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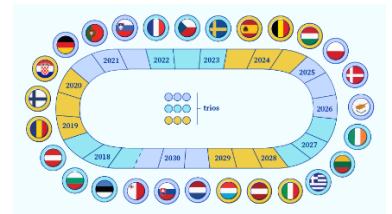
BIP EU Law & Institutions (on campus)

LEUVEN – 2nd - 6th of March 2026

**“Enhancing legal understanding of the EU institutions,
and their functioning within the EU”**



Information Brochure for the partner institutions



Welcome to the third edition of our BIP (Blended Intensive Program) "EU Law & Institutions" in Leuven!

For the third time, we organize a **Blended Intensive Program (BIP)**, focusing on the theme of "**Legal understanding of the functioning of the EU institutions**". This BIP constitutes a new step in our **long tradition of Internationalisation at the UCLL**, whereby we already organized 18 times an "International Law Week" at our campus.

During the **BIP "European Law & Institutions"** (abbreviated to the "**BIP European Law**") in Leuven, you can meet over 300 students from various European countries participating either in the *International Finance Week*, the *International Entrepreneurship-week* or the *International Business Week*. With more or less **95 of these students**, you will collaborate during the **BIP European Law**. This "on campus week", taking place between the 2nd and the 6th of March 2026, will be preceded by the "online week", between the 16th and the 20th of February 2026, focusing on the same theme, where the participating students will cooperate in workshops and fulfil certain assignments via the digital platform MS Teams.

We do not only aim to study and elaborate European Union Law, but we also aim to enhance **multinational collaboration and team-spirit**, in the context of the **current EU issues**.

General outline of the goals, and the program of the on campus week in Leuven:

- The main target of this on campus week is to offer students the possibility to work in **mixed international groups** on an interesting actual topic, and to challenge them to think and communicate in a foreign language. As to the main "assignment" and thus the central project of the week, students have to participate to a **final debate, a "Mock EU Parliamentary Debate"**, covering numerous legal topics within the EU legislative framework. Students will have to analyze (proposals of) legislation and develop arguments in order to amend those texts. More particularly, divided into mixed international groups, students will constitute a political party of a "mock European Parliament", and will have to:
 - understand the ideology of the political parties in the European Parliament;
 - analyze concrete EU directives or regulations
 - prepare and write an amendment to existing directives or regulations;
 - present, discuss and vote on the proposed amendments.
- Both the **UCLL-lecturers and guest lecturers will assist the participating students** in exploring and studying EU documents and legislation, whereby special attention will be paid to EU Directives an/or Regulations, regarding specific themes, such as consumer protection, equality between men & women, etc. The themes need to be discussed among the partner institutions.
- The analysis of legal documents also requires the analyses of the **functioning of the EU institutions themselves**: special attention will of course be paid to the composition and the election of the EP, its role within the legislative process on an equal footing with the Council of the EU. Moreover, we will also provide **guest lectures**, given by **civil servants of the EU Commission**, as well as by the **President of the Court of Justice of the EU**, focusing on the competences and the role of the Court in applying and enforcing EU Law throughout the EU.
- Moreover, we encourage the accompanying lecturers **to actively contribute** to the achievements and success of the week. We would appreciate visiting lecturers to take care of a workshop and/or a guest lecture regarding the EU Institutions and/or a topic of their preference.



- In accordance with the EU Commission rules on the BIP organization and implementation, the participation of the students to both the online week as well as the on campus week will enable them to gain **3 ECTS credits**. Students will also receive, after finishing both weeks, a **digital badge**, certifying their participation to the weeks, and the accomplishment of the assignments.
- We target students with a **basic knowledge of European law, as well as a practical knowledge of the English language**. We would be very honored and pleased to welcome your students (**between 5 and 15 per institution**) as well as an accompanying lecturer.
- All participating students will have **to fulfil a small preparatory pre-assignment aiming at the presentation of their home institution and their education program**. This presentation will be presented on Monday, first day of the on campus week, enabling all participants to get "live" acquainted with their colleague-students from abroad. The information on this preparatory assignment which will be communicated at the beginning of the online week (16th of February).
- The European Law Week/BIP **will start on the 2nd of March 2026 at 9:00h** at the "**Campus Connect**" of the University Colleges Leuven-Limburg. **The presence of all students as from the very beginning of the program is crucial**, since the presentations of the pre-assignment will take place on Monday morning.
- On Sunday evening, the 1st of March, our crew will organize an optional "*Welcome Activity*" in Leuven City for the arriving students and their accompanying lecturers.

