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*Disaster Law*



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# International Disaster Law Course

18-27 November 2024

*Hybrid (Online & Sanremo, Italy)*

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## Background

Disasters are among the largest threats to human security and development the world is facing today. Is international law stepping up? Are humanitarian actors, institutions and scholars ready to face challenges raised by disasters caused by natural hazards or human activities?

This **hybrid specialised course** will provide a comprehensive overview of the **existing international provisions and key regulatory issues related to the prevention and management of disasters**, including through a **residential specialized workshop** focusing on the challenges they pose and how they are addressed in the **EU context**.

## Target audience

Staff of **governments, international and regional organizations, NGOs, National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, academics, graduate and post-graduate students** with an interest in humanitarian assistance and disaster management issues.

## Structure

Through a mixture of online and on-site lectures, practical exercises, self-assessment tools and interactive group works, the course, organised by the Sanremo Institute in collaboration with the **International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) Disaster Law** and with the support of the **Italian Red Cross**, will provide a dynamic and tailored learning environment to all participants.

**Online**

5-day **online training on the legal and operational framework** for disaster governance and relief operations

**Hybrid**

5-day online training + 3-day **residential specialised workshop on EU Disaster Law** in Sanremo

## Online course

The online section of the course will feature both **live** and **self-paced sessions**, including learning opportunities of different kinds.

Live sessions will be held on Zoom on the date and at the time described in the following agenda.

Self-paced activities will be all accessible through the **IIHL online learning platform**, whose individual access credentials will be shared by the course secretariat right before the beginning of the of the training period.

The online section of the training will particularly address topics including the **basics of international and regional disaster law**, the **interplay between Disaster Law, International Humanitarian Law, Human Rights Law and Refugee Law**, the overall legal framework of **Disaster Risk Prevention and Preparedness**, and an introduction to **Disaster Response and Management**.

### Module 1

## Opening Session and Course Overview

18 November 2024

Live session at 1.00 pm (CET), approx. 20 min.

- **Gian Luca BERUTO**  
Secretary-General, IIHL
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC
- **Giulio BARTOLINI**  
Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of IDL

### Module 2

## Disaster Law - International, Regional and Domestic Legal Frameworks

18 November 2024

Live session at 1.20 pm (CET), approx. 100 min.

### Facilitators

- **Giulio BARTOLINI**  
Editor-in-Chief, Yearbook of IDL
- **Tommaso NATOLI**  
IFRC Disaster Law and Italian Red Cross
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Module 3

## IDL and IHL, Human Rights Law, Refugee Law and IDPs

19 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

### Facilitators

- **Walter KAELIN**  
University of Bern, Former Representative of the UNSG on the Human Rights of IDPs
- **Emanuele SOMMARIO**  
Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa (Italy)

### Module 4

## Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Preparedness

20 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

### Facilitators

- **Marie ARONSSON-STORRIER**  
University College Cork
- **Stella NGUGI**  
IFRC Disaster Law Coordinator, Africa Region

### Module 5

## Disaster Response and Management

21 November 2024

Live session at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

### Facilitators

- **Dug CUBIE**  
University College Cork
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Module 6

## Thematic workshop on the Role of International Organisations in Disaster Management

22 November 2024

Live workshop with experts at 2.00 pm (CET), approx. 120 min.

### Facilitators

- **Flavia ZORZI GIUSTINIANI**  
Link Campus University
- **Gian Luca BURCI**  
Former Legal Counsel, WHO; Adjunct Professor of International Law, Graduate Institute
- **Marina SKURIC PRODANOVIC**  
Chief, System-wide Approaches and Practices Section, Coordination Division, UN OCHA



Are you a confirmed participant **looking for the IIHL online learning platform?**

Scan the QR code and start the training!

## Residential specialised workshop

The on-site section of the course will focus on the **regional dimension of Disaster Law in Europe**, addressing issues of utmost importance such as the **interplay between IDL and EU Law; EU policies & standards in Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Preparedness; Disaster Response and Management strategies and practices at the EU level**; and the **EU external action in the Disasters domain**, with specific reference to humanitarian aid and collaborations between the EU and other regional and international entities.

### Module 7

## Opening and interplay IDL-EU Law

25 November 2024

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Speakers

- **Gian Luca BERUTO**  
Secretary-General, IIHL
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Facilitators

- **Federico FERRI**  
Associate Professor of EU Law, University of Bologna
- **Grega GROBOVSEK**  
Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-ECHO

### Welcome cocktail

6.15 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Module 8

## EU policies in Disaster Risk Reduction, Prevention and Preparedness

26 November 2024

9.00 am (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Facilitators

- **Sandra ROMERO RUIZ**  
Preparedness Policy Adviser, European Commission, DG-ECHO
- **Laura INDRILIUNAITE** - online contributor  
Policy Coordinator, DG ECHO, European Commission
- **Miriam ALBA REINA**  
Disaster Management Officer, Red Cross EU Office

### Lunch break

1.00 pm (CET)

### Module 9

## Disaster Response and Management at the EU level

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Facilitators

- **Grega GROBOVSEK**  
Legal and Policy Officer, European Commission, DG-ECHO
- **Tommaso NATOLI**  
IFRC Disaster Law and Italian Red Cross
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Social dinner

8.00 pm (CET), Sanremo (Italy)

### Module 10

## EU beyond its borders in disasters: External Action and International Humanitarian Aid

27 November 2024

9.00 am (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Facilitators

- **Federico CASOLARI**  
Professor of EU Law, University of Bologna
- **Sandra ROMERO RUIZ**  
Preparedness Policy Adviser, European Commission, DG-ECHO
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Lunch break

1.00 pm (CET)

### Module 11

## Closing Session

2.00 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)

### Speakers

- **Gian Luca BERUTO**  
Secretary-General, IIHL
- **Isabelle GRANGER**  
Global Lead, Disaster Law and Auxiliary Role, IFRC

### Certificate awarding ceremony

2.30 pm (CET), Villa Ormond, Sanremo (Italy)