

**Ovidiu Ioan DUMITRU**  
**Andreea STOICAN**

**European Union Law**  
**Lecture Notes**

Colecția  
Drept european și internațional

**Editura ASE**  
**București**  
**2020**



**Academia de Studii Economice din București**

**Copyright © 2020, Editura ASE**

Toate drepturile asupra acestei ediții sunt rezervate editurii.

**Editura ASE**

Piața Romană nr. 6, sector 1, București, România

cod 010374

www.ase.ro

www.editura.ase.ro

editura@ase.ro

**Descrierea CIP a Bibliotecii Naționale a României**

**DUMITRU, OVIDIU IOAN**

**European Union - Lecture notes / Ovidiu-Ioan Dumitru, Andreea**

Stoican. - București : Editura ASE, 2020

ISBN 978-606-34-0340-8

I. Stoican, Andreea

34

**Editura ASE**

**Redactor:** Luiza Constantinescu

**Tehnoredactor:** Emilia Velcu

**Coperta:** Violeta Rogoian

Autorii își asumă întreaga responsabilitate pentru ideile exprimate, corectitudinea științifică, originalitatea materialului și sursele bibliografice menționate.

# Contents

<b>Foreword.....</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Chapter 1</b>	
<b>Short History of European Integration .....</b>	<b>11</b>
1.1 A long history of failed unifications.....	11
1.2 The beginning.....	17
1.3 The founding communities.....	19
1.4 The Enlargement Process .....	21
<b>Chapter 2</b>	
<b>Sources of European Union Law .....</b>	<b>24</b>
2.1 Classification of European Union Law sources .....	24
2.2 Treaties of European Union as primary source .....	24
2.3 Other sources of European Union Law .....	32
<b>Chapter 3</b>	
<b>Introduction into European Union Law .....</b>	<b>36</b>
3.1 Definition of European Union Law .....	36
3.2 Competence.....	38
3.3 European Union Law and the national legal systems.....	41
<b>Chapter 4</b>	
<b>Introduction in the Institutional System of European Union.....</b>	<b>52</b>
4.1 Introduction .....	52
4.2 Evolution of the institutional system.....	55
<b>Chapter 5</b>	
<b>The European Parliament .....</b>	<b>58</b>
5.1 The structure and functioning of the European Parliament .....	58
5.2 The role and attributions of the European Parliament .....	63
<b>Chapter 6</b>	
<b>The European Council.....</b>	<b>70</b>
6.1 The structure and functioning of the European Council.....	70
6.2 The role and attributions of the European Council.....	72
<b>Chapter 7</b>	
<b>The Council of the European Union .....</b>	<b>74</b>
7.1 The members of the Council of the European Union.....	74
7.2 The organization and the functioning of the Council .....	76
7.3 The duties of the Council .....	78
<b>Chapter 8</b>	
<b>The European Commission .....</b>	<b>83</b>
8.1 The members of the European Commission .....	83
8.2 The organization and functioning of the European Commission .....	86

8.3 The duties of the European Commission.....	88
<b>Chapter 9</b>	
<b>The Court of Justice of the European Union and the judicial system .....</b>	<b>92</b>
9.1 The organization and functioning of the Court of Justice .....	92
9.2 The competence of the Court of Justice .....	95
9.3 The organization and functioning of the General Court.....	100
9.4 The powers of the General Court.....	101
<b>Chapter 10</b>	
<b>The European Central Bank .....</b>	<b>103</b>
10.1 The organization and functioning of the European Central Bank .....	103
10.2 The powers of the European Central Bank.....	104
<b>Chapter 11</b>	
<b>The European Court of Auditors.....</b>	<b>107</b>
11.1 The organization and functioning of the European Court of Auditors .....	107
11.2 The powers of the European Court of Auditors .....	108
<b>Chapter 12</b>	
<b>The European Bodies of the European Union .....</b>	<b>111</b>
12.1 The European External Action Service .....	111
12.2 The European Economic and Social Committee.....	111
12.3 The European Committee of the Regions .....	112
12.4 The European Investment Bank .....	113
12.5 The European Ombudsman .....	113
12.6 The European Data Protection Supervisor .....	114
12.7 The European Data Protection Board.....	114
12.8 Inter-institutional bodies of the European Union .....	115
<b>Chapter 13</b>	
<b>The Legislative Procedures .....</b>	<b>117</b>
13.1 Introduction .....	117
13.2 The ordinary legislative procedure.....	117
13.3 The special legislative procedures.....	119
13.4 The passerelle clauses .....	120
13.5 The European Acts.....	121
<b>Chapter 14</b>	
<b>The Budget of the European Union .....</b>	<b>126</b>
14.1 The adoption and implementation of the budget.....	126
14.2 The Multiannual financial framework.....	127
14.3 The control of the budgetary spending.....	129
<b>Answers.....</b>	<b>131</b>
<b>Summaries of Cases .....</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>References .....</b>	<b>159</b>