



EU Enlargement: Regionalism, Autonomy, and Supranational Governance

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

University of Genoa (Italy),
15-31 May 2026 (virtual component)
8-12 June 2026

EU Enlargement: Local Autonomy and Supranational Governance.

Beneficiary Module BIP code: TBD

Summary of Information:

In which city is the BIP located?	Genoa (Italy) and Valsavarenche (Italy)
Name of the hosting university?	University of Genoa
Name of the coordinating university?	University of Genoa
Ulysseus BIP topics?	<input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual & intercultural competences skills; <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Transversal/Interdisciplinary topics aligned with the Ulysseus Mission
ISCED code, according to the list in annex 1:	022 - 030 - 031 - 042
Amount of ECTS:	4
Expected participants (students, staff or the two ones) and the expected study level for students:	Bachelor, Master and PhD students
- Maximum number of desired Erasmus BIP participants (granted or zero granted) and precise if non BIP participants, can be added (for example for University of Montenegro participants who can't be counted as BIP participants - And if possible, precise, how many slots per university:	35 Max 5 participants per university Non BIP participants are allowed
Start/End dates of the virtual component:	15/31 May 2026

Start/End dates of the physical component:	8/12 June 2026
(Expected) Workload (detail for physical component and the virtual one if possible):	
Language and level required:	English level B2
Available funding:	<i>Consult your home university regarding available funding options</i>
Hosting university's registration deadline to receiving (the participant list) or (the signed Erasmus mobility agreement): For the organiser: choose the correct proposition above and keep in mind the partners delays for their BIP dissemination, their internal process to open application calls and select candidates (around 2-3 months)	15 April 2026
Application Details:	Please contact your Ulysseus Local Mobility Officers in this table below. Feel free to reach out to them with any questions. They will manage the selection process internally.
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General Course Information:

This Blended Intensive Programme explores the relationship between sovereignty, regional autonomy and supranational governance within the context of the European Union enlargement process. The programme adopts a multidisciplinary approach, combining:

- International law and EU law
- Political science and comparative politics
- Political economy of integration
- Regional and multi-level governance studies

Enlargement is examined not merely as territorial expansion but as a transformation of sovereignty and governance structures within a complex multi-level constitutional order. The programme is structured around three core analytical pillars:

1. Sovereignty under international and EU law
2. Acquisition of membership in international organisations and in the EU
3. Enlargement as political, economic and geopolitical transformation

Sovereignty under international law and under EU law

The sovereignty of States and of international organizations under international law will be considered. Specific attention will be paid to its constitutive elements as well as to the emerging challenges. The sovereignty of the EU will be specifically considered in its internal dimension (i.e. the EU's relationship with its Member States) as well as in its external one (i.e. in the relationship with third States and other international organizations)

Acquisition of membership under international law and under EU law

International organizations still remain the most appropriate forum to develop international relations. The process of acquisition of membership in the main international organizations (UN, WTO) will be explored. Specific attention will be paid to the acquisition of membership in the EU: (i) the enlargement of the EU since its creation, (ii) the procedure and the requirements envisaged by art. 49 TEU as well as (iii) the future perspectives of enlargement will be expressly considered.

Workshop on the acquisition of membership in the EU

The workshop envisages a simulation of the procedure for the acquisition of membership in the EU. The students will be required to advise candidate States in the above procedure, by considering the legal framework of reference and the existing practice. The use of a simulation workshop on the EU accession procedure under Article 49 TEU.

Political Perspective of the EU Enlargement

The EU enlargement has been a powerful tool for promoting democratization in different parts of Europe, paving the way to stability, democracy, spreading the rule of law and human rights. The main political challenges and opportunities developed in Central Eastern and Western Balkans will be discussed in comparative perspectives. Some analysis concerning the type of institutions, political parties, and public opinions' attitude towards this process will be provided.

Workshop on the revival of nationalism, regionalism, and sovereignty in times of political tensions

The war in Ukraine has re-energized the issue of "Enlargement" as a strategic imperative for different European countries. The workshop will be divided into two parts: 1) a conceptual approach to define nationalism, sovereignty, and regionalism among the old and new political forces; 2) the empirical analysis of the internal and external factors of these three concepts in times of international crises.

- Ulysseus Priority topics:
 - Multilingual & intercultural competences;
 - Citizen Engagement;
 - Transversal/Interdisciplinary topics aligned with the Ulysseus Mission
- Target group:
 - Students
- Level (for students):
 - Bachelor
 - Master
 - PhD
- Field of study and ISCED code(s) for a BIP for students using the ISCED code list in annex: 022 030 031 042
- Course dates:
Physical component: 08/06/ 2026 to 12/ 06/2026
Virtual component: 15/05/2026 to 31/05/2026
- Registration dates are open until **15/04/2026**
Please be aware that your home university may set a different application deadline depending on their internal selection process (around 2-3 months).

