

University of Central Lancashire (Cyprus), Åbo Akademi University (Finland), Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (Greece) and Tallinn University (Estonia)

organize a
Blended Intensive Program

titled

Hybrid Threats and International Law

on 8-12 September 2025

Outline

This Blended Intensive Program (BIP) is organized by Tallinn University, Jagiellonian University (Poland), Åbo Akademi University (Finland), Panteion University of Social and Political Sciences (Greece) and offers students from different European universities an opportunity to come together, both virtually and in person, to discuss issues pertaining to hybrid threats, international law and policy responses.

The 2025 BIP is dedicated to exploring the intersections between international and transnational criminal law, international humanitarian law, human rights, war and security studies and refugee law in the context of hybrid threats on EU's Eastern borders and in the Arctic region. It aims at providing students with the theoretical, analytical and methodological tools to critically analyse the legal and policy responses to hybrid threats, including but not limited to, human trafficking and smuggling, maritime security, instrumentalized migration, cyber warfare and GPS interference, airplane hijacking and arbitrary detention, targeted killings and espionage, from the international law perspective. The 2025 BIP includes two components- one online and one offline- during which students will explore a range of issues related to hybrid warfare and international law. The program will also help in developing transferable skills, including: critical thinking, problem solving, advocacy, project management, public speaking, group work, intercultural competences, time management and organisational skills.

Basic information

- 20 students in mobility from four universities:
- Open call with additional 5 spots:
- 10 local students from Tallinn University
- 6 ECTS recognized for the activity
- BA-level at host institution (incoming MA students welcomed)

- Virtual component: 6 hours after in person mobility
- In-person component: 30 hours, Tallinn, 8-12 September 2025
- Students to receive a certificate of participation

Organising Committee

- Karolina Aksamitowska (Tallinn University)
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Virtual component (TBC)

Three virtual sessions will be held after the in-person component of the BIP, in order to elaborate on the legal frameworks applicable to hybrid threats in international law.

In-person component

The offline intensive program organised by Tallinn University on **8-12 September 2025** comprises lectures, seminar discussions, meetings with experts, and group activities focused on learning about the challenges in addressing hybrid threats through international law and policy.

Date	Description	Location(s)
8 September 2025	Introduction, welcome dinner	Tallinn
8 September 2025	Lecture and seminar discussion	Tallinn
9 September 2025	Research Seminar	Tallinn
9 September 2025	City tour	Tallinn
10 September 2025	Visit to the NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence (CCDCOE)	Tallinn
11 September 2025	Visit to the International Organization for Migration (IOM, UN Migration)	Tallinn
12 September 2025	Closing the program	Tallinn