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About

The LLM Program Organizers

The European Center for Peace and Development (ECPD) is an autonomous international, intergovernmental educational and research organization constituted by the University for Peace established by the United Nations. ECPD was established by an international treaty signed between the Government of Yugoslavia and the University for Peace, which was ratified by the Law adopted by the Parliament of the SFR Yugoslavia on 17 July 1985. Serbia, as the successor state of Yugoslavia, is party to this international treaty which, in Article 1, specifies that *ECPD is an international regional European center for peace and development with the duties of organizing and conducting postgraduate studies, research work and disseminating knowledge which contribute to enhancing of peace, development and international co-operation*. In fulfilling its UN mandated international mission, since its inception ECPD conducts postgraduate studies and research in various academic fields, including law.

Having a tradition of cooperation with eminent international legal institutions, ECPD is launching an **LLM Master of Laws program in EU Law and International Business Law** as part of its International Postgraduate Studies. The LLM program is organized in close cooperation with the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law (UNCITRAL) from Vienna, International Institute for the Unification of Private Law (UNIDROIT) from Rome, the International Law Institute (ILI) from Washington DC and the Institute for German and European Corporate and Economic Law of the Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg from Heidelberg.

The LLM program director is Jose Angelo Estrella Faria, Secretary-General of UNIDROIT and the deputy director is professor Milan Parivodić at ECPD, attorney at law and former Minister of international economic relations of Government of Serbia (2004-2007). The LLM Program Council is chaired by professor Don Wallace Jr., President of the ECPD Academic Council, President of International Law Institute (ILI), and emeritus professor at Georgetown University, Washington, DC. Council co-chairman is professor Jernej Sekolec, independent arbitrator, former Secretary of UNCITRAL (2001-2008) and Director of the international trade law division of the UN Office of Legal Affairs.

The organizers of the LLM, being international institutions, aim at developing business lawyers who will actively contribute to the development of their societies, either working in private industry or in government.





About Our LLM

The LLM program in the Law of the European Union and International Business Law leads to a postgraduate **Master of Laws in European Union Law and International Business Law** degree granting 90 ECTS credit points.



Taught by international experts from academia, legal practice and international organisations, the LLM is aimed at meeting the practical needs of international business lawyers. The syllabi of the courses are inspired by LLM courses at well-known international law schools. ECPD students will learn in English from the best textbooks and professional law books, and will use best-practice document templates and other practical materials.

Specific attention is given to professional applications, particularly through assignments and teaching methods. The courses are aimed at enhancing legal practitioners' techniques by analyzing complex contract precedents, learning from different drafting styles, comparing the relative quality of different policy and legislative options, assessing the effectiveness, clarity and correctness of court submissions and court decisions, and explaining how good laws and contracts are drafted and the rationale behind them. Given the region's close ties to the EU, which is its primary trading, investment and development partner, the commercial law courses are combined with instruction on European Union law (as far as being relevant for a business lawyer). The LLM offers a business law education aimed at developing professional skills to enable students to work independently in complex business transactions.

The program is designed **primarily for law graduates** (or graduates with a sufficient background in law who wish to pursue advanced studies in business law). Its aim is to develop international business lawyers who will actively contribute to the development of the economies where they operate, whether working in Government or the private sector.



Program Structure

The LLM program is structured on a **part-time three semester** (year and a half) basis, thus enabling work and studying at the same time. During the winter and summer semesters, lectures are held in Belgrade in two consecutive days for 5 hours each day (e.g. Friday 16-21h and Saturday 10-15h) so that our students can obtain a world class degree **without having to leave their jobs**.

Academic years are divided into **two semesters**. Winter semester starts on **1 October** and ends on **20 December** and summer semester starts on **1 February** and ends on **1 June**. The first two semesters are devoted to lecturing, learning and passing of examinations of taught courses. Two legal courses are taught during the first semester, and two more courses are taught during the second semester, while the third semester is reserved for legal research, writing and defending the master thesis. Teaching method used in all our courses is 40 hours of lectures plus 7 hours of tutorials or consultations per taught course.

All four taught courses are mandatory and written examinations are typically held in the first half of **February, April** and in the second half of **June** and **September**. Taught courses are examined in **open book** written examinations. To obtain a Master of Laws (LLM) degree a student must **successfully**

pass written examinations in all four taught law courses and **successfully complete a thesis** of approximately 12000 words, thereby earning a total of **90 ECTS credits**.

The list of four taught courses is:

COURSE 1: EU Law and Competition Law

COURSE 2: Law of International Business Transactions

COURSE 3: Law of International Investment

**COURSE 4: International Trade and Finance Law
(International Economic Law)**

The description and syllabi of the courses can be found on the ECPD website www.ecpd.org.rs.

A Master of Laws diploma will be issued by ECPD indicating all supporters of the LLM program.

Prior to enrolling the LLM program, students must prove their English language ability to successfully participate in the program by **submitting a certificate of adequate knowledge of the English language**. In case of doubt, a candidate will be interviewed about her/his English language capabilities at ECPD.

Application Deadline

Deadline for submitting the application is 01 September 2015.

For further information on the application procedure, entry requirements and the tuition fees please see the ECPD website section on the LLM program, or contact:

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