

SUBJECT DETAILS

Data on the subject		
Name	EU Consumer Protection Law	
Degree	Postgraduate in Master in International and European Business Law	
Year	2023-2024	
Nature	Spring	
ECTS Credits	1	
Department	Law	
Area	Law	

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SPECIFIC DATA ON THE SUBJECT

 Pre-requisites

 None

 Contribution of the degree to the professional profile

This subject focuses primarily on the study of various Directives regarding "Contract law" in the field of consumer protection, as well as other initiatives for future regulation of contract law in Europe. Thus, this course helps the student specialized training, and complements the insights offered by other core subjects of the curriculum, such as Civil law, Commercial law and European Union law.

COMPETENCES TO BE IMPROVED

Generic Competences

Instrumental

GC 1: Analysis and synthesis abilities

GC 3: Ability to manage information

GC 8: Critical appraisal skills

GC 10: Ability to develop autonomous learning skills

GC 11: Concern for quality

GC 12: Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice

Specific competences of the subject

SC 8 - Knowing in depth the main rules regulating markets in special sectors (like financial markets, utilities and markets for consumer goods)

THEMATIC AREA AND CONTENT

AREA 1:

Theme 1: Liability product Directive (85/374/EEC)

- 1.1. Scope, definitions and liability provided for by this Directive
- 1.2. Case Law of the ECJ:
- Case C-203/99: Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber), 10 May 2001.
- Case C-183/00: Judgment of the Court (Fifth Chamber), 25 April 2002.
- 1.3. Proposal for a new Directive on liability for defective products (28.9.2022)

Theme 2: Sale of goods Directive (Directive 2019/771)

2.1. Scope, definitions and rights conferred to consumers

2.2. Case Law of the ECJ

AREA 2: NEW DIRECTIVE ON CONSUMER RIGHTS (2011/83/EU)

Theme 1: General provisions of the Directive

1.1. Legal definitions

1.2. Rights conferred to consumers

Theme 2: Specific provisions for distance and outside business premises contracts

2.1. Legal definitions

2.2. Rights conferred under this Directive

BIBLIOGRAPHY AND RESOURCES

Basic Bibliography

Text books

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- HESSELINK, M.: An Introduction to European Contract Law (Introduction to European Private Law), Hart Publishing, 2012.

- HONDIUS, W.: Unexpected circumstances in European Contract Law, Cambridge University Press, 2011.

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- MICKLITZ, H., REICH N. AND P. ROTT, Understanding EU Consumer Law, Intersentia, 2009.

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TEACHING METHODOLOGY

 General methodological aspects of the subject

 Contact hours methodology: Activities

 Basic explanations on the subject

 Short practice issues related to the subject

 Analysis of case law of the ECJ on the matter

 Conclusions

 Independent study methodology: Activities

 Read the guidelines before class

 Learn the basic elements of the Directives explained in classs and the ECJ cases

Application of concepts to practical cases related to the subject

SUMMARY OF STUDENT WORK HOURS					
Activity	Number of contact hours	Number of independent study hours	Total number of hours		
Lecture	3	4	7		
Practical class	4,30	5	9,30		
Debate	30'		30'		
In class presentation	-				
Individual work	30'		30'		
Work in collaboration	-				
Evaluation: class test	30'	2	2,30		
Evaluation: exam	1	4	5		
Others	-				
ECTS Credits:	10 horas	15 horas	25 horas		

GRADE EVALUATION AND CRITERIA

Evaluation Activities	Generic Competences	Indicators	Date of assignment * (it will be handed out the same day)	Evaluation Weighting
Continuous Evaluation: <i>Participation in class</i>	 GC 1: Analysis and synthesis abilities GC 3: Ability to manage information GC 8: Critical appraisal skills GC 11: Concern for quality GC 12: Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice 	Reasonable answers to the questions raised in class		5 %
Continuous Evaluation: Product liability and sale of good test	 GC 1: Analysis and synthesis abilities GC 3: Ability to manage information GC 8: Critical appraisal skills GC 10: Ability to develop autonomous learning skills GC 12: Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice SC 8 - Knowing in depth the main rules regulating markets in special sectors (like financial 	Understanding of legal concepts and application of the Directive. Test: 15 questions with three possible options	1 st day (in class)	35 %

	markets, utilities and markets for consumer goods)			
	GC 1: Analysis and synthesis abilities	 Identification of the applicable law Application of the legal rules to the case 	4 th day (in class)	50 %
	GC 3: Ability to manage information			
	GC 8: Critical appraisal skills			
	GC 10: Ability to develop autonomous learning skills			
Evaluation:	GC 11: Concern for quality			
Close book exam	GC 12: Ability to apply theoretical knowledge into practice			
	SC 8 - Knowing in depth the main rules regulating markets in special sectors (like financial markets, utilities and markets for consumer goods)			
Attendance				10%