

# “National and European Law in the context of migrations: some approaches”

## Blended Intensive Programme

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### Coordinator

University of Antwerp (UA, Belgium)

### Partners

Nicolaus Copernicus University (NCU, Poland)

University of Rijeka (UNIRI, Croatia)

Universidad Carlos III de Madrid (UC3M, Spain)

Vytautas Magnus University (VMU, Lithuania)

### Funding

Erasmus+ short term mobility with a compulsory virtual component, KA131.

### Target group

Full-time students who completed at least the first year of a Law degree. Preference will be given to students involved in Legal Clinics.

A minimum B2 level of English language competence is required (CEFR).

### Fees

Participation in classes is free of charge.

Participants have to cover the cost of accommodation and lunches with Erasmus+ funding. The Erasmus+ grant application deadline may vary depending on the university (contact your local International Relations Office for more information).

### Calendar

- **Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> March 2026 – Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026**  
Virtual component. Weekly lectures on Wednesdays, 12-2pm (CET).
- **Wednesday, 29<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Monday, 6th July 2026**  
Self-study and remote teamworking.
- **Monday, 6th July 2026 – Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July 2026**  
On-site module at the University of Antwerp ([City Campus/Stadscampus](#)).

## Venue

The physical component will take place at the University of Antwerp ([City Campus/Stadscampus](#)).

## Application process

Students willing to participate will have to apply directly at their home university, deadlines may vary. The selection process will be completed by the end of February.

A minimum of 20 students will be selected.

## Accommodation

At a later stage, we will provide participants with a list of accommodation and lunch suggestions at reduced costs, located close to the City Campus in Antwerp.



Participants are expected to cover these expenses using their Erasmus+ programme funding.

## Online learning environment

Digital learning materials and online sessions will be hosted on MS Teams.

Participants need to have a stable internet connection, a computer, a headset, and a webcam. Sessions will be held synchronously ('live') in the CET time zone, from 12 to 2pm (CET).

Each online module will consist of lectures and a workshop based on teamworking.

## Assessment and ECTS Recognition

Successful completion of the course will be awarded with 3 credits according to the European Credit Transfer System (ECTS). A Certificate of Completion will be issued by the coordinating institution.

ECTS will be awarded on the basis of active participation in classes, completing the virtual component, preparing a presentation during the physical component, and working in groups to elaborate a final product.



In order to include the credits in the curriculum at the home institution, participants will have to have signed an *Erasmus+ Learning Agreement before the start of the virtual component*.

Participants will receive the [YUFE Civic Star](#) certificate if they comply with the requisites.

## Programme overview

### Objectives

The main goal of the course is to develop legal communication skills and foster student collaboration and teamwork in an international context, bringing together students involved in legal clinics and law studies.

The programme will combine the teaching of EU migration law with the development of transversal competencies, focusing on ethical and civic skills in the framework of law clinics.

By participating, students will gain a deep understanding of the legal conditions adopted by European countries, focusing on topics related to migration issues.

Students will also develop strong teamwork skills and practical English language proficiency.

### Final product

Participants will have to identify, across the various subjects, some of the legally relevant issues that hold practical importance, considering their significant effects on migrant populations (social, economic, sociological dimensions) and compile them into a preliminary report (5-6 pages), outlining the identified advancements and unsolved challenges present in both community and national regulations.

### Workload

The overall workload is 75 hours, split as follows:

- 15 hours of synchronous online sessions;
- 30 hours of self-study and teamwork;
- 30 hours of onsite activities, involving well-established decisions of European and national courts, reading and analysis of legal literature and preparation of a final product.

## Teaching staff

The courses will be taught in English by teachers from Nicolaus Copernicus University, University of Antwerp, Universidad Carlos III de Madrid, University of Rijeka and Vytautas Magnus University.

TEACHER	UNIVERSITY	PROFILE
Prof. Tomasz Oczkowski	NCU	University professor, Department of Criminal Law, Head of the Legal Clinic
Dr. Piotr Sadowski	NCU	Department of Human Rights, an expert and a manager in international projects, former expert to the Polish government. His area of expertise lies in public international law, in particular the European Convention on Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms, the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, immigration, labour law and judicial activism issues
Prof. Francisco Bariffi	UC3M	Legal scholar specialised in human rights, disability law and the governance of emerging technologies. He is a <i>Ramón y Cajal</i> researcher at the <i>Instituto de Derechos Humanos Gregorio Peces-Barba</i> at <i>Universidad Carlos III de Madrid</i> and has extensive experience in EU and international human rights frameworks, with a particular focus on vulnerable groups.
Prof. Ana Belén Muñoz Ruiz	UC3M	Associate Professor in Labour and Social Welfare Law, deputy director of the university master's degree in labour risk prevention
Antonela Kusturin	UNIRI	Research and Teaching Assistant at the Department of Theory of Law and State, Philosophy of Law, Human Rights and Public Policy, Faculty of Law in Rijeka
Dr. Aire Keturakiene	VMU	Researcher fellow, Department of Public Law, Research on the Impact of Globalisation on the Law
Prof. Dirk Vanheule	UA	Full Professor, Government and Law Research Group, Member of the Network on Migration and Global Mobility (Migloba)

## Detailed programme content

### Online component

**18 March – 29 April 2026**

The online module is composed of theoretical and practical parts. During each encounter the particularities of each clinic will be presented.

The main aim of the workshop is to develop skills allowing critical assessment of the jurisprudence of national and supra-national courts through the lens of a comparative view.

All learning resources will be available on the teams learning platform and synchronous sessions will be held on the mentioned platform. The online module will require a previous preparation: the slides and other materials will be sent a week in advance, so that students can become familiar with the issues and they will also be provided with reading materials. The virtual component aims to prepare students for the practical, workshop-format classes organised in the physical component in Antwerp. To that end students will be divided in groups. Each group will prepare one topic on which they will also take the lead in the Antwerp sessions.

All meetings are held at CET time zone.

#### *Schedule*

Date	Topic	Lecturer(s)	Results
Wednesday 18.03.2026 12-2 pm	Introduction to immigration law	Dirk Vanheule (UAntwerp)	Comprehension of the EU legislative framework in migration and asylum
Wednesday 25.03.2026 12-2 pm	Legal and employment implications of automated emotion recognition systems	Prof. Ana Belén Muñoz Ruiz (UC3M)	Understanding of the obligations in personal data processing with support of artificial intelligence and of the vulnerability of employees
Wednesday 08.04.2026 12-2 pm	Climate change and migration	Antonela Kusturin (UNIRI)	Reading assignment and first questions
Wednesday 15.04.2026 12-2 pm	The UN and EU law on trafficking in human beings and its implications for national law	Prof. Tomasz Oczkowski Dr. Piotr Sadowski (NCU)	Familiarising with the problem of trafficking in human beings, first questions and first discussions
Wednesday 22.04.2026 12-2 pm	The fragility of human rights in the practice of migrant pushbacks	Dr. Airė Keturakienė (Vytautas Magnus University)	Understanding human rights issues in migration, identifying key problems like pushbacks, and proposing practical legal solutions.

Wednesday 29.04.2026 12-2 pm	Preparatory session for self-study and online teamworking before the onsite meeting.	All teachers	Groups created and topics assigned for the self-study component.  Presentation of the onsite module in Antwerp.
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## Onsite component

### 6 – 10 July 2026 – Antwerp

The on-campus module will take the format of plenary sessions and group workshop sessions aimed at developing practical skills. Gathered in international teams, students will deliver a presentation of the results of their work. This component will upskill students in a challenge-based learning approach.

The additional sessions are workshops dedicated to the students' personal development in the field of democratic values and multicultural competencies. These skills will be developed around underlying topics.

In the same way, the workshops will have an instrumental function, as phases for the development of a final product, such as a guide/report or collective opinion that could be published as a result of the BIP in the alliance.

Work materials will be sent two weeks before the start of the on-site activities, so that students can previously study the topics on which the workshops will focus.

