**
- **Customs law**

- **Economic and Social policy**
- **Intellectual property, EMEA and REACH**
- **Enlargement**
- **External Affairs, the WTO and MFN provisions**
- **Agriculture**

- **Quo vadis Europa? Lisbon, Lisbon plus, and beyond**

The instructor has an office at the Commercial Tribunal, at VUB and at MVVP. Appointments are to be made through Ms. Monica Callens, at 02 285 01 00.

The exam consists of three essay questions. They are take home and need to be sent to either of bruno.de.vuyst@mvvp.be; or bruno.de.vuyst@vub.ac.be, by the stated date and time.

All materials and notes may be used during the exam.

Thereafter it is:

