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enviEU, the first Jean Monnet teaching module about the environmental framework in Europe

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ABSTRACT

The Jean Monnet programme co-funded by the Erasmus+ Programme aims to stimulate teaching, research and reflection in the field of European integration studies at the level of higher education institutions. The European integration is the analysis of the origins and evolution of the European Communities and the European Union (EU) in the internal and external dimensions, including the EU's role in the dialogue between peoples and cultures and the EU's role and perception in the world.

The objective of this Jean Monnet module named environmental framework for a sustainable Europe (enviEU) is to make the EU environmental policy known by means of introduction of innovative teaching methodologies based on information and technology tools, raising of critical knowledge leading to analyse how the existing EU policies and regulations in the environmental protection affect technologies design, development and implementation.

The targets of this initiative are students that although they have competences to solve technical problems, they are unconscious about the importance of EU regulatory framework in their works.

EnviEU is based on six topics: i) environmental impact; ii) water; iii) energy; iv) air quality; v) environmental noise and; vi) waste. Each topic has a person in charge, who is an expert in the topic with wide teaching and researching experience in this field.

Throughout the course, each topic will be developed during a complete day. In the morning two teaching activities with a total duration of 2 hours will be carried out by the person in charge and, during the afternoon the project coordination will organize a public event for the audience. To increase the student's knowledge of some of the selected 6 topics, a summer course with 14 hours of duration will be carried out every summer. At least two events have been planned for each summer course.