ERA421   Foundations & Regulations Of Sustainable Development

5 ECTS

Introduction & Objectives

This course will be divided into 3 parts: Global Sustainable Goals, European policies in sustainable development and environmental law. It is intended as an introduction to current environmental problems and policy responses at European and international levels.

Learning ontent

The module deals with:

- The origins of "sustainable development"
- The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations and their translation into the strategies of various European companies
- European environmental policy instruments (what are they, how are they chosen and implemented). The module will focus on some major instruments, such as the Seventh Environment Action Program (EAP to 2020) and the 2030 Climate and Energy Framework
- The legal basis of European environmental law, the European competent authorities establishing and implementing European environmental law and the general principles of European environmental law

Learning Outcome

By the end of this module, the students must be able to:

- Define and use the basic terminology related to environmental issues and European environmental law;
- Identify the context in which European and international sustainable development policies have been developed and implemented;
- Understand the role of various actors and institutions in shaping and implementing those policies;
- Understand the meaning and the concrete implementation of the general principles of European environmental law into national laws
- Analyze the implementation of sustainable development policies in a company's strategy;
- Develop a critical approach of the successes and failures of sustainable development policies.

Methodology

Online and offline class activities, theoretical approach of the basic concepts, individual preparations at home (students will have to read articles, consult websites,…), research, case studies and presentations as group assignments

Learning material

Course notes, Powerpoint presentations and resources on Moodle (articles, videos, websites, assignments, quizzes…).

Evaluation

20%   Continuous assessment (assignments)

80%   Final exam