Course Structure:

The BIP is structured in two components:

1. Virtual Component (15–31 May 2026)

The virtual phase prepares participants conceptually and methodologically for the physical mobility. It includes:

- Introductory webinars on EU enlargement law and policy;
- Assigned readings and guided discussions;
- Formation of transnational working groups;
- Preparation of a short policy brief (group assignment).

Students will collaborate in international teams and prepare a preliminary analytical framework that will be further developed during the physical mobility.

2. Physical Component (8–12 June 2026 – Genoa & Valsavarenche, Italy)

The physical mobility combines lectures, seminars, workshops, and institutional visits. Students will refine their group projects and present final outputs during the concluding workshop.

Final requirement:

Oral group presentation (20 minutes) + final policy brief (2,500 words).

Course Content:

Main topics addressed:

- Sovereignty in international law and EU law
- Accession procedures and conditionality
- EU enlargement as a tool of democratization
- Regionalism and autonomy in multi-level governance
- Political parties, public opinion and enlargement
- Political economy of integration
- Nationalism and sovereignty in times of geopolitical crisis

- Enlargement and the war in Ukraine

Special focus:

- Comparative institutional developments in Central Eastern Europe
- The role of civil society and citizen engagement in enlargement processes

Learning Outcomes:

Following this course, students will be able to:

- Critically assess the legal and political foundations of EU enlargement;
- Analyse the interaction between local autonomy and supranational governance in multi-level systems;
- Evaluate enlargement as a tool for democratization and regional stabilization;
- Compare institutional and political developments across Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans;
- Understand the geopolitical implications of enlargement in the context of the war in Ukraine;
- Develop and present a policy-oriented analytical brief in a transnational working group;
- Demonstrate enhanced intercultural and multilingual collaboration skills.

Physical Mobility:

Dates: 8–12 June 2026

Locations:

- University of Genoa (Genoa, Italy) from 8 to 10 June 2026
- Valsavarenche (Aosta Valley, Italy) from 10 to 12 June 2026

We recommend the participants to organize the trip arriving in Genoa while the return trip could be planned from the Turin or Milan Train Stations or Airports. A transfer from Genoa to Valsavaranche will be granted to BIP participants free of charge.

Day 1: 8 June 2026 (Genoa)

09:00 – 11:00

Sovereignty under international law and under EU law

Laura Carpaneto (University of Genoa, Italy) & Stefano Dominelli (University of Genoa, Italy)

11:00 – 13:00



Acquisition of membership under international law and under EU law Laura
Laura Carpaneto (University of Genoa, Italy) & Stefano Dominelli (University of Genoa,
Italy)

14:00 – 16:00

Political Economy of European Integration

TBA (University of Genoa, Italy or other Ulysseus Partner)

16:00 – 18:00

Visit to the Museum of Emigration (MEI) in Genoa

<https://www.museidigenova.it/en/mei-museum-italian-emigration>

Day 2: 9 June 2026 (Genoa)

09:00 – 11:00

Historical background of EU enlargement

Lara Piccardo (University of Genoa, Italy)

11:00 – 13:00

Political perspectives of EU enlargement

Mara Morini (University of Genoa, Italy)

14:00 – 16:00

Ulysseus Partner lecture on the BIP topic

TBA

16:00 – 18:00

Transfer to Valsavarenche

Day 3: 10 June 2026 (Valsavarenche)

09:00 – 11:00

Federalisms and Autonomy in Border Regions

1. The Belgian Federalism

Étienne Deschamps (Archives historique Parlement Européen Luxembourg)

2. Ireland

Francesco Massardo (University of Genoa, Italy)

11:00 – 13:00

Regionalisms in Italy

1. The experience of Tuscany

Andrea Bacherucci (Historical Archives of European union, Florence)

2. The experience of Liguria

Guido Levi (University of Genoa, Italy)

3. The experience of Italian North-Eastern regions

Claudio Cressati (University of Udine, Italy)

15:00 – 16:30

Workshops sessions

1. Workshop on the acquisition of membership in the EU

Laura Carpaneto (University of Genoa, Italy)

2. Workshop on the revival of nationalism, regionalism, and sovereignty in times of political tensions

Mara Morini (University of Genoa, Italy)

16:30 – 19:00

Comunalisms and transnational proposals

1. Gasser and communalism

Fabio Zucca, (Insubria University, Italy)

2. The Charter of Chivasso

Daniela Preda (University of Genoa, Italy)

Other presentations TBA

Day 4 – 11 June 2026 (Valsavarenche)

