

## European Regional Policy

### Objectives

- To provide students with an overview of European Regional Policy as a key driver in the development of economic and social cohesion. The course particularly examines

### Description

The course will cover the following broad areas:

- the origins and development of European regional policy
- the aims and needs of European regional policy, and its significance within the EU; its links to other EU policies and initiatives
- the mechanics, including structural funds and priority objectives
- from theory to practice; links to other EU policies
- the socio-economic and institutional context; a critical examination of the effectiveness of policies; a look at both successful and unsuccessful examples
- the way forward, particularly the issues around enlargement, both current and future, with specific examination of the impact on Cyprus

Case studies will be featured throughout by way of example, and the course will include a high level of student participation in group exercises.

An open-book exam will be set for the final day; this will be to assess students' understanding and critical appreciation of the material rather than factual knowledge.

An assignment will be given at the end of the course.