

# Scope of EU Law

## Abstract

This thesis focuses on a comprehensive analysis of the scope of EU law, a key and relevant topic in the field of European law. The subject interconnects various dimensions of legal norms' applicability, specifically material, temporal, territorial, and personal scopes. The primary aim was to clarify how and under what circumstances EU law applies to various entities, territories, and legal relationships, while also highlighting the limits of its application.

The main objective of this work was to map the individual aspects of the scope of EU law, contribute to understanding the mechanisms of its application, and highlight its practical significance for both member states and individuals as well as legal entities. The thesis addresses questions regarding the range of legal relationships regulated by EU law, its territorial scope, temporal applicability, and the conditions for its implementation. The research also focuses on the differences between EU law and the legal systems of member states and the specifics of their interaction.

The thesis is divided into six chapters, each addressing a specific aspect of the scope of EU law. The first chapter defines the basic concepts and the four dimensions of legal norms' applicability—material, temporal, territorial, and personal. This section provides a theoretical framework on which subsequent analyses are based. The second chapter examines the personal scope of EU law, analyzing its application to various subjects such as member states, their authorities, legal entities, and individuals. The third chapter focuses on the territorial scope, exploring the territories where EU law applies and examining specific exceptions and special regimes, such as those for overseas territories or the EU's outermost regions. The fourth chapter analyzes the temporal scope of EU law, including its retroactivity, validity, and applicability to various temporal situations, such as the accession or withdrawal of member states from the Union. The fifth chapter delves into the material scope of EU law, examining the areas it covers and the conditions under which it applies to specific situations.

The sixth chapter investigates the role of the Court of Justice of the European Union in defining and interpreting the scope of EU law, with a focus on key judgments and their impact on legal practice.

The methodological approach included the study of academic literature, the analysis of primary and secondary EU legal texts, their interpretive rules, and relevant CJEU case law. Judgments played a crucial role in elucidating complex legal issues and delineating the scope

of EU law, with examples of specific cases used to enhance the understanding of practical aspects of law application.