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Summer School: "Sustainable farming and food systems in the EU law and policy framework"

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CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

ART. 1 The Summer School

The Dirpolis Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies of Pisa has activated the Summer School "Sustainable farming and food systems in the EU law and policy framework", pursuant to art. 7 of the Charter, from 24th to 28th July 2023, for a total of 40 hours.

The Summer School is part of a three-year Jean Monnet Module SUSTAIN "EU Law on Sustainable and Climate-Resilient Agriculture after the European Green Deal", co-funded under the EU Erasmus+ Programme (620734-EPP-1-2020-1-IT-EPPJMO-MODULE) and coordinated by professor Mariagrazia Alabrese.

The Course Director will be Prof. Mariagrazia Alabrese.

The Summer School will be offered in hybrid mode by the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies.

The language of instruction is English.

ART. 2 ECTS

2 ECTS (in accordance with the European Credits Transfer and Accumulation System - ECTS) will be awarded upon successful completion of the Summer School, which requires the attendance of at least 80% of classes and passing the final learning test.

The Summer School envisages the acknowledgement of an additional 1 ECTS (European Credit Transfer and Accumulation System) for students who opt to submit also a final paper. Acquiring the additional 1 ECTS is subject to the positive evaluation of the paper, other than the foreseen learning test and complying with the attendance obligations envisaged.

ART. 3 Educational Objectives

The Course will provide participants with an understanding of the European legal and policy framework of sustainable and climate-resilient agricultural and food systems within an interdisciplinary learning context. The political and legal implications of the transformative approach adopted by the EU with the European Green Deal and the shift to more sustainable solutions in the agri-food system with the implementation of the Farm to Fork strategy will be thoroughly analysed during the Summer School.

The transition towards sustainability is, however, being undermined by a series of complex European and global challenges facing the European food system. These include climate change and environmental degradation, inequalities in the food supply chain, and food security concerns caused by the war in Ukraine. These issues require profound transformations in the way we produce, market and sell agricultural products. The Summer School will also discuss the connections between rural development, environmental and climate dimensions and the support to innovation and agricultural knowledge.

The Summer School aims at providing international students and professionals from different backgrounds with the knowledge and interdisciplinary skills necessary to understand the different issues that emerge from the development of the EU legal and policy framework for building a healthier, fairer and more sustainable and climate-resilient agri-food system.

By the end of the summer school, participants will be able to: (a) handle the main EU legal aspects of the agrifood system and their impact on climate change adaptation and mitigation; (b) understand the landscape in which EU policies related to the food sector operate and of the role of EU Institutions in this framework; (c) manage the conceptual frameworks on the European model of Agriculture; (d) understand the links between food security and food safety; (e) identify policy options based on the new challenges that impact on the EU agri-food system, such as climate change.

ART. 4 Recipients

The Course is intended for students coming from different backgrounds, PhD candidates, young researchers and professionals working in the field of law, social sciences, agricultural engineering, economics and management, officials working in national, international, and European Institutions.

ART. 5 Course Structure

The sessions are spread over one week, from Monday to Friday and require participants' full-time commitment. Classes begin at 9.00 AM and end at 6.30 PM, with 1 hour and a half for lunch.

The classes will consist of lectures, seminars, discussions, role-playing and simulation games. Case studies sessions and Q&A sessions will be planned in order to stimulate the exchanges between trainers and trainees, promoting the creation of a network among all the participants within an interdisciplinary environment.

A final assessment test is foreseen at the end of the Summer School, in the form of a multiple-choice questionnaire.

To acquire the additional 1 ECTS, interested students are required to submit a final paper, with a maximum of 7.000 characters (including footnotes), that discusses a relevant issue (e.g. in the form of case-study analysis), preliminary agreed with the Teaching Staff. The final paper has to be emailed by Friday the 1st of September 2023, 23:59, to aglaw@santannapisa.it.

ART. 6 Entry requirements

An admission application may be submitted by persons who are undergraduate, graduate students, Post-Doc and PhD students as well as professionals, such as lawyers, international/regional organisation officers; public servants working on agricultural and rural development, agricultural engineers, who have a proficient working knowledge of English.

The above requirements are to be met at the closing date to submit applications.

The course can accept a maximum of: 25 participants that opt for the in-person participation and 10 participants that opt for online participation. The course will be activated with a minimum of 5 participants.

The Administration may decide to exclude a candidate, at any time, with a motivated decision, if the prescribed requirements have not been met.

