

**Course syllabus**

<b>Subject name</b>	Principles of Economic Administrative Law
<b>Field of study</b>	Administrative Law, EU Law, Regulation, Competition Law
<b>ECTS credits</b>	3
<b>Semester</b>	2 (Spring)
<b>Language</b>	English
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**1. Description**

This course aims to provide the students with the legal framework of economic regulation, including competition law. Regulation covers not only access to the market, but also supervision and the government response in areas where market competition is not considered sufficient to achieve the desired regulatory outcomes. We will focus on the principles of regulation (the principle of legality, the role of regulatory bodies, administrative discretion and judicial review). We will also deal with the basic tools of administrative intervention (licenses, public procurement, inspections, resolution powers, administrative sanctions, etc.). Principles and administrative tools will be tested in the legislation and practice of public utilities and services of general economic interest (energy, telecommunications, transports, financial sector, media).

**2. Course learning objectives**

Students should be able to:

1. Understand the rationale of regulation and competition law.
2. Understand the different legal and regulatory systems, particularly the so called civil law and common law systems.
3. Understand the current multi-level regulation, which is made at international, European and national level.
4. Deepen the understanding of the basic principles of administrative law.
5. Achieve a sound understanding of administrative discretion and judicial review.
6. Deepen the understanding of public services, regulated sectors, services of general economic interest and network industries.



### 3. Contents / Programme

List of topics:

1. Market economy: constitutional foundations
2. Multi-level legal system: EU and international law
3. The role of the legislative power: statutory law
4. Administrative legal powers: regulation, adjudication and public procurement
5. Independent administrative bodies and professional bodies
6. Principle of legality, administrative discretion and judicial review
7. Access to the market
8. Regulatory and supervisory powers
9. Competition law
10. Administrative sanctions
11. Provision of goods and services by public bodies
12. State aids
13. Non-contractual liability

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## 5. Workload distribution

Activities	Hours
Classroom-based activities (Lectures, seminars and practical sessions)	20
Guided activities	10
Independent study	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>60</b>

## 6. Assessment criteria

TOOLS	%	OBSERVATIONS
Ongoing assessment	20%	Class participation, practical exercises, case studies, online activities.
Final exam	80%	Test, short essay or presentation