



Summer School Programme 2026 (outline)

EU Energy Law: Internal Market and Competition, Regulation and Sustainable Development

The Summer School aims to deal with EU energy law, specifically with legal issues associated with internal (energy) market and competition, regulation and sustainable development. In the first part, consisted of 3 days of on-line activities, the students shall acquire information on EU and its law, particularly those being most relevant for the field of energy and related legal fields. In addition, it aims to provide the students with certain technical and economic aspects. In the second part, consisted of 6 days of on-site activities (lecture, workshop, seminar activities mainly the Faculty's building, Mladinska ulica 9, SI-2000 Maribor, Slovenia, while excursions and other events as appropriate), the students shall acquire information on special issues of EU energy law in the context of internal (energy) market and competition, regulation and sustainable development. Lectures and workshops will be supplemented by professional excursion and visits of energy undertakings, energy regulator and competition protection authority. The structure, methods and principles ensure the following characteristics of the summer school: challenge-based, student-centred, international participation, intra- and interdisciplinary nature, blended, culture learning, strengthening of soft skills such as communication, IT-application etc.

ECTS and related information (outline):

Lecture	Workshop	Seminar	Excursion & events	Individual work	Total hours	ECTS
39,5	2	3,5	17	35,5	97,5	3

Time period:

- 1 – 3 September 2026: on-line part
- 6 – 11 September 2026: on-site part

The programme:

- see *infra*.

(A) ON-LINE PART / MS TEAMS

Day 1

Tuesday, 1 September 2026

9.00 – 9.10

Welcome speech and presentation of Summer School Activities

~ *Tomaž Keresteš*, PhD, full professor & dean

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

~ *Aleš Ferčič*, PhD, full professor, vice-dean & head of Summer School

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

9.10 – 9.20

Presentation of the University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

~ *Iza Beširević*, LLM, teaching assistant and researcher

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

9.20 – 10.20

Lecture 1: EU law – *sui generis* system

~ *Iza Beširević*, LLM, teaching assistant and researcher, doctoral student

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

10.20 – 10.30

Break

10.30 – 11.30

Lecture 2: EU – a *sui generis* legal person and party to international agreements

~ *Matjaž Tratnik*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

11.30 – 12.30

Lecture 3: Institutional framework of EU with a focus on its judicial system

~ *Petra Weingerl*, PhD, associate professor; *Živa Šuta*, LLM, teaching assistant and researcher

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

12.30 – 12.45

Break

12.45 – 13.30

Lecture 4: Enforcement of EU law in Member States

~ *Denis Baghrizabehi*, PhD, assistant professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

Individual work/reading (5 hrs)

#list of materials (to be defined)

Day 2
Wednesday, 2 September 2026

9.30 – 10.15

Lecture 5: Energy law in a comparative perspective

~ *José Caramelo Gomes*, PhD, full professor
University of Portucalense, Faculty of Law

10.15 – 11.00

Lecture 6: EU energy law and policy

~ *Stefan Storr*, PhD, full professor
University of Graz, Faculty of Law

11.00- 11.15

Break

11.15 – 12.00

Lecture 7: EU environmental law and its relationship with EU energy law

~ *Marjan Peeters*, PhD, full professor
University of Maastricht, Faculty of Law

12.00 – 12.45

Lecture 8: From products to (energy-related) services: Access-Based Consumption, Dematerialisation and Sustainability in EU Law

~ *Janja Hojnik*, PhD, full professor
University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

12.45 – 13.00

Break

13.00 – 13.45

Lecture 9: Theory of regulation

~ *Tatjana Jovanić*, PhD, full professor
University of Belgrade, Faculty of Law

13.45 – 14.00

Lecture 10: Digitalization of the energy sector and AI potential: legal aspects

~ *Maja Brkan*, PhD, full professor, judge at the CJEU
University of Maastricht, Faculty of Law; CJEU

Individual work/reading (5 hrs)

#list of materials (to be defined)

Day 3
Thursday, 3 September 2026

9.30 – 10.30

Lecture 11: Energy sources and energy production: main characteristics, and arguments *pro et contra*

~ Amor Choudhury, PhD, assistant professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Energy Technology

10.30 – 11.30

Lecture 12: Energy (network) infrastructure: technical aspects

~ Mr. Tadej Demšar

ELES, transmission system operator

11.30 – 11.45

Break

11.45 – 12.45

Lecture 13: Energy (network) infrastructure: economic aspects

~ Klemen Sredenšek, PhD, assistant professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Energy Technology

12.45 – 13.30

Lecture 14: EU energy policy: internal and external dimension

~ Janez Kopač, PhD, ex-president of European Energy Community & Member of EA Council

13.30 – 14.30

Tutoring for seminar work

- selection of topics

- assignments and methodology of work

Individual work: reading materials (5 hrs)

#list of materials (to be defined)

Note: additional individual work shall be completed from 4th to 6th September 2026

-10 study hours

-#list of materials (to be defined)

(B) ON-SITE PART / (mainly) Mladinska ulica 9, SI-2000 Maribor, Slovenia, and other locations

Sunday, 6 September 2026

18.00 (place to be defined)

Arrival of students and accommodation.

