

European Union Week 2026 - Program

Date	Topic	Organizer
AVAILABLE ALL WEEK		
<p>Recorded Seminar</p> <p>Available all week (online)</p> <p><i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>The Values of the European Union</p> <p>In the seminar, Master's students in EU law and political science discuss the Court of Justice's landmark ruling of 21 March in <i>Case C-769/22 Commission v Hungary</i>. The session explores the legal relevance of Article 2 TEU and its implications for the future of the European Union.</p> <p>Joakim Zander - Senior Lecturer in EU and International Trade Law</p>	<p>Lund University</p>
Friday, 27-March-2026		
<p>→ 05:00 - 06:30 p.m. CEST, online</p> <p>Language: Italian</p>	<p>Artificial Intelligence and Future Policies: Opportunities, Challenges and the Impact of the AI Act</p> <p>Miriam D'Arrigo - Legal and Policy Officer at the Artificial Intelligence Office – Artificial Intelligence Regulation and Compliance, European Commission</p>	<p>POLIMI School of Management</p>
Monday, 4-May-2026		
<p>→ 01:00 – 02:00 p.m. CEST, TUM Main Campus (Immatrikulationshalle) & online</p> <p><i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>Circular by Design: How the EU Is Turning Environmental Policy into Competitive Advantage</p> <p>How water related research and innovation is key to European Resilience, Competitiveness and Security.</p> <p>Jessika Roswall - Commissioner for Environment, Resilient Water Supply and Competitive Circular Economy</p> <p>Opening by Prof. Dr. Joachim Henkel, welcome by TUM Executive Vice President Prof. Dr. Claudia Peus, Interview by TUM Speakers Series.</p>	<p>TUM School of Management & TUM Speakers Series</p>

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Tuesday, 5-May-2026		
<p>→ 12:15 – 01:30 p.m. CEST</p> <p>Kozminski University Campus & Online</p>	<p>In defence of Eurobonds</p> <p>The lecture examines the case for Eurobonds as a means to finance strategic EU public goods, including defence. It discusses how shared fiscal resources could enhance the Union’s strategic capacity while supporting economic stability, convergence, and growth.</p> <p>Paul van den Noord – Professor, University of Amsterdam</p>	<p>Kozminski University</p>
<p>→ 06:00 – 07:30 p.m. CEST</p> <p>TUM Main Campus (Audimax) & Online</p> <p><i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>European Digital Sovereignty: How do we get there?</p> <p>Alexander Braun - Senior Vice President Digitalization and IT Systems and Chief Information Officer, TUM</p> <p>Cristina Caffarra - Founder and Lead, EuroStack</p> <p>Niko Groeneweg - CTO Computable Contracts, AXA Group Operations</p> <p>Joachim Henkel - Professor, TUM School of Management (moderation)</p>	<p>TUM School of Management</p>
Wednesday, 6-May-2026		
<p>→ 09:00 a.m. CEST</p> <p>Online</p> <p><i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>Europe Under Pressure: Energy, War, and the Collapse of Certainty</p> <p>The keynote analyses how the war in Ukraine and rising tensions involving Iran are converging into a complex crisis for Europe. It highlights the growing pressure on European security and energy stability, arguing that resilience, strategic autonomy, and decisive action are now essential in an era of heightened geopolitical uncertainty.</p> <p>Rares Burlacu - President, Romanian Agency for Investments and Foreign Trade / Former Advisor, Government of Quebec</p>	<p>Bucharest University of Economic Studies</p>

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<p>→ 12:00 – 01:30 p.m. CEST</p> <p>Kozminski University Campus & Online</p>	<p>Innovation in the EU: From excellent science to an innovative Europe</p> <p>The seminar reviews Europe’s innovation performance across research, development, startups, and commercialization. It discusses why a European innovation policy is needed, examines current measures, and explores what comes next – including challenges in startup growth and financing, such as the proposed EU Inc. and the Savings and Investment Union.</p> <p>Joachim Henkel - Professor, TUM School of Management</p>	<p>Kozminski University</p>
<p>→ 03:30 - 05:00 p.m. CEST</p> <p>Esade Barcelona Campus & Online</p> <p><i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>Affordable Housing: What Can the EU do to Tackle the Housing Crisis in Europe?</p> <p>Institutional Welcome: Mònica Reig - Associate Director, EsadeGov, Center for the Public Governance</p> <p>Keynote Speech: Manuel Szapiro - Director, European Commission Representation in Barcelona</p> <p>Panel: Matthew Baldwin - Deputy Director General of DGENER & Head of the Housing Task Force at the European Commission (online) Felipe Carozzi - Associate Professor of Urban Economics and Economic Geography, LSE (online) Eduard Cabré - Senior Housing Policy Advisor, Barcelona City Council Jorge Galindo - Director, EsadeEcPol, Center for Economic Policy (Moderator)</p> <p>Closing Remarks: Jorge Castiñeira - Dean, Esade Law School</p>	<p>Esade Business School</p>