09:00 – 13:00

Ulysseus Partner lecture on the BIP topic

TBA

11:00 – 13:00

Ulysseus Partner lecture on the BIP topic

TBA

14:00-18:00

Visit to the “Emile Chanoux” Documentation Centre

Day 5 – 12 June 2026 (Valsavarenche)

09:00-14:00

PhD and Advanced Research Workshop

Group presentations

14:00

Conclusion of the BIP

Virtual Component/Part:

Dates: 15–31 May 2026

Format: Online seminars (Teams), asynchronous materials, group work

Proposed structure (TBC):

- Webinar 1: Legal Foundations of EU Enlargement

- Webinar 2: Enlargement and Democratization
- Seminar: Ukraine, Moldova and the Eastern Partnership
- Methodological Session: Writing a Policy Brief

Requirements:

- Study level: Bachelor (3rd year), Master, PhD
- Background in Political Science, Law, International Relations, European Studies or related fields
- English level: minimum B2
- Strong motivation to engage in interdisciplinary and intercultural teamwork

Application Process:

After completing your BIP template, please send it to your Local Mobility Officer to check it.

Application deadline at hosting university: 15 April 2026 (Partner universities may set earlier internal deadlines.)

Required documents:

- CV
- Motivation letter (max 1 page)
- Transcript of records

Maximum number of Erasmus BIP participants: 35

Maximum 5 participants per partner university

Non-BIP participants may be admitted (e.g. University of Montenegro students not counted as BIP participants).

Interested students must contact their Ulysseus Local Mobility Officer.

For academic questions (University of Genoa): dispi@unige.it

Professor(s):

- Andrea Bacherucci – Historical Archives of European Union in Florence, Italy
- Laura Carpaneto – University of Genoa, Italy
- Claudio Cressati – University of Udine, Italy
- Étienne Deschamps – Archives historique Parlement Européen, Luxembourg
- Enrico di Bella – University of Genoa, Italy
- Stefano Dominelli – University of Genoa, Italy
- Guido Levi – University of Genoa
- Francesco Massardo – University of Genoa
- Mara Morini – University of Genoa, Italy
- Lara Piccardo – University of Genoa, Italy
- Daniela Preda – University of Genoa, Italy
- Fabio Zucca – Insubria University, Italy
- Representatives – Partner University/ies

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Annex 1: ISCED CODES

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
00 Generic programmes and qualifications	000 Generic programmes and qualifications not further defined	0000 Generic programmes and qualifications not further defined
	001 Basic programmes and qualifications	0011 Basic programmes and qualifications
	002 Literacy and numeracy	0021 Literacy and numeracy
	003 Personal skills and development	0031 Personal skills and development
	009 Generic programmes and qualifications not elsewhere classified	0099 Generic programmes and qualifications not elsewhere classified
01 Education	011 Education	0110 Education not further defined 0111 Education science 0112 Training for pre-school teachers 0113 Teacher training without subject specialisation 0114 Teacher training with subject specialisation 0119 Education not elsewhere classified
	018 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education	0188 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving education
02 Arts and humanities	020 Arts and humanities not further defined	0200 Arts and humanities not further defined
	021 Arts	0210 Arts not further defined 0211 Audio-visual techniques and media production 0212 Fashion, interior and industrial design 0213 Fine arts 0214 Handicrafts 0215 Music and performing arts 0219 Arts not elsewhere classified
	022 Humanities (except languages)	0220 Humanities (except languages) not further defined 0221 Religion and theology 0222 History and archaeology 0223 Philosophy and ethics 0229 Humanities (except languages) not elsewhere classified
	023 Languages	0230 Languages not further defined 0231 Language acquisition 0232 Literature and linguistics 0239 Languages not elsewhere classified
	028 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities	0288 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving arts and humanities
	029 Arts and humanities not elsewhere classified	0299 Arts and humanities not elsewhere classified

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
03 Social sciences, journalism and information	030 Social sciences, journalism and information not further defined	0300 Social sciences, journalism and information not further defined
	031 Social and behavioural sciences	0310 Social and behavioural studies not further defined 0311 Economics 0312 Political sciences and civics 0313 Psychology 0314 Sociology and cultural studies 0319 Social and behavioural sciences not elsewhere classified
	032 Journalism and information	0320 Journalism and reporting not further defined 0321 Journalism and reporting 0322 Library, information and archival studies 0329 Journalism and reporting not elsewhere classified
	038 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving social sciences, journalism and information	0388 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving social sciences, journalism and information
	039 Social sciences, journalism and information not elsewhere classified	0399 Social sciences, journalism and information not elsewhere classified
04 Business, administration and law	040 Business, administration and law not further defined	0400 Business, administration and law not further defined
	041 Business and administration	0410 Business and administration not further defined 0411 Accounting and taxation 0412 Finance, banking and insurance 0413 Management and administration 0414 Marketing and advertising 0415 Secretarial and office work 0416 Wholesale and retail sales 0417 Work skills 0419 Business and administration not elsewhere classified
	042 Law	0421 Law
	048 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving business, administration and law	0488 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving business, administration and law
	049 Business, administration and law not elsewhere classified	0499 Business, administration and law not elsewhere classified

