



Consumer and Market Law in the European Circular Economy

PROGRAMME OF THE 2026 SUMMER SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY

July 8th
Online

15:00-16:30

Circular economy as an umbrella concept

Raluca Bercea - Alexandra Burdulea, West University of Timișoara

16:45-18:15

The EU approach to the Circular economy. An international assessment

Claudia Candelmo, University of Udine

THURSDAY

July 9th
Online

15:00-17:15

Introduction to EU consumer law and policy

Chris Willett, Essex University

17:30-19:00

Intellectual property Law and sustainable innovation in the Circular Economy

Peter Mezei, University of Szeged

FRIDAY

July 10th
Online

10:00-12:15

Introduction to EU private international law contractual and non-contractual obligations (I)

Elisabetta Bergamini, University of Udine

MONDAY

July 13th

9:00-10:30

Circular economy and private international law issues (II)

Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka

10:45-12:15

Artificial Intelligence and Circular economy under EU Law

Francesco Deana, University of Udine

Lunch

14:30-17:30

Moot trial training: legal argument, theory and practice

Elisabetta Bergamini, University of Udine,
Ivana Kunda, University of Rijeka,
Lucian Bojin, West University of Timișoara



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TUESDAY July 14th

9:00-11:15

Market regulation paradigms for the Circular economy

Tatjana Jovanic, University of Belgrade

11:30-13:00

EU Liability rules in the digital and circular economy

Francesco Deana, University of Udine

Lunch

14:30-16:30

Working Groups

16:30-18:30

2026 Summer School Workshop

“Judicial protection and enforcement of “green” rights in the EU”

WEDNESDAY July 15th

9:30-11:00

Re-contextualizing unfair commercial practices in the Circular economy

Chris Willett, University of Essex

11:15-12:45

Geographical Indications and Circular Economy

Bernardo Calabrese, University of Verona

Lunch

14:30-16:45

Sustainable due diligence and circular economy in the digital age

Youseph Farah, East Anglia University

THURSDAY July 16th

9:30-11:00

New consumer's rights in the EU circular economy

Martin Morgan-Taylor, formerly DeMontfort University

11:15-12:45

Alternative dispute resolution (ADR) in consumer contracts

Lucian Bojin, West University of Timișoara

Lunch

14:30-16:30

Working Groups

FRIDAY July 17th

9:30-11:00

The collaborative economy under EU Law

Marco Inglese, University of Parma

11:15-12:45

Sustainable Remedies in Consumer Law

Sorina Doroga, West University of Timișoara

Lunch

14:30-16:30

Moot Court

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Summer School

Consumer and Market Law in the European Circular Economy

Udine, 8 - 17 July 2026

Learning Outcomes

By the end of the “Consumer and Market Law in the European Circular Economy” summer school, participants will be able to:

1) Understand the EU policy framework

- Explain the main objectives and instruments of the European Green Deal and the Circular Economy Action Plan and their relevance for consumer and market law.
- Summarize key principles of consumer protection and market regulation in the EU context.

2) Conduct critical legal analysis

- Analyze recent court decisions on consumer rights and market regulation, assessing their implications for circular business models.
- Compare different approaches to dispute resolution and redress in the EU.

3) Apply private international law

- Determine jurisdiction and applicable law in cross-border consumer contracts within the circular economy.
- Address conflicts of law between Member States in consumer and market disputes.

4) Develop problem-solving and argumentative reasoning

- Devise legal strategies to protect consumers in sharing-economy platforms and refurbished-product markets, integrating sustainability considerations.
- Construct persuasive legal arguments in a moot court setting, identifying strengths and weaknesses of EU policy measures.

5) Enhance soft skills

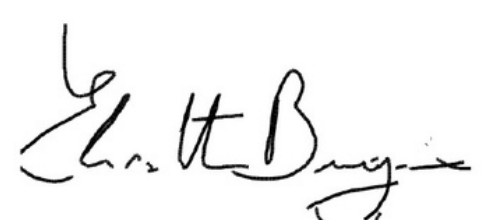
- Collaborate effectively in multicultural teams to draft legal opinions and policy proposals, sharing best practices across countries.
- Manage time and resources in workshops and simulations, strengthening leadership, negotiation, and teamwork abilities.

Workload

- Lectures (40 hours)
- Workshop (2 hours)
- Group work (moot court preparation) (8-10 hours)

Syllabus

- A) Consumer protection and empowerment issues
 - Rights and information requirements in consumer contracts.
 - Prohibition of unfair terms and practices.
 - Liability and warranties for refurbished and second-hand goods.
- B) Private international law issues
 - Jurisdiction rules for cross-border consumer disputes.
 - Determination of applicable law in international contracts.
 - Resolving conflicts of law in the circular economy context.
- C) Dispute resolution and redress issues
 - Online dispute resolution mechanisms.
 - Alternative dispute resolution procedures.
- D) Market regulation
 - Rules for digital gatekeepers and platform accountability.
 - Regulatory measures affecting second-hand and sharing-economy markets.



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