

# Integration through Law: EU Legal Method

Compulsory course – 35 h

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This compulsory course deals with integration through law. It reflects on what is commonly called the “Community legal method” and the limits to it.

It has two main objectives, the first being to understand the basic tools and ways for lawyers to solve problems in one or more areas of EU law. Secondly, the in-depth study of a dossier (policy case study). Taken together, it provides a reflection on “supranationality” and on the ways law and politics may interact in practice. It will be seen that, contrary to what the expression “integration through law” suggests, integration is not necessarily a one-directional process, and that politics exercises pressure on the law too.

The course presupposes that at the outset, participants do not necessarily have extensive knowledge of the working of the EU. Some participants will have little or no knowledge of law, others will have extensive knowledge of law but not of EU law, and still others will have had at least an introduction into EU Law or even more.