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# The Challenges of the European Union in the XXI Century

Blended Intensive Programme (BIP)

Seville

Physical Part: From 01/12/2025 to 05/12/2025

Virtual Part: 24/11/2025 and 15/12/2025



# THE GREAT CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION IN THE XXI CENTURY

**Beneficiary Module BIP code:** 2024-1-ES01-KA131-HED-000219547-3

## Summary of Information:

<b>In which city is the BIP located?</b>	SEVILLE (SPAIN)
<b>Name of the hosting university?</b>	UNIVERSITY OF SEVILLE
<b>Name of the coordinating university?</b>	UNIVERSITY OF SEVILLE
<b>Ulysseus BIP topics?</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> Entrepreneurship. <input type="checkbox"/> Multilingual & intercultural competences skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Equality, Diversity & Inclusion. <input type="checkbox"/> Citizen Engagement. <input type="checkbox"/> Topics related to the Ulysseus Innovation Hubs. <input type="checkbox"/> Transversal/Interdisciplinary topics aligned with the Ulysseus Mission).
<b>ISCED code, according to the list in annex 1 (for a BIP for students):</b>	022 Humanities (except languages): 0222 History and archaeology 0223 Philosophy and ethics 031 Social and behavioural 0311 Economics sciences 0312 Political sciences and civics 0314 Sociology and cultural studies 032 Journalism and information 0321 Journalism and reporting 0322 Library, information and archival studies 041 Business and administration: 0413 Management and administration 042 Law: 0421 Law
<b>Amount of ECTS (minimum 3 ECTS for a BIP for students):</b>	3

<b>Expected participants (students, staff or the two ones) and the expected study level for students:</b>	Student: Master/PhD/(Bachelor*) Academic Staff Non-academic Staff *Only 1 Bachelor's degree student per university in the final year.
<b>- Maximum number of desired Erasmus BIP participants (granted or zero granted) and precise if non BIP participants, can be added</b>	Open to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 20 ERASMUS BIP participants</li> <li>• 15 non BIP participants.</li> <li>• (2-3 slots per university including University of Montenegro).</li> </ul>
<b>Start/End dates of the virtual component:</b>	24/11/2025 and 15/12/2025
<b>Start/End dates of the physical component:</b>	From 01/12/2025 to 05/12/2025
<b>(Expected) Workload:</b>	35 hours
<b>Language and level required:</b>	Minimum English B2 (Knowledge of French is desirable)
<b>Available funding:</b>	<i>Consult your home university regarding available funding options</i>
<b>Hosting university's registration deadline to receiving (the participant list) or (the signed Erasmus mobility agreement):</b>	The deadline for the reception of applications is approximately one month before the start of the mobility. Later applications can be accepted only with the approval of the organisers. Please take into account the dates of your home institution in case you need a mobility agreement.
<b>Application Details:</b>	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.

**Contact details of Ulysseus Local Mobility Officers:**

<b>University of Seville:</b>	<a href="mailto:mobilityulysseus@us.es">mobilityulysseus@us.es</a>
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<b>University of Genoa:</b>	<a href="mailto:giulia.colletti@unige.it">giulia.colletti@unige.it</a>
<b>Technical University of Kosice:</b>	<a href="mailto:natalia.vaskova@tuke.sk">natalia.vaskova@tuke.sk</a>
<b>MCI The Entrepreneurial School®:</b>	<a href="mailto:mobilityofficer.ulysseus@mci.edu">mobilityofficer.ulysseus@mci.edu</a>
<b>Haaga-Helia University of Applied Sciences:</b>	<a href="mailto:mobilityulysseus@haaga-helia.fi">mobilityulysseus@haaga-helia.fi</a>
<b>University of Münster:</b>	<a href="mailto:mobilityulysseus@uni-muenster.de">mobilityulysseus@uni-muenster.de</a>
<b>University of Montenegro:</b>	<a href="mailto:ulysseusmobility@ucg.ac.me">ulysseusmobility@ucg.ac.me</a>

## General Course Information



- **Course Description**

The main objective of this course is to introduce Bachelor's, Master's and PhD students to the knowledge and analysis of the main challenges of the European Union in XXI century. This, taking into account the trajectory since 2004, following the accession of 10 Eastern European countries and the failure of the European Constitution, including successive crises (economic, migration, Brexit, COVID, Russian invasion of Ukraine, and US tariff policies) and their sociopolitical effects. Organized by University of Seville.