Crew

The crew consists of **2 or 3 students of the University Colleges Leuven-Limburg**. They will contact your students (via Facebook) beforehand **after their formal registration**, in order to make practical arrangements regarding the time schedules of their arrival in Leuven, bus services as from the station to our campus, practicalities regarding the trip to Brussels, the leisure activities, etc.

If needed, the crew will pick up the students on **Sunday, the 1st of March in front of the central station in Leuven** in order to accompany everybody to their hostel, hotel or other accommodation. That evening, the crew will also organise an optional "**Welcome Activity**" in Leuven for the arriving students and their accompanying lecturers. On **Monday morning, the 2nd of March**, the crew will pick up the students at 8 am, and accompany them to Department of Management Leuven at the "**Campus Connect**" of the University Colleges Leuven-Limburg. The bus station is at walking distance from our Campus.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAM of the on campus week

Monday 2 March

9:00: Welcome at our Campus and registration

9:30: Introduction of program and practical information

10:00: Presentation by the students of the pre-assignment

11:00: Introduction to the assignments and more specific information on Assignment 1

12:00: Lunch at the Campus

13:30: Workshop 1 (or guest lecture?) and coffee break

17:00: **International Aperitive on our Campus** (with all international students participating to all international weeks)

Tuesday 3 March

9:30: Introduction Assignment 2

10:00: Workshop or guest lecture Assignment 2, followed by coffee break and crew activity (quiz or...)

12:00: Lunch at Campus Connect

13:00: Workshop or guest lecture Assignment 2 (to be determined)

15:00: Departure to Leuven for sport- and leisure activities (for example: bowling or visit to local brewery, or cultural tour in the City)

17:00 – 19:00: Visit of the "Arenberg Castle", or University Library and the Carillon with **lecturers**, followed by "**Lecturers Dinner**"

Wednesday 4 March

9:00: Departure to Brussels by bus, from the Campus

10:00-18:00: Visit of the European Parliament and EU Council and/or Benelux (exact timing is still to be determined)

13:00: Lunch in Brussels

16:00: Free visit Brussels (or in the morning – depending on the timing)

Thursday 5 March

9:30: Guest Lecture: "The Art of Debating" – introduction Assignment 3: "Mock Parliamentary Debate" - workshop

12:00: Lunch at Campus Connect

13:00: Short workshop Assignment 3: preparation of the debate

15:00: Free time with crew

19:00: **Official "Closing down of the week" – closing dinner (buffet) with dance party in Leuven**, with all participating students of all international weeks

Friday 6 March

10:00: Breakfast/brunch in Leuven

13:00: "**Mock Parliamentary Debate**" at House of Province in Leuven

15:30: Closing Drinks and Appetizers with students and lecturers at the House of Province

17:00: Departure home by the incoming students



Pre-assignment by all participating students

On **Monday, the 2nd of March**, the students of all participating institutions show a **short presentation on their home institution, some local traditions and their inspiration or motivation to take part to our EU Law Week**. Traditionally, students also bring over some food and beverages typical for their country. During the coffee breaks, they will be shared with the other participants.

Closing festivity with buffet and dance

To celebrate the closing of our EU Law Week, a closing event with music will be organized at the **5th of March in the Banquet Room of the Leuven Football Stadium (situated at 5 minutes walk from the Centre of Leuven)**. Students may bring their dancing shoes and practice their most elegant moves for this unique multinational event, that **all participating students of the 4 international weeks being organized at UCLL**, will attend.

