Dear reader,

We are glad to present you the 6th edition of our Newsletter. In our continuous effort to be more informative, while being to the point, we have redesigned this Newsletter. From this issue onward, the Newsletter will be limited to the most significant events which occurred within the activities implemented by the SEELS Network only. On that note, we would like to leave you with the content of this SEELS Newsletter covering the period of April to August 2017.

**INTERNATIONAL SUMMER SCHOOL IN EU ECONOMIC LAW**

The Summer School “International Economic Law” took place at the Europa-Institut, Saarland University from 9 until 22 July 2017. The school was organized within the framework of the thematic network SEE | EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law, which is a project financially supported by the DAAD (German Academic Exchange Service) and the Federal Ministry of Education and Research of Germany. The program aimed to further develop the knowledge in the field of International Economic Law and gave the opportunity for networking of the PhD candidates and advanced master students who plan to enrol in PhD studies. The lectures in the aforementioned fields were delivered by renowned professors and experts both from Germany (Europa Institut) and South Eastern Europe (SEELS Network). The participants used the summer school for additional activities conducting individual researches in the reach library of the Europa Institut and using one of the official European Documentation Centres of the European Union. More information about the SEE | EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law can be found here: [http://www.see-eu-cluster.eu/](http://www.see-eu-cluster.eu/).
**ADVANCEMENT OF THE ELEARNING CAMPUS**

An eLearning workshop was held in early June 2017, where 13 Professors from the faculties in SEE the region came together at Europa-Institut of Saarland University (Germany) and were trained in the development of online courses – essentials in online learning and the technical background. As a result of this training the participants developed several online courses in different fields of law: International WTO Law, International Financial Law, International Criminal Law, State Responsibility, International Environmental Law, The concept of Mutual Trust and the Right not to become Parents. The courses will be published in the Online Campus of the Cluster ([http://europainstitut.mrooms.net](http://europainstitut.mrooms.net)) and will be made available to all members of the faculties for teaching and learning purposes alongside other similar materials.

**RESEARCH STAYS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR**

Within the SEE-EU Cluster of Excellence in European and International Law ([http://www.see-eu-cluster.eu/](http://www.see-eu-cluster.eu/)) project, one of the most popular and regular components is the research stays of the PhD candidates and Professors. The main goal of this activity is to enable the academic research at the partner universities and to contribute to the exchange of high profile experienced lecturers, between the SEELS Network and Europa Institut. This year, 13 PhD candidates and 5 professors from SEELS network were granted the stays. Some of these have already completed their stays, and since this is a year round event which is organized in coordination with the researchers themselves, some are to complete their stays till the end of the year. In addition to this, a study visit from scholars coming from Europa Institut is planned to be completed later this year in the SEE region.

**LAUNCH OF THE SEE LAW JOURNAL WEB PLATFORM**

The web platform which will serve as an information tool and a platform which will speed up and automatize the process of the production of the SEE LJ. In the summer months, the Centre for SEELS worked closely with an IT Company in producing the best possible platform, which would be able to satisfy the needs of the users in a most efficient manner. We are glad to announce that after a long productive period we dedicated in creating of this web platform, it has been completed and launched in late August this year. You may find more under the following link: [www.seelawjournal.org](http://www.seelawjournal.org). The web platform is funded within the Jean Monnet Project "Strengthening EU Legal Studies in South East Europe".
NEW MANAGER AT THE CENTRE FOR SEELS

One of the perhaps most important news we have is the change of Manager of the Centre for SEELS. Namely, upon the resignation of Prof. Dr. Goran Koevski (who became the Dean of the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje – one of SEELS members) the Managing bodies of the Centre for SEELS and the SEELS Network elected Prof. Dr. Gordana Bužarovska to take over the position for a period of four years. Prof. Dr. Gordana Bužarovska is a Professor of Criminal Procedure at the Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje and one of the Faculty's former Vice-Deans (2008-2015). She has been involved in the activities of the SEELS Network ever since its foundation, as one of the Management Board members.

NEW MANAGEMENT AT SEELS MEMBERS

When speaking of management, it is not only the Centre for SEELS that has had changes, but also few of SEELS members. Respectively, we would like to present you the new Deans within the SEELS Network:

- Faculty of Law, University of Tirana - Prof. Dr. Artan Hoxha;
- Faculty of Law “Iustinianus Primus”, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje – Prof. Dr. Goran Koevski;
- Faculty of Law, Josip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek – Prof. Dr. Renata Perić.

The SEELS Network remains dedicated to further increase and deepen its collaboration and is looking forward to the upcoming challenges.

LAUNCHING OF PROJECT “REGIONAL COOPERATION BETWEEN LAW FACULTIES TO IMPROVE PROTECTION AGAINST DISCRIMINATION – COURSE DEVELOPMENT”

One of the activities that marked the previous few months was the launching of the project “Regional Cooperation between Law Faculties to Improve Protection against Discrimination – Course Development”. This project is a joint one, meaning that it is implemented by SEELS and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights. The financial means are, on the other hand, provided by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The project is envisaged with the following dynamics: (1) SEELS and Ludwig Boltzmann Institute develop a course curriculum; (2) the curriculum is tested on an autumn school; (3) the results of the
test bring about further development of the curriculum, as well as individual tailoring according to each of the faculties’ needs.

Having that said, few activities will be undertaken. All of them will be announced on the SEELS webpage, as well as described in details in the future editions of the Newsletter.

**IN THE UPCOMING ISSUE OF THE NEWSLETTER YOU WILL READ MORE ABOUT:**

**The SEELS network expands! The Faculty of Law, University Goce Delchev Shtip becomes a new member in September 2017**

SEELS is proud to welcome its new regular member, the Faculty of Law, University Goce Delchev in Shtip. The Faculty became a regular member on the 11th of September 2017, thus acquiring all the rights related with the SEELS membership. More information will be provided in the 7th edition of the Newsletter, covering the respective period

**Summer School "Protection of Ethnic Minorities"**

The Summer School “Protection of Ethnic Minorities” took place in Durrës, Albania from the 3rd to the 10th of September 2017. All the details will be provided in the 7th edition of the Newsletter.