**Ulysseus Priority topics:**

- Multilingual & intercultural competences;
- Equality Diversity & Inclusion;
- Citizen Engagement

**Target group:**

- Students
- Non-academic staff
- Academic staff

- **Level (for students):**

- Bachelor (only one Bachelor's degree student per university in the final year)
- Master
- PhD

- **Field of study and ISCED code(s) for a BIP for students:**

- 022 Humanities (except languages):
- 0222 History and archaeology
- 0223 Philosophy and ethics
- 031 Social and behavioural
- 0311 Economics sciences
- 0312 Political sciences and civics
- 0314 Sociology and cultural studies
- 032 Journalism and information
- 0321 Journalism and reporting
- 0322 Library, information and archival studies
- 041 Business and administration:
- 0413 Management and administration
- 042 Law:
- 0421 Law

- **Course dates:**

**Physical component:** From 01/12/2025 to 05/12/2025

**Virtual component:** 24/11/2025 and 15/12/2025

- **Registration dates:** from 20/ 07/ 25 to 05/10/ 25

*Please be aware that your home university may set a different application deadline depending on their internal selection process (around 2-3 months). Also, please wait for confirmation from the organising university before preparing your departure.*

## Course Content

- **Course Outline:**

This BIP is part of the content, initiatives, and academic activities that the Master's Degree in European Studies at the University of Seville has been developing since its establishment in the 2009-2010 academic year and is supported by the Seville European Documentation Center. Its main objective is to introduce undergraduate, master's, and doctoral students to the knowledge and analysis of the main challenges facing the European Union in the 21st century. This takes into account the trajectory since 2004, following the incorporation of 10 Eastern European countries and the failure of the European Constitution, and including successive crises (economic, migration, Brexit, COVID-19, Russian invasion of Ukraine, and tariff policies in the US) and their sociopolitical effects. The Strategic Agenda for the period 2024-2029, presented by the Granada European Council in October 2023 (<https://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/european-council/strategic-agenda-2024-2029/>), and the Von der Leyen Commission's priorities for the same period ([https://commission.europa.eu/priorities-2024-2029\\_en](https://commission.europa.eu/priorities-2024-2029_en)), try to tackle structural challenges such as prosperity and competitiveness of the EU, democracy, security, and the EU role into a globalised world. To these guidelines, we add a more introspective and forceful one, in which we ask ourselves to what extent there is an awareness of "European identity" among citizens and to what extent we risk losing the narrative to national populisms. The program, necessarily selective to adapt to the constraints of the calendar, adopts a transnational and interdisciplinary approach, integrating historical-political, legal, and economic aspects. Through a combination of innovative learning methods (online and interactive in-person sessions with transnational and multidisciplinary teams) and adding value to the courses already offered at participating universities, students will develop a solid understanding of the democratic foundations of the EU, its current national-populist threats and identity challenges.

The course is designed as an intensive program combining a virtual and physical phase. The virtual phase consists of 2 online sessions (2 hours in total). The physical phase includes various activities: welcome and information on group work dynamics, lectures and

roundtables on the challenges facing the EU in the 21st century, teamwork to prepare summaries and reasoned critiques, visits to EU work and research centers (Joint Research Centre, European Documentation Centre, European Research Centre, General Secretariat for External Action of the Andalusian Regional Government) and to some emblematic Expo 1992 pavilions related to the course theme (Three Cultures Foundation, Moroccan Pavilion), as well as a cultural visit to Seville. At the end of each lecture or roundtable, students, under the supervision of the faculty, will meet and work in groups to address the discussions presented in each presentation and prepare a summary of each lecture or roundtable. The closing session of the course will include the presentation of the summaries prepared by each student group (who will appoint a representative for this purpose), and a plenary debate (faculty and students) will be held around a central theme: European identity(ies). Finally, the final conclusions will be presented and approved by the plenary for the preparation of a final document.

- **Course content:**

- "The geostrategic and prosperity challenge".
- "The migratory and national-populist challenge".
- "The identity challenge".
- "The scientific and technological challenge".
- "The cultural and communication challenge".

- **Learning Outcomes:**

Through a combination of innovative learning methods (online and interactive in-person sessions with transnational and multidisciplinary teams) that add value to the courses already offered at participating universities, students will develop a solid understanding of the democratic foundations of the EU, its current national-populist threats, and its identity challenges.



