



With this innovative course tailored to teaching staff, teachers will learn more about the European Union. Teaching staff is encouraged to critically reflect on policy from a European perspective and to think along about current and future (education) policy and regulations.



ELAT
European Union Learning Activities
and Resources for
Teacher Trainers and Teachers

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• PRACTICAL INFORMATION

See the ELAT website and the EduLAW youtube channel for more information, online materials and activities:

- <https://euvooronderwijzers.eu>
- <https://www.youtube.com/@edulaweu>



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• BACKGROUND

The consequences of the Second World War were so devastating that it became necessary to work towards the creation of a sustainable, supportive and cooperative Europe.

The tensions between ideological superpowers on the European continent came to an end with the turbulent upheavals in the former Eastern Bloc at the end of the 20th century.

This was followed by the largest expansion of the European Union at the beginning of the 21st century with the accession of mainly the countries that were once part of the former Eastern Bloc.

The European Union has also increasingly supported the efforts of the Member States to provide education and training of the highest quality. Language education, learning mobility for all, equal

opportunities, social cohesion and active citizenship, creativity, innovation and entrepreneurship became important spearheads of European education policy.

• OBJECTIVE

Meeting the needs of diverse groups of (future) teachers is an essential objective of the Jean Monnet ELAT project. Through tailor-made learning materials, teaching staff from higher, secondary and primary education can acquire knowledge about the European Union, the functioning of the European institutions, the freedoms in the European Union, European policy, etc.

Jean Monnet ELAT aims to make teachers and students aware of the impact of the European Union on the economic, social and political level on the lives of citizens in Europe and on education in particular.

• EDUCATION AND TRAINING

The ELA education program is based on diverse learning groups. Meeting the needs of the different educational levels is an essential part of the Jean Monnet ELAT project.

ELAT aims to reach teaching staff in higher, secondary and primary education in Flanders through tailor-made teaching materials. For activities with pupils and students and for further training of teachers, educational institutions, educational networks and pedagogical services can contact gracienne.lauwers@vub.be

Learning materials about the European Union are available online on the ELAT website and on the EduLAW channel of the Youtube Online Video Platform.

The online learning materials consist of videos with additional information,

intended learning objectives, tests and lesson plans, worksheets for the different target groups. All material can be downloaded for free. The ELAT learning materials are based on a number of main themes that can be flexibly integrated into existing lesson programs.

Education, workshops and further training are also included in the annual ELAT activity program.

• OUTSIDE FLANDERS

ELAT organises activities with EduLAW partners from all over Europe.

For example, Jean Monnet ELAT teaching materials are discussed at an international conference with teacher trainers from other European countries.