

The Making of EU Environmental Regulation : Processes, Actors, and Tools of Implementing the Climate Action strategy of the European Green Deal

2022 4EU+ Spring School

Timing: Online, April 26 – 29 (Tue-Fri) - ZOOM

In presence, May 2 (evening) – 6 (morning) (The-Fri) - Copenhagen

Target Audience: Graduate students in Economics, Political Sciences, Public Policy, and Environmental Studies

Course level: M.Sc.

Course type: Mixed venue spring school/seminar event

ECTS: 6 credit points

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Climate change and environmental degradation are urgent problems requiring a coordinated effort, beyond a country-level. The Spring School aims at making students familiar with the context and conditions of EU environmental and climate policy. We will discuss EU's strategy to make the European Economy sustainable, namely to implement the European Green Deal. Basic knowledge of key methods, theories, approaches in the fields of political science and economics will be provided in a comprehensive manner. They will be later put in use by students to work (in groups) on applied environmental and climate policy at the EU level.

Learning objectives

After the School, students will have become competent

1. about the process through which EU environmental policies emerge, take shape, and become implemented,

2. the institutions involved in initiating, shaping, defining, and implementing EU environmental policies;
3. the tools and methods used to determine costs and benefits of alternative policy designs;
4. the different ways in which different actors use these tools and methods to further their interest at the design and implementation stage.

Prerequisites

This is a graduate level course for students enrolled in economics, political sciences, public policy, or environmental studies.

Admission

Due to the nature of the learning objectives and teaching methods, this course has capacity limits. Students interested in participating should contact their local course representative.

Assessment

There are three assessment components

1. Policy brief (weight: 50% of the grade): This is a 1,000 word document prepared during Block B that sets out the key aspects of a specific policy challenge within the Climate Action strategy of the European Green Deal. A particular emphasis is on preparing a concise, yet factually rich policy brief for policymakers. Due May 3, 24:00
2. National position paper (40%): This is a 2,000 – 3,000 word document prepared during Block C that sets out the national position on a hypothetical proposal for the implementation of the European Green Deal. Each national team will prepare one position paper, but every individual member of the team will be responsible for a specific part of this paper. Due May 5, 12:00.
3. Activity during the final simulation (10%): This component of the grade will reflect the activity of students during the final simulation.

Structure

The Spring School consists of an online and an in-presence component.

Online Phase (April 26 to 29): Whole-day attendance required for online lectures, peer-to-peer teaching, group work, quizzes, online working groups, and loosely structured interaction time online.

In-Presence Phase, (May 2 - May 6, Copenhagen): After a welcome event on the evening of May 2, the remainder of the week will be dedicated to intensive interaction time in working groups of five to six students to [1] finalize a policy brief on a key aspect of the Climate Action strategy of the European Green Deal. (e.g. Extending the EU ETS; Carbon border adjustments; Innovation policy towards zero emissions); [2] to develop a national position paper for the European Green Deal; and

[3] participate in a 3 hours fixed-schedule simulation on May 5. This phase concludes on the morning of May 6.

Logistics

- You need to apply to the Course Representative at your home institution for admission (see front page, initial information)
- Your course representative will let you know about the funding arrangements for travel, accommodation, and logistics that apply to you.
- Your course certificate will be issued by Heidelberg University. You need this certificate to apply for course credits at your home institutions.