## Physical Mobility

The physical mobility part will be running from 01/12/2025 to 05/12/2025 in Seville. The focus of the seminar is the analysis of the main challenges facing the European Union in the XXI century. **Please note that this programme is subject to change due to availability of scheduled visits.**

	Morning	Afternoon
<b>Day 1</b>	Welcome and presentation of the program. Conference/Round-table: "The Geostrategic Challenge". Discussion/Work with students. Visit to the "Secretaría General de Acción Exterior de la Junta de Andalucía". <i>TBC</i>	Conference/Round-table: "The Challenge of Prosperity and Competitiveness." Discussion/Work with Students.
<b>Day 2</b>	Conference/Round-table: "The Migration Challenge." Discussion/Work with students. Visit to the European Documentation Centre.	Conference/Round-table: "The National-Populist and Identity Challenge." Discussion/Work with students.
<b>Day 3</b>	Conference/Round-table: "The Technological Challenge: The EU and the Development of AI". Discussion/Work with Students. Visit to the Joint Research Center (JRC) and some emblematic pavilions of Expo 1992 from Seville (Fundación Tres Culturas, Pabellón de la Navegación). <i>TBC</i>	Conference/Round-table: "The Scientific Challenge." Discussion/Work with students.
<b>Day 4</b>	Conference/Round-table: "The Cultural Challenge." Discussion/Work with students. Conference/Round-table: The challenge of disinformation: EU initiatives." Discussion/Work with students.	Tour of Seville (possibility of visiting the Alcázar in preparation for the Year of Charles V, the Museo de Bellas Artes, etc.) <i>TBC</i>
<b>Day 5</b>	Closing: summary presentation of the Course (by student groups), plenary debate (teachers-students) on the European identity(ies) and preparation of a Final Conclusions Document on the challenges of the EU and proposed solutions (brainstorming). Visit to the University of Seville Headquarters (Real Fábrica de Tabacos de Sevilla).	

## Virtual Part

The virtual phase consists of 2 online sessions (2 hours in total). In the first of them (24/11/2025) the initial contact of the organization with the invited teachers will be held, the preliminary preparatory meetings will be held and the fundamental debates will be addressed. Likewise, in this phase, students could be introduced to the historical, legal and economic foundations of the EU, as well as their more recent concern with communicative and linguistic strategies. In this case, students will individually analyse the information and reflect on their knowledge through an online task and a quiz. The second session (15/12/2025) will address the conclusions, results, the preparation of a final memorandum and the preparation of a next edition of the BIP.

## Requirements

The programme is particularly aimed at undergraduate students and Master's and PhD researchers interested in expanding knowledge about the political, economic, geostrategic and social present of the EU; this, from an interdisciplinary perspective and from an international perspective. Knowledge of English B2 is required, knowledge of French is desirable. Additional language skills are very welcome.

Preference for Master's and PhD. Also final year Bachelor students are also eligible for admission (just one per university). Academic Staff and Non-academic Staff are eligible for admission too.

## Application Process

- The deadline for the reception of applications is approximately one month before the start of the mobility. Later applications can be accepted only with the approval of the organisers. Please take into account the dates of your home institution in case you need a mobility agreement.



- 20 Erasmus+ BIP participants and 15 non BIP participants, including lecturers, expert guests, local participants, etc. (2-3 slots per Ulysseus university including University of Montenegro). Numbers may vary depending on the possibility of each university to send participants. The total between the two types of participation is estimated to be 30-35.
- For any kind of enquiries or the management of the mobility agreements you can contact [mobilityulysseus@us.es](mailto:mobilityulysseus@us.es), for enquiries about the programme you can contact Custodio Velasco [custovelasco@us.es](mailto:custovelasco@us.es)

## Professors

The professors participating in this program have extensive and recognized research and teaching experience in the various fields of knowledge covered, such as:

- Custodio Velasco Mesa (Universidad de Sevilla).
- Marycruz Arcos Vargas (Universidad de Sevilla).
- Julio Ponce Alberca (Universidad de Sevilla).
- Virgiliu Tarau (Universitatea Babes-Bolyai Cluj-Napoca). TBC
- Dina Sebastiao (Universidade de Coimbra). TBC
- Antonio Portugal (Universidade de Coimbra). TBC
- Antonio Ramos Ramírez (Université Paris-8 Vincennes-Saint Denis).



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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
<b>03</b> 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
<b>04</b> 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

Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
<b>05 Natural sciences, mathematics and statistics</b>	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
<b>06 Information and Communication Technologies</b>	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)



Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
<b>07 Engineering, manufacturing and construction</b>	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
	079 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not elsewhere classified	0799 Engineering, manufacturing and construction not elsewhere classified
<b>08 Agriculture, forestry, fisheries and veterinary</b>	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



Broad field	Narrow field	Detailed field
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