



## **SUMMER COURSES: ELFA RECOGNITION REGULATION**

One of the European Law Association's (ELFA) main aims, according to article 6.2 of its Articles of Incorporation, is the gradual development of a common European dimension in the different areas of legal education and research in general, and education and research in European Union law and comparative law of the EU Member States in particular.

In this sense, and as it has been consolidating over the years, among other objectives, ELFA wants to become a bridge to promote joint research and learning (especially in areas of the European Union) between Faculties of Law of different Universities and their teaching staff and researchers.

ELFA is aware of the convenience of activating and enhancing these teaching and scientific exchanges. This is why, in order to promote joint work between teaching staff and researchers from different Universities members of ELFA, and to extend the knowledge of the various EU law fields to current but also to future jurists, the European Association of Law Faculties has decided to promote summer courses offered by the Universities that are members of the Association, by providing institutional recognition in specified scenarios. This institutional recognition, however, and for the time being, will not, in any case, involve any kind of financial support from the association.

In order to obtain the recognition of an ELFA Summer Course, the following conditions must be met:

1. The summer course must be organized by an ELFA member (full member, associate or observer), who must be up to date with the payment of all its ELFA dues. In the case that the course is organized jointly by several Faculties, all of them must be up to date with the mentioned payments.
2. The summer course must take place at the premises of an ELFA member.

3. The content of the summer course programme shall pursue contents appropriate to deepen the study of some aspect of interest in the field of European Union law, or to involve areas of study that are relevant to train European Jurists (e.g. international and comparative law courses).
4. Summer courses must have the participation of at least three different ELFA members from three different countries. This means that, even if the course is organized by a single Faculty, the professors must proceed from a minimum of three ELFA members, belonging to three different countries (including the organizers).
5. All expenses derived from the organization of summer courses will be assumed by the <sup>[1]</sup><sub>SEPI</sub> organizing Faculty or Faculties.
6. The interested Faculties must present a proposal detailing the following issues:
  - a. Name of the summer course.
  - b. Academic and scientific interest of the subject within the field of EU studies, or that involve areas of study that are relevant to the formation of European jurists (e.g. international and comparative law courses).
  - c. Person responsible for the direction and organization of the summer course (name, postal address, email address, telephone number)
  - d. Law Faculties involved in the organization and teaching of the course.
  - e. Place and dates in which the course will be held.
  - f. Academic programme.
  - g. Teaching staff, with indication of the institution of origin. A Curriculum Vitae of all professors and their written (including sent from a university server email address) acceptance and commitment to participation must be attached to the proposal.
  - h. If the course requires registration or participation fees, those fees should be set at a level that encourages student participation, and that is comparable with a non-profit approach to the initiative.
  - i. Which other entities shall or may provide support to the course.

7. The call for the summer courses is open and decided by the ELFA Board on rolling basis. The application, however, must be submitted minimum three months before the expected date of the course. The Board will examine the applications received and will decide with respect to each one of them about the grant or denial of ELFA recognition, according to the compliance of the conditions expressed above. The decision of the Board shall be notified to the applicants within 30 days from the submission of the application.
8. The granting of ELFA recognition will entail the possibility for the beneficiaries of using the ELFA logo and publicizing the recognition obtained, as well as being beneficiaries of the advertising that the Association itself will make on its website of the courses recognised each year.
9. Despite the personalized notification of the decisions granting and denying requests for recognition for summer courses, the Faculties that have benefited from it will receive, during the acts of the annual Conference of ELFA, a diploma confirming this recognition.
10. In order to guarantee compliance with the conditions and objectives underlying these rules, any modification that the organizing institutions carry out on any of the aspects of the project submitted must be notified immediately to the Board. The Board will have to pronounce itself on these modifications within 30 days after receiving the notification. Following, the board may revoke the support initially granted if it is considered that, due to the proposed modifications, the conditions and objectives of the summer courses programme are no longer fulfilled.
11. Once the course has finished, and in a period of not more than 30 days, those responsible must submit a memory report to the ELFA Board, including the number of participants, and a written (including an email sent from a university server) confirmation of participation from the teachers involved.