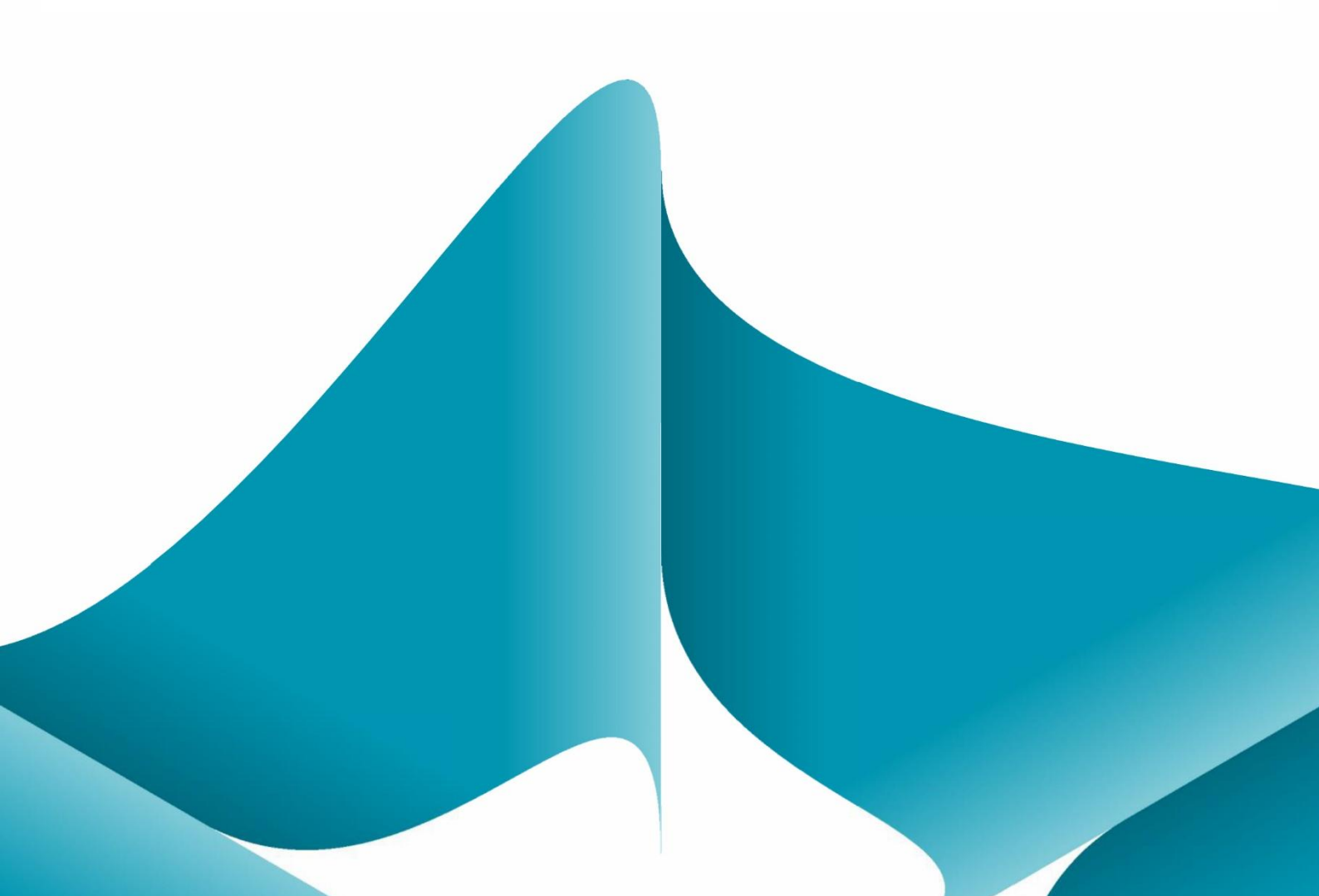


EU LAW: EFFECTS, TRANSPOSITION AND ALIGNMENT- FROM HARMONIZATION TO APPLICATION

DATE 10-12 NOVEMBER 2026

Yerevan, Armenia

Provisional Agenda



Background

Legislative alignment is one of the pivotal segments of EU integrative processes and the backbone of EU accession talks. The European Union has an extensive acquis that serves as a model for both further integration and reform processes across various areas. It requires not only the transposition of the EU acquis into the national legal framework but also its effective implementation and enforcement.

This event is designed as a peer-learning activity in which civil servants from the Western Balkans will share their practical experience in transposing EU law with their colleagues at the early stages of legislative alignment. The participants will discuss key aspects of legal approximation, exchange experience and practical approaches and identify challenges and opportunities for further progress. Particular attention will be given to ensuring coherence between the requirements and national legislation, as well as strengthening the institutional capacities necessary for effective implementation.

