

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
for the Summer School
**“Investment Law and the Rule of Law in a Fragmented
World: National and Regional Perspectives”**

Lake Ohrid, North Macedonia,
7 – 13 September 2026

The Summer School is organized within the project “REGROW – From Reform to Growth: Leveraging Rule of Law in the EU Single Market for Investment in EU Candidate States”, implemented by the Europa-Institut, Saarland University (Germany), in cooperation with the South East European Law School Network and the German-Turkish University (Türkiye). The project is funded by the DAAD Higher Education Dialogue Programme.

The Summer School aims to provide students with an intensive and structured learning experience focused on the interconnection between the rule of law, EU Single Market integration, and investment frameworks in EU candidate states. The programme is designed to explore how legal certainty, regulatory convergence, and effective legal institutions contribute to a favorable investment climate in the context of EU accession. It brings together participants from EU Member States (Germany and Croatia) and EU candidate countries, with a particular regional focus on North Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Montenegro, Albania and Türkiye.

Through lectures, interactive sessions, and case-based discussions, participants will engage with key topics such as:

- EU Single Market, Rule of Law and Investment Policy
- Fundamentals of Investment Law and Investment Agreements
- Dispute Settlement and International Arbitration
- Mapping the Investment Landscape in EU and EU Candidate Countries

The Summer School will be conducted in English and will include lectures, interactive workshops, and comparative exercises. This approach will enable participants to broaden their knowledge, analyze, and map investment-related legal frameworks in their respective jurisdictions, identifying challenges and reform priorities.

The programme is addressed to Master's students, final-year students, and PhD candidates, aiming to enhance both academic knowledge and practical analytical skills related to EU integration and investment law.

Participation in the Summer School will be awarded with a certificate of successful completion, subject to regular attendance and completion of assigned tasks. It will be an individual decision of the academic institution of the participant if the Certificate is recognized towards obtaining ECTS.

Eligibility Criteria

- The candidate should be enrolled as a student at one of the SEELS members, the German-Turkish University in Istanbul and the Saarland University on master program/ final semesters of integrated program (5+0) or PhD program;
- The candidate should be proficient in the English language.

Scholarship grants. A limited number of selected participants will be provided with scholarship grants that include funding towards their travel costs, provision of accommodation and meals and other costs of the Summer School, as per the instructions provided in the Application Form and the instructions the selected grant holders will receive upon notification of acceptance.

The application process consists of **two** steps:

1. filled-in application form: <https://forms.office.com/e/YeDc87BNBC>
and
2. sending the required documents to projects@europainstitut.de

The required documents are:

- CV
- Academic transcripts/certificates
- Motivation Letter (max. 1 page)
- English Certificate (not needed in case you studied in English or lived for a longer period (min. 6 months) in an English-speaking country)
- Proof of enrollment
- Scan of first page of your passport
- Proof of health insurance (after your application was successful!)

The deadline for filling out the form and sending the additional documents is **28 June 2026 at 23:59 CET** at the latest.

The additional documents should be sent to projects@europainstitut.de with the subject: "Summer School Western Balkan I Application-Last Name, First Name" in a single-pdf file and in English language.

Notification of selected participants. Only selected participants will be notified of their selection and, where appropriate, of grant awards. Selected participants are expected to confirm their participation. A number of candidates may be shortlisted and asked to join the Summer School if a selected participant does not confirm participation or cancels.

Further information may be obtained at the Project Offices.

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