



DEMOCRACY AND THE RULE OF LAW: A NEW PUSH FOR EUROPEAN VALUES



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## Eurobarometer: Europeans want the EU to protect them and act united



On **25 March 2025**, the <u>results</u> of the Winter 2025 Eurobarometer survey were released, showing a historic level of approval for their Country's membership in the EU, particularly with regard to peace and security. 74% of citizens believe their country benefits from EU membership. 62% would like the European Parliament to have a greater role. 66% want the EU to play a greater role in protecting against global crises and security risks. Nine out of ten citizens (89%) say EU Member States should act more united to address current global challenges.

### Labour Migration: an EU Talent Pool to facilitate International Recruitment

On **19 March 2025**, the MEPs in the Civil Liberties Committee expressed itself favorably on the <u>proposal of creation of an EU</u> <u>Talent Pool</u>, i.e., a **platform** aimed at **matching non-EU jobseekers living abroad with EU labor shortages** and open to workers of all qualification levels. MEPs adopted amendments to the proposal to ensure the application of **fair recruitment standards** and to avoid discrimination and increase transparency. Once the report has been endorsed by Parliament as a whole during the April plenary session, talks with Member States on the final shape of the bill can start.



CJEU: General Regulation on Data Protection and Transidentity: Rectification of Gender Identity Data cannot be subject to Proof of Surgical Treatment

On **13 march 2025**, the Court of Justice of the EU, in its judgment *VP v. Országos Idegenrendészeti Főigazgatóság* [*Deldits*] (C-247/23), ruled on the interpretation of Article **16** of <u>Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the</u> <u>European Parliament and of the Council of April 27, 2016 on the protection of individuals with regard to the</u> <u>processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data</u>. The Court formulated two maxims about the interpretation of this provision. First, it requires a national authority in charge of maintaining a public register to rectify personal data relating to the gender identity of a natural person if such data are not accurate pursuant to Article 5(1)(d) of that Regulation. And secondly, for the purpose of exercising the right to rectify personal data relating to the gender identity of a natural person contained in a public register, **such person** may be required **to provide such relevant and sufficient evidence** as may reasonably be required from that person to prove the inaccuracy of such data.

CJEU: Union Law does not preclude, under certain Conditions, that Beneficiaries International Protection must pass a Civic Integration Examination

On **4 february 2025**, the Court of Justice of thr EU, in its judgement *T.G. v. Minister van Sociale Zaken en Werkgelegenheid* [Keren] (C-158/23) ruled on the interpretation of **Article 34** of <u>Directive 2011/95/EU</u>. The Court stated that this norm must be interpreted as meaning that **it does not preclude national legislation which obliges beneficiaries of international protection to pass a civic integration examination**, provided that the specific needs and characteristics of the situations of individual beneficiaries are taken into account; the knowledge required to pass the examination does not exceed what is necessary for integration purposes; and the beneficiaries are not already able to prove that they hav been integrated. On the other hand, the provision precludes the possibility for States to sanction systematically with a fine the failure to pass and to place the costs of courses and examinations fully at the expense of beneficiaries of international protection.



# **OUR ACTIVITIES**



## Women and Harassment in the Civil Service in a Multilevel Perspective



On 27 march 2025, as part of the Undergraduate Course Jean Monnet - Eu-Draw "European Citizenship, Democracy and the Rule of Law in the EU" and of the Legal Clinic's Course "The Protection of Women in the International Legal Context", an interdisciplinary seminar entitled "Women and Harassment in the Civil Service in a Multilevel Perspective" was held. The Seminar, organized and introduced by Prof. Anna Iermano, was centered on the paper by Dr. Valeria Tevere. The paper covered the perpetration of genderbased violence in civil service environments. The relevant Italian and European legislation and the network set up by the PA for the purpose of preventing the phenomenon were explained, as well as the differences between the latter and mobbing.

#### Technical-practical Course on Immigration Law

On **30** January 2025 the technical-practical course on immigration law with comparative profiles began at the Metafora Hall of the New Palace of Justice in Naples and online on the Cisco Webex platform. The course, also sponsored by the Jean Monnet module, will consist of **eleven lectures** to be given by lawyers from Italy and other EU and Mediterranean countries who are **experts in immigration law**. In the second lecture, on expulsion and refoulement of foreign nationals, held last 27 february 2025, Prof. Rossana Palladino gave a lecture on the prohibition of collective expulsions under Article 4 of ECHR Protocol 4.





Final Seminar - Democracy and the Rule of Law: a new Push for European Values

on **1st April 2025**, at "Carmine Pecoraro" Hall, Bulding B, Fisciano Campus, the **final seminar** "Democracy and the rule of law: a new push for European values" will be held. After institutional greetings by Prof. Francesco Fasolino and Prof. Giuseppe D'Angelo, the event will be divided into two sessions. In the first, concerning **safeguarding the rule of law and the values of the European Union** and moderated by Prof. Rossana Palladino, speeches will be given by Professors Krzysztof Wójtowicz (from the University of Wrocław), Stefania Kolarz (from the Polish Institute of International Affairs) and Teresa Russo. In the second session, concerning the **digital challenges to democracy and human rights** and moderated by Prof. Angela Di Stasi, it will be the turn of Professors Francesco Buonomenna, Angela Festa and Anna Iermano.

**About**: EU-DRAW is an EU-funded project aiming to promote didactic and study activities, knowledge, and research on the themes of European citizenship, the rights and duties connected to it, as well as on the common rights and values, and on effective actions to assure democracy and the rule of law within the EU, including the EU external action. EU-DRAW will run for 3 years (2022-2025).



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