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Thursday, 7-May-2026		
<p>→ 04:00 - 05:30 p.m. CEST, Estonian Business School & Online</p>	<p>Eurocentrism in Management Studies</p> <p>A lecture exploring the influence of Hofstede's and Schwartz's value models on debates about the universality of business culture, including their methodological foundations and measurement approaches.</p> <p>Laur Lilleoja - Rector of the Baltic Methodist Theological Seminary and Former Bolt Finance Analyst; Researcher at ESS/RECSM</p>	<p>Estonian Business School</p>
<p>→ 06:00 - 08:00 p.m. CEST, Heilbronn, Bildungscampus 6, Conferencing Area (2. OG) / register here & online</p>	<p>Local Climate and Environment Action</p> <p>EU climate policy, EU urban policy including European Green Capital Award, local climate and environmental action</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Ali Sunyaev - Vice President TUM Campus Heilbronn</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Andrea Wechsler - Member of the European Parliament (MEP)</p> <p>Andreas Ringle - Mayor of Heilbronn in charge of building, planning, housing and environment</p> <p>Prof. Dr. Miranda Schreurs - Chair of Climate and Environmental Policy, TUM</p> <p>Dr. Stefan Seidendorf - Franco-German-Institute (dfi)</p> <p>Dominik Grillmayer - Franco-German-Institute (dfi)</p> <p>Student contributions, emanating from the workshop on the same day</p> <p>As a part of the TUM Europe Dialogue Series 2026</p>	<p>TUM Campus Heilbronn</p>

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Friday, 8-May-2026		
<p>→ 10:15 - 11:45 a.m. CEST, Kozminski University Campus & Online</p>	<p>What makes countries rich and what keeps them poor: lessons from the European growth champion</p> <p>Marcin Piatkowski - Professor of Economics at Kozminski University, Program Leader at the World Bank, New Delhi</p>	<p>Kozminski University</p>
<p>→ 04:00 - 05:30 p.m. CEST, Corvinus University & Online <i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>Hungary's Position in the European Union: Opportunities and Challenges</p> <p>The panel discussion addresses Hungary's relationship with the European Union in a time of global polycrisis. It explores the EU's role and competitiveness on the world stage, the need for possible institutional reforms, the balance between cooperation and sovereignty, and the implications of recent elections for Hungary's position within the Union.</p> <p>Péter Balázs - Professor at CEU, former Commissioner László Andor - FEPS Secretary General, former Commissioner Tibor Navracsics - Minister for Regional Development and Public Administration, former Commissioner</p>	<p>Corvinus University of Budapest</p>
Tuesday, 12-May-2026		
<p>→ 10:00 a.m. CEST Online <i>Link coming soon</i></p>	<p>Time for a new Pax Europaea: challenges and opportunities</p> <p>The keynote examines how war, energy shocks, and shifting global alliances are reshaping Europe's economic development, highlighting the move toward resilience, strategic autonomy, and new growth models under rising geopolitical pressure.</p> <p>Clara Volintiru - State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Romania / Associate Professor, Bucharest University of Economic Studies</p>	<p>Bucharest University of Economic Studies</p>

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Monday, 18-May-2026		
<p>→ 12:30 - 02:00 p.m. CEST, Polimi Campus & Online</p>	<p>Measuring strategic dependencies: a quantitative assessment for Europe</p> <p>As geopolitical tensions rise, Europe’s dependence on external suppliers for critical resources—such as energy, semiconductors, rare earths, and pharmaceuticals—creates major economic and security risks. This seminar presents a quantitative framework to assess Europe’s strategic dependencies and its exposure to key suppliers.</p> <p>Michela Nardo - Deputy Head of the Economic and Financial Resilience Unit. European Commission-Joint Research Centre</p>	<p>POLIMI School of Management</p>