ART. 7 Application procedure

The enrolment application is to be received by and no later than 11th June 2023, 23:59, and is to be submitted exclusively on-line by registering at the following website: https://www.santannapisa.it/en/alta-formazione/sustainable-farming-and-food-systems-eu-law-and-policy-framework-22-23

The following documentation is to be attached to the enrolment application, in electronic format:

- a curriculum vitae (European format is preferred);
- the self-declaration concerning the applicable tuition fee drafted according to the format available on the webpage of the summer school (https://www.santannapisa.it/en/altaformazione/sustainable-farming-and-food-systems-eu-law-and-policy-framework-22-23);
- and, other documents that the Candidate considers relevant for the application (for example: publications, certificate of disability).
- a current and valid identity document (ID or passport for non EU-applicants);

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The online application requires a registration and login procedure (including the creation of a "User ID" and a "Password"). The required documentation shall be attached before completing the online application form. Applications received after the deadline or submitted in a form other than the one indicated in this article as well as incomplete applications, for whatever reason, will not be considered. In case of failure of the online application system, applicants are advised to contact the Course Secretariat at aglaw@santannapisa.it.

If the number of applications received exceeds the number of places available, then the chronological order in which the enrolment applications were submitted will be adopted.

Falsification of documents and fraudulent statements are punished in accordance with the Italian Criminal Code and the special applicable laws, Art. 75 and Art. 76 of Presidential Decree (D.P.R.) No. 445/2000.

The Institution may monitor the truthfulness of the statements provided and the documents submitted at any time during the procedure, even after the Course has started, and request the original documents to be submitted. In the case of false statements, the Institution may decide, at any time, to exclude candidates from the selection procedure, based on a motivated decision issued by the Rector, without prejudice to the resulting criminal liability.

ART. 8 Tuition fee and scholarships

The Course fee is:

 100,00 EUR for participants that are enrolled in undergraduate and master's degree courses at the time of the application and maintain the student status for the entire duration of the summer school, and
400,00 EUR for PhD students, professionals, academics and other participants.

The enrolment fee includes attendance costs, teaching materials and lunch provided by the School's canteen on all five days of the course.

Travel and accommodation in Pisa during the course are the responsibility of each participant.

It is not possible to pay the tuition fee in instalments.

According to an agreement between the organizers of this summer school and the Director of the Master of Law (LL.M.) in Food Law of the Luiss University, a 20% discount (on the enrolment fee of 400 euros) is granted to current and graduated students from the Master of Law (LL.M.) in Food Law of the Luiss University.

According to a memorandum between the Dirpolis Institute of the Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies and the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), a 10% discount (on the enrolment fee of 400 euros) is granted to participants that are employed in a company associated with ICC at the time of the application.

Participants that intend to take advantage of the student/LLM/ICC discount are required to attach to the online application an appropriate self-declaration (drafted according to the format available on the website of the programme: https://www.santannapisa.it/en/alta-formazione/sustainable-farming-and-food-systems-eu-law-and-policy-framework-22-23) that confirms their eligibility.

Pursuant to art. 9, paragraph 2 of Legislative Decree No. 68/2012 the Institution grants total exemption regarding payment of the tuition fee in the case of students with a disability, acknowledged to be equal to or greater than sixty-six percent, in accordance with art. 3, paragraph 1 of Law No. 104/1992, and applies a 1.5% reduction for every percentage point of disability in the case of students who have been acknowledged a disability of less than sixty-six percent. A student that intends to take advantage of the exemption or the reduction is required to attach an appropriate certificate to the online application.

A candidate forfeits the right to be refunded the sum paid as the attendance fee to the above-mentioned Course whenever waives attendance of the Course after having expressed his/her willingness to accept.

The fee already paid will be refunded if the Course is not initiated because the minimum number of participants fails to be reached.

ART. 9 Acceptance – Payment methods

Applicants who wish to attend the Course are required to confirm their attendance by the deadline indicated in the notification of admission. The notification of admission will be sent by email and will also indicate the payment methods for the registration fee, that can be made by bank transfer (for international participants) or PagoPa procedure (for Italian participants).

ART. 10 Certificate of attendance and credits

After three months from the end of the Course the Sant'Anna School will issue a certificate of attendance

with value to the extent permitted by law, and with the details of the ECTS obtained.

ART. 11 Person responsible for the entrance procedure, personal data processing and prevention of corruption measures

Under the art. 5 of the Act n. 241/90 and ff.mm., the person in charge of the competition procedure is Mrs. Elena Cambi, Head of the U.O. Higher Education - Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies - Via Maffi 27, 56127 Pisa - tel. 050/882645 - fax 050/882633 - e-mail: altaformazione@santannapisa.it. Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies (hereinafter the "School"), represented by the Rector, as Data Controller, under the article 13 of the EU General Data Protection Regulation n. 679/2016 and under the Italian Legislative Decree 30 June 2003 ("Privacy Code regarding the protection of personal data") with regard to the processing of personal data, and on his behalf, Giovanna Bottai, giovanna.bottai@santannapisa.it, Head of the UO Alta Formazione will process your data. Please read the privacy statement available at https://www.santannapisa.it/it/alta-formazione-info. The Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies operates in compliance with the legislation on the prevention of corruption (L.190 / 2012).

For further information, please, contact the School «Data Protection Officer», e-mail address: dpo@santannapisa.it.

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