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Jean Monnet Activities in the Western Balkans

Albania, Bosnia & Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo, Montenegro, Serbia

The Jean Monnet Action was launched in 1989 by the European Commission to support academic research in European integration. The programme originally addressed academics in the Member States, but came to include those in accession countries soon after. Today, it has a global scope.

Between 1989 and 2015 more than 800 universities in 78 countries throughout the world participated in the Jean Monnet actions, offering Jean Monnet courses as part of their curricula. So far around 4.460 Jean Monnet projects in the field of European integration studies have been set up, involving more than 1.700 professors and 265.000 students each year.

The Jean Monnet activities aim at **promoting excellence in teaching and research in the field of European Union studies worldwide**. These actions **foster the dialogue between the academic world and policy-makers**, in particular with the aim of enhancing governance of EU policies. European Union studies comprise the study of Europe in its entirety with particular emphasis on the **European integration process** in both its internal and external aspects. The discipline also covers the role of the European Union in a globalised world and in **promoting an active European citizenship and dialogue between people and cultures**.

The objective of the Jean Monnet activities is to **bring positive and long-lasting effects to the participants** involved, to the promoting organisations, as well as to the **policy systems** within which they are framed. The activities aim to a) **enhance employability and improve career prospects for young graduates**, by including or **reinforcing a European dimension in their studies**; b) lead to a **more active citizenship** by increasing the interest in understanding and participating in the European Union; c) bring **support for young researchers and professors, who want to carry out research and teaching on EU subjects** and d) **increase opportunities for academic staff** in terms of professional and career development.

Between 2007 and 2015 in total 17 Jean Monnet Activities were selected for the Western Balkans.

Overview selected Jean Monnet Activities: 2007- 2015

Country	2007 – 2013	2014 – 2015
Albania	1	1
Bosnia & Herzegovina	1	2
Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia	3	-
Kosovo	1	-
Montenegro	2	-
Serbia	3	3
Total	11	6

Jean Monnet Activities within the Lifelong Learning Programme 2007 – 2013

The Jean Monnet Programme was integrated within the European Commission's Lifelong Learning Programme in 2007. The period 2007-2013 extended its activities to include support for associations of professors and researchers specialising in European integration, for Information and Research Activities and for the programme's first multilateral action type, the Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Groups. Over this period, the Jean Monnet Programme became increasingly multi-disciplinary and at the request of the European Parliament opens its doors to civil society and to primary and secondary school teachers and vocational education and training via the initiative "Learning EU at School".

1. Teaching and research in the field of European Union Studies

A **Jean Monnet Module** is a short teaching programme in the field of European Union Studies at a higher education institute. Each Module has a minimum duration of 40 teaching hours per academic year. Modules may concentrate on one particular discipline in European studies or be multidisciplinary in approach.

A **Jean Monnet Chair** is a teaching post with a specialisation in European Union Studies for university professors or senior lecturers. The position is held by only one professor, who must provide the minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year.

"**Ad personam**" **Jean Monnet Chairs** constitute awards reserved for Jean Monnet Chairs who deliver evidence of a high level international and publication records and/or professors with a distinguished back ground as former high level practitioner in the field of European studies.

A **Centre of Excellence** is a focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects. The academic responsibility of a Centre must be assumed by a Jean Monnet Chair holder. A Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence gathers the expertise and competences of high-level experts and aims at developing synergies between the various disciplines and resources in European studies, as well as at creating joint transnational activities and structural links with academic institutions in other countries. It also ensures openness to civil society.

2. Academic and Research activities in the field of European Union Studies

Information and Research Activities supported between 2008 - 2013 focused on the organisation of conferences, seminars and roundtables related to the European Integration topics.

Learning EU at School supported between 2011 - 2013 promoted democratic citizenship in primary and secondary schools of the Member States.

Multilateral Research Groups supported between 2008 - 2013 promoted research partnerships leading up to the creation of an integrated academic network with a joint research plan and multi-disciplinary synergies in the field of EU studies

The support was given to interdisciplinary **Associations of professors and researchers** to contribute to the study of the European integration process and who were representatives of the academic community in European integration studies in their country or region.

Between 2007 and 2013 in total 11 Jean Monnet Activities were selected for the Western Balkans.