#### *Preliminary schedule*

Date	Description	Lecturer(s)	Final product/results
<b>Monday 06.07.2025</b>	9:00-10:00 <b>Welcome and coffee</b>		
	10:00-11:00 <b>Ice-breaking, integration</b>	Ice-breaking: Bert Gabriëls	
	11:00-13:00 <b>Activity 1</b> EU immigration and asylum law, jurisdiction, solidarity and human rights	Activity 1: Prof. Dirk Vanheule	This workshop is designed to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the distribution of jurisdiction in EU immigration and asylum law and policy and its human rights dimensions. Through a policy question students will be challenged to reflect on the distribution of jurisdiction between national and EU authorities, taking into account principles like national sovereignty and EU solidarity. They will explore the intersection of human rights principles and migration governance, understanding the limitations and

			obligations imposed by human rights law on policy formulation and implementation.
	<i>Lunch</i>		
	14:00-16:00  <b>Activity 2</b> EU immigration and asylum law, jurisdiction, solidarity and human rights	Activity 2: Prof. Dirk Vanheule	
<b>Tuesday 07.07.2026</b>	9:00-11:00  <b>Activity 3</b> The UN and EU law on trafficking in human beings and its implications for national law	Activity 3: Prof. Tomasz Oczkowski Dr. Piotr Sadowski	Students will be familiarized with international law on identification of victims of trafficking in human beings, as well as fighting of human trafficking (the UN, the Council of Europe, the EU and of different EU Member States legislation). By identifying a correct “common standard” regarding identification and protection of victims of trafficking, as well as fighting with human rights, they will practice a comparative and per analogiam legal reasonings. This will be achieved by finding similarities between cases which students will have to resolve. Students will also understand the complexity of a relationship between a victim of a crime and a perpetrator of a crime.
	11:30-13:30  <b>Activity 4</b> The UN and EU law on trafficking in human beings and its implications for national law	Activity 4: Prof. Tomasz Oczkowski Dr. Piotr Sadowski	
	<i>Lunch</i>		
	14:30-16:30  <b>Workshop on soft skills</b>	Workshop: Leen Adams	Flexible and smart group decision-making for complex challenges
	Evening: <b>Social activity</b>		

<b>Wednesday</b> <b>08.07.2026</b>	9:00-11:00  <b>Activity 5</b> Climate change and migration	Activity 5: Antonela Kusturin	This workshop aims to equip students with a comprehensive understanding of the impact of climate change on migration. By the end of the session(s), students will be able to recognize the negative impacts of climate change affecting climate migrants, i.e., they will gain insight into international legal and legislative instruments regulating migration caused by climate change, as well as into the case-law of the CJEU. Furthermore, students will be familiarised with the evolving case-law of the ECtHR towards the recognition of the right to a healthy environment. Finally, students will be able to apply legal provisions to migratory contexts by developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills to address legal disputes and issues arising from climate change.
	11:30-13:30  <b>Activity 6</b> Climate change and migration	Activity 6: Antonela Kusturin	
	<i>Lunch</i>		
	14:30-16:30  <b>Activity 7</b> Digitalisation, AI and Human Rights in European Migration and Asylum Law and Practices	Activity 7: Prof. Francisco Bariffi	The lecture analyses the increasing digitalisation and use of automated decision-making systems in European migration and asylum procedures. These systems, which rely on large-scale data processing, profiling techniques and algorithmic risk assessments, are increasingly used in areas such as border control, asylum processing, and return procedures. Their deployment may significantly affect migrants' and asylum seekers' rights, particularly with regard to due process, non-discrimination, transparency and access to effective remedies. The session examines the European legal framework governing these

			practices, focusing on EU migration and asylum law, human rights standards, data protection rules and emerging regulation on artificial intelligence.
<b>Thursday 09.07.2026</b>	9.00-12:30 <b>Activity 8</b> Writing time (final product)	Activity 8: All	Students have writing time to work on the final product
	<i>Lunch</i>		
	13:30-15:30 <b>Activity 9</b> European system for returns and human rights	Activity 9: Dr. Aire Keturakiene Dr. Aušrinė Pasvenskienė	This workshop provides an overview of the European system for returns, with a particular focus on its legal framework and recent EU initiatives. It examines return practices through the prism of international human rights standards. By the end of the session, students will have strengthened their analytical, problem-solving, and legal reasoning skills in addressing complex legal challenges at the intersection of migration governance and human rights protection.
	16:00-17:00 <b>Workshop on soft skills</b>	Workshop: Leen Adams	Reflection session on group work and decision-making
	Evening: <b>Diner in Antwerp</b>		
<b>Friday 10.07.2026</b>	9.00-11:00 <b>Activity 10</b> Final product	Activity 10: All teachers	Guidelines or FAQ document on migration law in the EU and its implementation in our countries
	11:30-13:30 <b>Activity 11</b> Final conclusions	Activity 11: All teachers	

*Pictures from the 2024 (at NCU) and 2025 editions (at UC3M)*



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