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05 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	050 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not further defined	0500 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not further defined
	051 Biological and related sciences	0510 Biology and related sciences not further defined 0511 Biology 0512 Biochemistry 0519 Biology and related sciences not elsewhere classified
	052 Environment	0520 Environment not further defined 0521 Environmental sciences 0522 Natural environments and wildlife 0529 Environment not elsewhere classified
	053 Physical sciences	0530 Physical sciences not further defined 0531 Chemistry 0532 Earth sciences 0533 Physics 0539 Physical sciences not elsewhere classified
	054 Mathematics and statistics	0540 Mathematics and statistics not further defined 0541 Mathematics 0542 Statistics 0549 Mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified
	058 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, mathematics and statistics	0588 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving natural sciences, mathematics and statistics
	059 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified	0599 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics not elsewhere classified
06 Information and Communication Technologies	061 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	0610 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) not further defined 0611 Computer use 0612 Database and network design and administration 0613 Software and applications development and analysis 0619 Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs) not elsewhere classified
	068 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)	0688 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving Information and Communication Technologies (ICTs)

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07 Engineering, manufacturing and construction	070 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not further defined	0700 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not further defined
	071 Engineering and engineering trades	0710 Engineering and engineering trades not further defined 0711 Chemical engineering and processes 0712 Environmental protection technology 0713 Electricity and energy 0714 Electronics and automation 0715 Mechanics and metal trades 0716 Motor vehicles, ships and aircraft 0719 Engineering and engineering trades not elsewhere classified
	072 Manufacturing and processing	0720 Manufacturing and processing not further defined 0721 Food processing 0722 Materials (glass, paper, plastic and wood) 0723 Textiles (clothes, footwear and leather) 0724 Mining and extraction 0729 Manufacturing and processing not elsewhere classified
	073 Architecture and construction	0731 Architecture and construction not further defined 0731 Architecture and town planning 0732 Building and civil engineering 0739 Architecture and construction not elsewhere classified
	078 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving engineering, manufacturing and construction	0788 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving engineering, manufacturing and construction
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08 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	080 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not further defined	0800 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not further defined
	081 Agriculture	0810 Agriculture not further defined 0811 Crop and livestock production 0812 Horticulture 0819 Agriculture not elsewhere classified
	082 Forestry	0821 Forestry
	083 Fisheries	0831 Fisheries
	084 Veterinary	0841 Veterinary
	088 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary	0888 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary
	089 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not elsewhere classified	0899 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary not elsewhere classified

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09 Health and welfare	090 Health and welfare not further defined	0900 Health and welfare not further defined
	091 Health	0910 Health not further defined 0911 Dental studies 0912 Medicine 0913 Nursing and midwifery 0914 Medical diagnostic and treatment technology 0915 Therapy and rehabilitation 0916 Pharmacy 0917 Traditional and complementary medicine and therapy 0919 Health not elsewhere classified
	092 Welfare	0910 Welfare not further defined 0921 Care of elderly and of disabled adults 0922 Child care and youth services 0923 Social work and counselling 0929 Welfare not elsewhere classified
	098 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving health and welfare	0988 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving health and welfare
	099 Health and welfare not elsewhere classified	0999 Health and welfare not elsewhere classified
10 Services	100 Services not further defined	1000 Services not further defined
	101 Personal services	1010 Personal services not further defined 1011 Domestic services 1012 Hair and beauty services 1013 Hotel, restaurants and catering 1014 Sports 1015 Travel, tourism and leisure 1019 Personal services not elsewhere classified
	102 Hygiene and occupational health services	1020 Hygiene and occupational health services not further defined 1021 Community sanitation 1022 Occupational health and safety 1029 Hygiene and occupational health services not elsewhere classified
	103 Security services	1030 Security services not further defined 1031 Military and defence 1032 Protection of persons and property 1039 Security services not elsewhere classified
	104 Transport services	1041 Transport services
	108 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving services	1088 Inter-disciplinary programmes and qualifications involving services
	109 Services not elsewhere classified	1099 Services not elsewhere classified
99 Field unknown	999 Field unknown	9999 Field unknown

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