Visit of Brussels on Wednesday, the 4th of March – visit of the EU Parliament and the EU Council: We visit the **European Parliament as well as the EU Council (to be confirmed) in Brussels**, the heart of Europe. During your visit of Brussels, you are free to **explore the city**, to shop or visit Brussels' well known "Grande Place" or other unique quarters or places of our capital.

Various activities, organised by our crew in Leuven: Our **crew** will organize leisure and/or sportive activities in Leuven in order to make our foreign friends **familiar with the marvelous historical center of the city**.

Sports and leisure activity:

Since we also include sports and/or leisure activities (bowling, for example), students should bring **comfortable clothing**.

Digital badge: Besides the obtaining of 3 ECTS for the participation to both the online week and the on campus week, every participant receives a **digital badge**. This **badge** constitutes a "digital micro-degree", which is encrypted, covering the so-called "international competences", the attribution of which is subject to a profound assessment of the participation and contribution of the student.



REGISTRATION:

The registration fee is determined at **130 EUR/student**. Included are:

- Lunches at the Campus (Monday until Friday)
- Parliamentary debate in the "House of Province" (with technical assistance for voting procedure)
- Closing buffet and dance party on Thursday evening
- "Breakfast Brunch" and "Farewell Drinks and Appetizers" on Friday morning and afternoon after the debate
- Sports and/or leisure activity
- Visit of Brussels (European Parliament and city center) by bus
- Local transport to and from the City of Leuven

▪ **The students, participating to the complete BIP need to register via the digital form** on the UCLL website, using the hyperlink:

<https://www.ucll.be/en/programmes/short-programmes/international-weeks/law>

▪ **Before registration, it is crucial to follow the guidelines as provided on the webpage:**

<https://www.ucll.be/en/programmes/short-programmes/international-weeks/law>.

▪ **The students who only participate to the on campus week, without participating to the complete BIP need to register** via the "Registration Form" (WORD) and sent to Mrs. Manou Eyskens, manou.eyskens@ucll.be. This modality only applies to the students from non-BIP-partner institutions.

▪ **Registration needs to be submitted and completed before the 10th of January 2026.**

ACCOMODATION FOR STUDENTS:

Participants should book accommodation for their stay in Leuven themselves. A list of suggestions for every budget – ranging from youth hostels to finer hotels – can be found on the next page.

Youth Hostels / Budget Hotels

Youth Hostel Blauwput +/-	City Hostel Leuven	Ibis Budget Hotel
Martelarenlaan 11 A BE 3010 Leuven Tel. +32 (0)16 63 90 62	Ravenstraat 37 BE-3000 Leuven Tel. +32 (0)16 84 30 33	Martelarenlaan 10 B BE-3010 Leuven Tel. +32 (0)16 47 98 80
+ 32-37 eur /night/person	+/- 23-55 eur/night/person	+/- 70 eur/night/person
Behind the railway station go through the tunnel into the direction of Kessel-Lo (direction of up-going numbers of the platforms).	Small hostel right in the centre of Leuven - as from the station, it takes a walk of 10 minutes through the Bondgenotenlaan, in the direction of the Ravenstraat.	Behind the railway station, same direction as Youth Hostel Blauwput. Very suitable for students wanting their own accommodation.

