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Breve descrizione

The COVID pandemic has shown the urgency of tackling cross-border health threats through supranational mechanisms. The EU, while having limited competences in the health sector, has proved to be the most prepared and effective actor in the pandemic response, and through the crisis has taken the opportunity to affirm and enlarge its role as a regional and global actor in the fight of international health emergencies. Against this background, this module is meant to enhance the knowledge and stimulate research of a topic of crucial and growing relevance of EU studies. The module would be structured in three parts. Initially, an historical introduction concerning the management of cross-border public health threats on the European continent will be made, going back since the Great Influenza epidemic of 1918. Then the main steps taken by the European Community and later the EU



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to address international health crises will be retraced. The second part will deal with the response to the Covid pandemic in order to illustrate how the existing EU regulating framework was utilised and innovated during the crisis. Finally, the - actual and future - regional and global role of the EU in the domain will be explored. This will show students how EU internal and external action can effectively be forged, as famously predicted by Jean Monnet, and progress in crises.

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