

**PROJECT INFORMATIONS**

<b>Project Title</b>	<b>Jean Monnet module: Regional programs of development and management in European Union</b>		
<b>ACRONIM</b>	-	Implementation period	2009-2012
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<b>UAIC position</b>	Coordinator		
<b>Partners</b>	-		
<b>Objectives</b>	<p>The reason for which we have considered that this project is necessary to be implemented is related mainly to the post-adhesion period crossed by Romania beginning with 1st January 2007. The absorption rate of the structural funds allocated to our country in this period was very low. The principal reason may be an insufficient number of specialists with knowledge in accessing, obtaining and using the Structural Funds.</p> <p>The proposed project aims to implement a course module focused on regional programs of development and management in European Union. It's main objectives are: to find some clarifications on post-graduates prospective careers in the field of regional economics; to offer a support for the businessman in the field of accessing structural funds; to extend the curricula in the domain of European Integration; to improve the professional skills of the students attending these courses. The measurable results of the objectives set above are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- receiving Jean Monnet funding and implementation of the detailed activities of this project;</li> <li>- teaching materials which will prove their effectiveness by means of the good results obtained by participants;</li> <li>- a statistic analysis of the results achieved by the beneficiaries of the Jean Monnet module;</li> <li>- the publication of a volume which will include the essays written by the students about how they can improve the absorption of the European Structural Funds in Romania.</li> </ul> <p>The module is meant to create a multidisciplinary learning system having as main purpose to attract young people to the field of European integration and also the acquisition of knowledge, with which it can analyze different situations that arise in practice.</p>		
<b>Activities</b>	<p>First of all, the European Module that we intend to create will be included in the curricula of the Faculty of Economics and Business Administration. The first cycle of studies (undergraduate) offered to all specializations does not include any course on European integration. That is the reason why a student can graduate without having any academic preparation in this field. Recent realities and Romania's EU integration in particular require raising awareness about the importance of these subjects. From the perspective of the common market, economists must assimilate the tools that will enable them to cope with these new conditions. Therefore, the European Module addresses the first priority - students who do not automatically come into contact with European integration studies.</p> <p>We also intend to offer this module in other university such is the Technical University „Gh. ASACHI”, Iasi. We believe that such a module, developed within the university will have a significant impact given that there will be a new challenge for students, having into consideration the fact that the study on the European integration are relatively few or even missing in this university curricula.</p> <p>On the other side, through the Centre for European Studies, the course is also offered to the general public, managers of SMEs or public entities from the North-East Region of Romania interested or potential beneficiaries of the financing instruments of the EU. The European Module thus addresses the second priority - citizens (adult education) and specific civil society groups.</p>		
<b>Target group</b>	<p>It will increase people's awareness of EU realities and understanding of the changes that Romanian society will undergo in the following years. The project will have among its priorities the process of results dissemination. For this purpose, on the Centre for European Studies website (<a href="http://www.cse.uaic.ro">www.cse.uaic.ro</a>) and on the FEBA website (<a href="http://www.feaa.uaic.ro">www.feaa.uaic.ro</a>) a special forum will be created for discussions on the module topics, where the course coordinators will be able to answer to possible questions.</p> <p>The book that will be published will be an important guide for anyone interested in the issue of structural funds. Also, the member of the project will present their research results by participating at scientific events and publishing articles in specialized journals. We anticipate an audience estimated 150 students from The Faculty of Economics and Business Administration and 50 students from Technical University „Gh. ASACHI”. The positive effects will affect the companies which will beneficiate from the new professional abilities trained by this module. They will raise their competitiveness and their economical performance will contribute to the regional economical development. We estimate that at least 100 companies will annually employ graduates of this module.</p>		