LEGAL MARKET OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

Objectives:

- Understand the fundamental principles of European Legislation.
- Know the main legal sources and principles in the European Union.
- Understand the legal particularities of specific areas such as agriculture, environmental policy, food industry, intellectual property…
- Understand how the legal environment affects the functioning of organisations.

Program

1. Introduction

Program, Participation, exercises, discussions and exam

2. Principles of European Law

2.1 General Concepts
2.1.1 History and background of the European Community
2.1.2 European Legal Sources
   - The principle of Subsidiarity
   - The principle of Proportionality
   - Instruments of law (Directive, Regulation, Decisions)
   - Harmonisation of EU law into National law
2.2 The Institutional Structure of the EU
2.3 The principles of free movement
   - Quantitative restrictions and article 30
   - Derogations under article 36
   - Goods
   - Workers and persons
   - Establishment
   - Services
3. Specific Issues

3.1 Agriculture and fishery
3.2 Environmental policy
   Precautionary principle
3.3 Food law
   General overview
   Specific topic: Biotechnology
3.4 Intellectual property
   Trademarks, patents
3.5 Competition law

4. Cases

5. Questions and exam preparation

6. Bibliography

Handbook to be determined

Other references:

- The precautionary principle in the 20th Century, late lessons from early warnings, P. Harremoës, e.o.
- European Food Law, R. O´Rourke
- Several relevant articles will be distributed during class
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Regular Term´s evaluation

The final mark of the course “Legal Market of the European Union” will be calculated on the basis of the following factors, weighed as described below:

Participation: 25%
Except for justified reasons, a minimum attendance of 80% is required to obtain a mark under “participation”. If this level of attendance is not reached, this factor will be graded zero “0”. Active participation in class discussions is required.

Mid-term exam: 25%
There will be 2 partial exams during the course 1 consisting of a group work to be discussed in class (debating) and 2 a writing paper.

Examen final: 50%
The final exam is a necessary condition to pass the course. In case of not attending the exam the student will receive a “not presented” grade.

September evaluation

The final mark of the course “Legal Market of the European Union” will be calculated on the basis of the following factors, weighed as described below:

Participation: 25%

Individual paper: 25%

Examen final: 50%