

# **CELCOS Conference in Maribor (Slovenia): Strengthening the Rule of Law in the EU (31 March - 2 April 2016)**

The **University of Maribor (Slovenia)** is organizing the **Central European Law Conference for Students (CELCOS)**. It will take place in Maribor from 31 March to 2 April 2016. CELCOS will be the first large international student event in Central and Southeastern Europe to reflect current issues of EU law.

The main concept of this Jean Monnet project is to gather over 50 law doctoral students from universities across Europe for a three-day conference at the University of Maribor (Slovenia), where the doctoral students will be the main actors and about 30 experts, i.e. professors of EU law, judges, prosecutors and policy-makers at the national and EU level will give impulses to the discussion about selected areas of EU law by commenting on the students' contributions.

The aim of this conference is to analyze current topics of EU law, especially in light of the importance that EU law has for establishing the rule of law in Central and Southeastern Europe. Moreover, it aims at promoting fresh ideas and proposals for the future development of the EU legal system in general.

The conference will be divided into nine sessions dealing with the following topics:

**Session 1:** Triangle of cooperation between courts - ECtHR, CJEU and national courts.

**Session 2:** Managing migration in Europe - between economic feasibility and protection of human rights.

**Session 3:** Market integration through law: reforming legal foundations for a stable EU market.

**Session 4:** Effective enforcement of data protection law in Europe.

**Session 5:** EU Consumer protection - the current challenges.

**Session 6:** From transnational principles to European rules of civil procedure.

**Session 7:** Common EU standards on rights of suspects, the accused and victims in criminal proceedings.

**Session 8:** Integration of environmental protection into EU policies.

**Session 9:** Democracy and rule of law in Central and Southeastern Europe.

**CELCOS** is co-financed by the **EU Commission - Erasmus programme - Jean Monnet Project**. Further information is available at the Conference homepage. A detailed description of the sessions may be found here.