Day 4

Monday, 7 September 2026

9.00 – 9.30

Registration and morning coffee

9.30 – 10.30

Lecture 15: Free movement rules in the energy sector

~ Živa Šuta, LL. M., assistant professor and researcher

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

10.30 – 11.30

Lecture 16: Digital Market Act and implications for the energy sector

-Andreja Primec, PhD, full professor, Nikola Jovanović, LL.M, teaching assistant and researcher

University of Maribor, Faculty of Business and Economics

11.30 – 13.00

Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

Lecture 17: Protection of fundamental rights in the energy sector

~ Petra Weingerl, PhD, associate professor; Živa Šuta, LL.M, teaching assistant and researcher

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

14.00 – 17.00

Individual work

17.00 – 18.30

Field trip (excursion)

- Visit to the hydro power plant (DEM)

18.30 – 21.00

Social event 1 organized by the University (all UM's summer schools).

Meeting point in front of the Rectorate of the University of Maribor.

Day-5
Tuesday, 8 September 2026

9.00 – 9.30

Registration and morning coffee

9.30 – 10.15

Lecture 18: Liberalization of the energy sector in EU Member States

~ *Aleš Ferčič*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

10.15 – 11.30

Lecture 19: Competition rules in the energy sector: antitrust and mergers

~ *Martina Repas*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

~ *Andrej Matvoz*, LL.M, director

Slovenian Competition Protection Agency

11.30 – 13.00

Lunch

13.00 – 14.00

Lecture 20: Competition rules in the energy sector: state aid

~ *Aleš Ferčič*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

14.00 – 15.00

Lecture 21: The role of EU competition law in the digital and sustainable economy

~ *Ana Poščić*, PhD, full professor; *Adrijana Martinović*, PhD, associate professor

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law

15.00 – 17.00 Individual work

19.00 – 21.00

Social event 2 organized by the University (all schools), pub quiz

Day 6
Wednesday, 9 September 2026

9.00 – 9.30

Registration and morning coffee

9.30 – 10.30

Lecture 22: ACER: functions and human resource management

~ *Silvia Manessi, PhD*

EU Agency for the Cooperation of Energy Regulators (ACER)

10.30 – 11.30

Lecture 23: Slovenian Energy Regulator: functions and main challenges in practice

~ *Mag. Duška Godina or Mr. Blaž Špegelj*

Energy Agency (the Slovenian energy regulator)

11.30 – 13.00

Lunch

13.00 – 14.30

Lecture 24: The role of the CJEU in energy law

~ *Damjan Kukovec, PhD, judge at the General Court*

14.30 – 17.30

Individual work

17.30 – 21.00

Field trip (excursion)

- Visit of energy infrastructure of Elektro Maribor (Miklavž)
- Excursion to Ptuj, the oldest Slovenian city
- Dinner

Day 7

Thursday, 10 September 2026

Excursion to Krško: visit to the Nuclear Power Plant, Institute of Energy Technology
(Faculty of Energy Technology, University of Maribor), Gen-I

6.30 – 7.00 Departure

7.30 – 8.30 (lecture on a bus)

Lecture 25: Sustainable development as a legal concept

~ *Aleš Ferčič*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

9.00 – 12.00 Visit to the Nuclear Power Plant

(4 hours lectures)

12.00 – 16.00

Visit to the Institute of Energy Technology

(Faculty of Energy Technology, University of Maribor)

12.00 – 13.00

Lunch at the Institute

13.00 – 14.00

Tour of facilities at the Institute

14.00 – 15.00

Lecture 26: Sustainable development in the energy sector

~ *Narda Krnetić Blečić*, teaching assistant and researcher, doctoral student

University of Rijeka, Faculty of Law

15.00 – 16.00

Lecture 27: Environmental and spatial considerations in the development of energy infrastructure

~ *Rajko Knez*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

16.00 – 17.30

Visit to Gen-I; one of the most important suppliers of energy in the region

17.30 – 21.00

Departure from Krško to Maribor, with a visit of the RESET brewery (Brežice)

Day 8
Friday, 11 September 2026

9.00 – 9.30

Registration and morning coffee

9.30 – 11.00

Workshop: From products to (energy related) services: Access-Based Consumption, Dematerialisation and Sustainability in EU Law

~ *Janja Hojnik*, PhD, full professor

University of Maribor, Faculty of Law

11.00 – 11.15

Break

11.15 – 13.15¹

Seminar: students' concluding pitches and discussion

13.15 – 14.15

Lunch

14.15 – 15.00

Closing ceremony

¹ The exact time depends on the number of students.