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EU EDUCATION FOR BETTER GOVERNANCE IN THE REGIONS OF ALBANIA

EU4EduGovRegAl

THE EU AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

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OPEN FORUM OVERVIEW: EU4EduGovRegAl

Academic Transformation: Strengthening European Union studies through innovative teaching, interdisciplinary approaches, and research on EU governance.

Institutional Capacity Building: Supporting the modernization of public administration by promoting European standards of transparency, accountability, and good governance.

Regional Engagement and European Awareness: Enhancing awareness of European integration and fostering cooperation among institutions, students, and regional stakeholders.

Sustainable Academic and Institutional Networks: Establishing long-term collaboration between universities, local governments, and international partners to support Albania's European integration process.

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🎯 FORUM OBJECTIVES

- 🇪🇺 Understanding EU Governance Principles
- 🏛️ Analyzing EU Institutions
- 📣 Promoting Active Citizenship
- 🤝 Connecting EU Governance with Albania
- 🏆 Applying Knowledge Practically

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THE EU AND ITS VISION FOR THE WORLD

The EU and International Organizations: Rules vs the Jungle

Positioning Albania in the Global Arena

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THE WORLD ACCORDING TO BRUSSELS: "EFFECTIVE MULTILATERALISM"

The world should be governed not by force, but by law (rules-based order)

The EU as a "Normative Power": Exporting values (Climate, Privacy, Peace)

👉 "In a world without rules, small states lose –
in a world with rules, they are protected."

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THE EU AS A SUI GENERIS ACTOR

- The EU is not a state but has legal personality (Lisbon Treaty)
- Acts as a single bloc (e.g., in trade and climate negotiations)

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CLASSIFICATION OF INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS (THEME 12.1)

The Map of International Organizations (IOs)
Universal: UN (for everyone)
Regional: Council of Europe, OSCE (neighbourhood and values)
Functional: WHO, IMF (expertise and technical roles)

Examples: UN → peace
IMF → financial crises
OSCE → elections in Albania

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WHY DO WE NEED IOS?

Global problems (pandemics, climate, security) cannot be solved alone

"Shared sovereignty": Power comes from cooperation

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SECURITY AND RIGHTS PILLAR (THEME 12.2)

The UN: The Supreme Forum of Legitimacy

The ultimate guarantor of peace

Role of agencies like UNICEF and UNDP in Albania

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COUNCIL OF EUROPE: THE "HOLY TRINITY"

Human Rights, Democracy, Rule of Law

Strasbourg Court: The citizen's last hope against state injustice

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OSCE: SOFT SECURITY AND ELECTIONS

- East–West dialogue
- Role of ODIHR in monitoring elections in Albania

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THE EU FACING MAJOR POWERS

USA: Strategic partner (NATO and democracy)

China: Systemic rival (competition in technology and trade)

👉 **“Today’s world is not only cooperation – it is also competition for influence.”**

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THE RUSSIAN CHALLENGE AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

From partner to threat

👥 Why sanctions are the new tool of defense

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STRATEGIC AUTONOMY 2030

"Military Schengen" and a common defense industry

A Europe that protects itself

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ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS (THEME 12.4)

Guardians of the Economy: WTO and IMF

WTO: Rules of trade (preventing tariff wars)

IMF: "Firefighter" of financial crises

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WORLD BANK AND OECD

Financing roads, schools, and reforms

OECD: Anti-corruption standards (a condition for EU membership)

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ALBANIA ON THE GLOBAL STAGE (THEME 12.5)

- Albania: From Beneficiary to Contributor
- Success in the UN Security Council (2022–2023)
- Albania's voice alongside the EU on Ukraine

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GEOPOLITICAL "LOYALTY": 100% ALIGNMENT WITH CFSP

Why Brussels values Albania:

Full alignment with EU foreign policy

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NATO AND THE KUÇOVA AIR BASE

Albania as a gateway of Euro-Atlantic stability in the Balkans

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VISION 2025+

Integration is Not Only Economic

It is alignment with a global vision where law prevails over force

THE FINAL PASSPORT TO BRUSSELS

Adoption of IMF, OECD, and Strasbourg Court standards as proof of maturity

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CONCLUSION:

👉 "When Albania follows these rules, it means more investment, more security, and more opportunities for you."

👉 "EU integration is not just a process – it is the choice to live in a world of rules, not a world of force."

🎯 "For small countries, multilateralism is not a choice – it is protection."

Discussion Question: 👉 "How can an Albanian student benefit from EU diplomacy?"

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CONCLUSIONS AND QUESTIONS SUMMARY OF MAIN POINTS. SPACE FOR DISCUSSION.

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