Overview of selected Jean Monnet Activities per action: 2007 – 2013:

TEACHING ACTIVITIES				ACADEMIC AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES			
Module	Jean Monnet Chair	Jean Monnet "Ad Personam" Chair	Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence	Information and Research Activities	Learning EU at School	Association of Professors and Researchers	Multilateral Research Groups
5	4	-	-	2	-	-	-

Jean Monnet activities within the Erasmus+ programme 2014 – 2020

Within the Erasmus+ Programme (2014 - 2020), Jean Monnet Activities enter in a new era by celebrating its 25th anniversary and revamping the supported Actions to adapt to the new trends. It continues promoting teaching and research on European integration among specialist academics, learners and citizens in Europe and around the world. It also supports policy debate with the academic world and policy makers, and dialogue with institutions and associations to promote knowledge on the EU values and on the key role EU studies play worldwide.

1. Teaching and research in the field of European Union Studies

Jean Monnet Modules: 3-year project (maximum grant 30.000 €) for short programmes of minimum 40 teaching hours per academic year. Modules may concentrate on one particular discipline in European Union studies or be multidisciplinary.

Jean Monnet Chairs: 3-year project (maximum grant 50.000 €) for teaching posts of minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year.

Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence: 3-year project (maximum grant 100.000 €) to set up focal points of competence and knowledge on EU subjects. Led by a Jean Monnet Chair holder, a Centre of Excellence focusses the expertise and competences of high-level experts.

2. Policy debate with the academic world

Jean Monnet Networks are granted funding for 3 years (max grant 300.000 €) with the aim to foster consortia of international players (HEIs, Centres of Excellence, departments, teams, individual experts, etc.) in the area of European Union studies. The networks gather information, exchange practices, build knowledge and promote the European integration process across the world. This Action can also support the enhancement of existing networks supporting specific activities, notably fostering the participation of young researchers in EU-related themes. These projects are based on unilateral proposals, focused on activities that cannot be achieved successfully at a national level and require the involvement of a minimum of five partner institutions from five different countries.

Jean Monnet Projects are granted for 1 to 2 years (maximum grant 60.000 €) to support innovation (e.g. projects on Learning at School), cross-fertilisation and the spread of European Union content. These projects are based on unilateral proposals – although the proposed activities may involve other partners.

3. Support to institutions and associations

Jean Monnet activities offer support to institutions that enhance teacher and training activities on European Union subjects at the postgraduate level and/or other relevant stakeholders. It also fosters activities aimed at elaborating, analysing and popularizing European Union subjects and their teaching. (3-year projects, no grant € ceiling)

Jean Monnet activities offer support to associations that have as their explicit purpose to contribute to the study of the European integration process. They are interdisciplinary and open to all interested professors, teacher and researchers specialising in European Union issues in the relevant country or region. (3-year projects, maximum grant 50.000 €)

Between 2014 and 2015 in total 6 Jean Monnet Activities were selected:

	TEACHING AND RESEARCH			POLICY DEBATE WITH THE ACADEMIC WORLD		SUPPORT TO INSTITUTIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS	
	Module	Chair	Centre of Excellence	Project	Network	Support to Institutions	Support to Associations
2014	1	2	-	-	-	-	-
2015	3	-	-	-	-	-	-

Detailed list of selected Jean Monnet Activities 2014 – 2015:

Year	Activity	Organisation	Project Title	Discipline	Coordinator
2014	CHAIR	MARIN BARLETI SHA (Albania)	EU Enlargement and its Impact on the Western Balkans	EU Interdisciplinary Studies	Dorian Jano
2014	CHAIR	UNIVERZITET U BEOGRADU – FAKULTET POLITIČKIH NAUKA (Serbia)	Innovating the European Studies at the University of Belgrade - Faculty of Political Sciences	EU Interdisciplinary Studies	Slobodan Samardzic
2014	MODULE	UNIVERZITET UMETNOSTI U BEOGRADU (Serbia)	Musical Identities and European Perspective: an Interdisciplinary Approach	EU Interdisciplinary Studies	Mirjana Veselinović-Hofman
2015	MODULE	JAVNA USTANOVA UNIVERZITET U ZENICI UNIVERSITAS STUDIORUM ZENICAENSIS (Bosnia & Herzegovina)	Market Freedoms and Human Rights in the EU	EU Legal Studies	Zlatan Meškić
2015	MODULE	FACULTY OF ECONOMICS, UNIVERSITY OF MOSTAR (Bosnia & Herzegovina)	Facts and Challenges of the EU Accession	EU Economic Studies	Vinko Kandžija
2015	MODULE	UNIVERZITET PRIVREDNA AKADEMIJA U NOVOM SADU (Serbia)	The Accession of Serbia to the European Union	EU Legal Studies	Vladimir Medovic

Useful links:

Erasmus+ website

http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/index_en.htm

Jean Monnet online Project Directory

<https://eacea.ec.europa.eu/JeanMonnetDirectory/#/search-screen/>

European Community Studies Association (ECSA)

<http://www.ecsaworld.eu/>

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