The discussion will bring together relevant stakeholders to explore practical solutions for achieving a myriad of EU integration objectives, focusing on the key sources of EU law, what they mean for EU accession/integration, and how they shape the functioning of the EU. In addition, we will delve into some technical aspects of measuring the level of alignment, such as the tables of correlation, programs for the adoption of the acquis and some technical aspects of handling alignment in particularly demanding areas, such as the environment, transportation or food safety, to identify key challenges that can be applicable in all areas of Union law transposition.

The training is designed for civil servants working in the field of EU law transposition and legislative alignment, from units in charge of EU integration/accession, units in charge of preparing legislative proposals, and line ministries in charge of legislative alignment and compliance in different policy areas that fall within the scope of EU competences. The training is designed for both civil servants with a legal education and those taking part in the processes described above.

PROVISIONAL AGENDA

DAY I: TUE 10 November 2026

08.45-09.00	<i>Arrival and Registration of Participants</i>
09.00-09.30	Opening Remarks and Introduction - Mehr Grigoryan, Deputy Prime Minister of Armenia TBC - The representative of the DEU Armenia - Ms Jelena Mrdak, ReSPA Director a.i.
09.30-09.45	Message from the representative of DG ENEST (online)
09.45-10.15	Setting the stage: Importance of the Legislative Alignment in the EU Accession/ Integration Process - Explaining the goals of the training - Positioning the approximation of laws in the overall context of various integrative processes <i>Speaker: Jelisaveta Tasev, ReSPA Program Manager</i>
10.15-10.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45- 12.30	Understanding the EU Acquis and Legislative Approximation - Sources of EU Law- EU acquis - EU Decision- Making - Directives, regulations and decisions - Other sources of EU law <i>Speaker: ReSPA expert</i>
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13.30- 14.30	Principles and Scope of Approximation - EU integrative Processes - Enlargement and Legislative Alignment - Accession Criteria and Legislative alignment - Legislative Alignment in the context of other EU integrative Processes <i>Speaker: ReSPA expert</i>
14.30-14.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
14.45-16.00	Moderated peer discussion: Legislative Alignment in Your Administration

	Mapping of the sources of the obligation to align national law with the EU acquis, the sources of EU law they most frequently use, coordination of the process, milestones, and challenges. <i>Moderator: ReSPA expert</i>
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DAY II: WED 11 November 2026

09.00-09.10	<i>Introduction to the peer-learning sessions</i>
09.10- 10.15	From EU Policy to National Legislation - Identifying Applicable EU acquis - Determining Appropriate Legal Instrument - Screening of EU legislation <i>Speaker: Civil servant from the Western Balkans (Montenegro)</i>
10.15-10.45	<i>Coffee Break</i>
10.45-12.00	Drafting National Legislation in Line With EU Requirements - National Programs for the Adoption of the Acquis - Tables of Correlation - Transposition Techniques - Legal Terminology <i>Speaker: Civil servant from the Western Balkans (North Macedonia)</i>
12.00-13.00	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13.00- 14.30	Discussing legislative alignment with the EU acquis in the Western Balkans, Moldova, Ukraine and Armenia - Mapping differences and identifying similarities <i>Speakers: Civil servants from a WB Administration, from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Moldova, from Ukraine and from Armenia</i> <i>Moderators: Filip Chaparoski, ReSPA Officer and Jelisaveta Tasev, ReSPA Program Manager</i>
14.30- 15.00	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.00- 16.30	Practical Exercise: Conducting a Compliance Analysis Working with an EU directive/ regulation in teams, identifying provisions requiring transposition, and preparing an approximation table. <i>Moderated: Peer Moderation and Group Work</i>

DAY III: THU 12 November 2026

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09.00- 10.00	Institutional Coordination and Quality Assurance - Roles of line ministries - Legal services of the national governments - EU integration units and their role - Coordination of legislative proposals - Quality assurance <i>Speaker: Civil servants from a WB Administration (Albania)</i>
10.00-11.00	Implementation, Enforcement and Monitoring of the Level of Alignment <i>Speaker: Civil servants from a WB Administration (Montenegro)</i>
11.00-11.30	<i>Coffee Break</i>
11.30-12.30	Common Challenges in the Approximation Process - Conflicting provisions, incomplete transposition, institutional overlaps, identification of gaps, implementation challenges <i>Speaker: Civil servants from a WB Administration (Albania)</i>
12.30-13.30	<i>Lunch Break</i>
13.30- 15.00	Legislative alignments in some of the most complex chapters- case study Chapter 27- The Environment Chapter 12- Food Safety <i>Speaker: Civil servants from a WB Administration (Serbia)</i>
15.00-15.15	<i>Coffee Break</i>
15.00- 16.00	Building Administrative Capacity for Effective EU Accession and Legal Approximation <i>Expert Lead Discussion</i>
16.00-16.15	<i>Conclusions and Farewell</i>

**This designation is without prejudice to positions on status and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and ICJ opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence.*