Other Hotels

<u>Park Radisson Hotel</u> Martelarenlaan 36, 3010 Leuven tel. +32 (0) 16 61 66 00 from 155 eur/night/person e-mail: info.leuven@parkinn.com Location: very close to the railway station and hostel	<u>Hotel La Royale</u> Martelarenplein 6, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0) 16 22 12 52 +/- 90 eur/night/person e-mail: laroyale@lodge-hotels.be Location: very close to the railway station
<u>Theater Hotel Leuven</u> Bondgenotenlaan 20, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0) 16 22 28 19 +/-120 eur/night/person e-mail: theaterhotel@lodge-hotels.be Location: close to the railway station	<u>Ibis Leuven Centrum</u> Brusselsestraat 52, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0) 16 29 31 11 +/- 95 eur/night/person e-mail: h1457@accor.com Location: 2 km from the railway station in the center of town
<u>Binnenhof</u> Maria-Theresiastraat 65, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0) 16 20 55 92 +/- 125 eur/night/person e-mail: info@hotelbinnenhof.be Location: close to the railway station	<u>New Damshire</u> Schapenstraat 1, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0) 16 23 21 15 +/- 160 eur/night/2persons e-mail: newdamshire@lodge-hotels.be Location: 2 km from the railway station in the center of town
<u>Begijnhofhotel Leuven</u> Tervuursevest 70, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0)16291010 +/- 125 eur/night/person e-mail: info@bchotel.be Location: 2 km from the railway station, 0,9 km from the center of town	<u>Penta Hotel Leuven</u> Alfons Smetsplein 7, 3000 LEUVEN tel. +32 (0)16317600 e-mail: info.leuven@pentahotels.com Location: 1 km from the railway station, right in the center of town

And of course... More than 300 studio's, apartments & flats on Airbnb, in the centre of Leuven : as from 55,00 eur per night (2 persons) up to 240,00 eur per night (8 persons) –

Please: do check the exact distance between the accommodation and the Campus, in order to facilitate and limit the bus rides and walks ;-)



HOW TO REACH UCLL CAMPUS CONNECT?

LEUVEN

From **Brussels Airport** (Zaventem)

There is a direct train connection between Brussels Airport and Leuven. Upon arriving at Brussels Airport **take the train to Leuven**.

From **Brussels South Charleroi Airport**

Upon arrival at Brussels South Charleroi Airport, take the shuttle bus to Brussels South (Brussel Zuid – Bruxelles Midi). In Brussels South take the train to Leuven.

Please take care that you take the train to LEUVEN (Louvain) and NOT to Louvain-la-Neuve: So, do not order a ticket to "Louvain" but buy the ticket by explicitly mentioning "**Leuven**". Look for trains with final destination either Luik (Liège), Verviers or Welkenraedt-Eupen (Keulen/Köln), Hasselt – Genk or Tongeren.

By train from **Brussels to Leuven**

Upon arrival at Brussels South (Brussel-Zuid – Bruxelles-Midi) take the train to Leuven as mentioned above (see 'From Brussels South Charleroi Airport').

HOW TO REACH UCLEUVEN - DEPARTMENT MANAGEMENT (BUSINESS STUDIES) FROM LEUVEN CENTER

At the Leuven bus station take **bus 4** (direction Haasrode, Brabantthal), **bus 5** (direction Vaalbeek), **bus 6** (direction Hoegaarden) or **bus 630** (direction Haasrode). Get off at the busstop "**Haasrode UCLL**" (Interleuvenlaan).

The Departments of Management and Technology Leuven located at walking distance from the bus-stop. The main entrance of the Campus is clearly indicated. On the first day of the EU Law Week, the crew members will accompany the incoming students to the Campus.

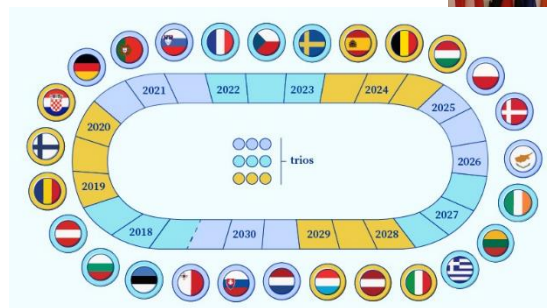
Route planner Railway station -> Haasrode UCLL on: www.delijn.be

Accommodation for accompanying lecturers

We refer to the **list above**, mentioning **possible hotels** that you can book for your stay. **All (guest) lecturers should take care of their own reservation.** See this list, or check www.leuven.be.



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1 JULY - 31 DECEMBER 2025, FOLLOWED
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