

EXPECTED RESULTS

1. 120 trained MA students, PhD candidates and Post-Doc fellows, academic staff and civil servants and civil society representatives mainly from Romania, Republic of Moldova and Ukraine, but also from other neighbouring countries;
2. Established dialogue and cooperation between different stakeholders from EU and ENP/EaP states;
3. Improved understanding of the actual challenges and tendencies in the Eastern dimension of the ENP by including the expertise of the key note speakers;
4. International conference "The EU as regional player. Cooperation and integration in Eastern neighbourhood" (main event);
5. Publications (edited book with the articles presented at the conference; the most valuable articles will be published either in the Eastern Journal of European Studies or in CES Working Papers collection, pertaining to our Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in European Studies);
6. About 50 published articles in an edited book, with a transnational content with a special focus on the Eastern neighbourhood;
7. The formation of a new generation of specialists in European integration issues (up to 120); for the participants coming from the neighbouring countries will also represent a new experience which could considerably contribute to their theoretical and practical knowledge, taking into account that the organisation of such events is rather rare within their universities;
8. The promotion of the research results to different target groups (MA, PhD, Post-doc fellows, civil society representatives);
9. The organising of two workshops;
10. The organising of one round table;
11. Disseminating project's publications both hard copies and electronically;
12. Dissemination materials (both an informative brochure and leaflets will be produced for the participants and the broad public which will include in a concise and focused approach the latest political, economic and security achievements of the EU in its Eastern neighbourhood);
13. The possibility of multiplication and extension of project results will facilitate the transmission of ideas and solutions generated to the policy-makers and to the civil society, contributing in this way to the enlargement of a necessary dialogue on substantive issues of ENP in neighbourhood's countries.

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Jean Monnet Programme

The main objectives:

- To stimulate teaching, research and reflection activities in the field of European integration studies;
- To support the existence of an appropriate range of institutions and associations focusing on issues relating to European integration and on education and training in a European perspective

Jean Monnet actions:

- JEAN MONNET Chairs;
- JEAN MONNET Chairs Ad Personam;
- JEAN MONNET Centres of Excellence;
- JEAN MONNET Teaching Modules;
- JEAN MONNET Information and research activities;
- JEAN MONNET Information and research activities for learning EU at school;
- JEAN MONNET Associations of Professors and Researchers specialising in European Integration;
- JEAN MONNET Multilateral Research Groups;
- JEAN MONNET European associations active in education and training.



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ABOUT PROJECT

The overall objective of the project is the development of knowledge in the EU issues in its Eastern frontier countries as basic premise of promoting a process of research convergence.

The specific objectives of the project are:

- OBJ. 1.** Creating a favourable context/framework for open dialogue, debates, reflections, exchange of ideas;
- OBJ. 2.** Improving knowledge and skills in the field of ENP of target groups (researchers, professors, civil society) through transfer of experience;
- OBJ. 3.** Promoting a support for having speeches in front of an audience;
- OBJ. 4.** Reducing disparities in knowledge and consolidating the cooperation relationships;
- OBJ. 5.** Identifying the directions of development of the Eastern dimension of the ENP (challenges, good practices, solutions), with a special focus on Ukraine and Moldova.

IMPACT

- Stronger civil and academic society for promoting the EU policies towards its near abroad;
- Improved knowledge on European Studies with a special focus on the Eastern dimension of the ENP/EaP;
- Increased awareness of students and young researchers vis-a-vis European matters;
- Enhanced organisational capacity of the staff members involved in the implementation;
- Stronger cooperation with other universities/research institutes (both inside and outside EU borders), with the local authorities, mass-media, civil society - transnational cooperation;
- Institutional development and sustainability in European studies issues;
- Increased visibility, with the possibility of multiplying the project's results, through the creation of a system of information for target groups (website/forum);
- The possibility to offer feedback regarding the quality of information/organisation.

ACTIVITIES

Event 1: Workshop "Cross-border cooperation in the Eastern neighbourhood of the EU" - Programme

Description: Romania has an important role in forging regional cooperation. Because it borders the east flank of the EU, Romania could also be regarded as a bridge between the EU and its Eastern neighbourhood. More recently, the EU has developed the Eastern Partnership in order to make a clear distinction between the ENP members from the east and those from the south, also included in the Union for the Mediterranean. With all the expertise and knowledge acquired in the membership process, Romania could bring its contribution to the EU's goal of having a stable, secure and prosperous neighbourhood. Romania is currently involved together with Ukraine and Moldova in important transnational cooperation structures, the so-called Euroregions. This workshop explores the possibilities of further strengthen cross-border cooperation between the three neighbours and which are the ways this goal could be attained.

Date: October 26, 2012

Target groups: researchers, teachers, university students, general public.

Event 2: Workshop "The role of the European funds in promoting regional cooperation" - Programme

Description: The participants in this workshop will be informed about the funds available for both EU and non-EU states region, about the ways institutional partnerships are set up. For instance, the European Neighbourhood and Partnership Instrument plays a vital role in supporting EU's actions towards the neighbourhood and in bringing the countries concerned closer to the European standards. However, there is a lack of clear information about how this financial support can be used, especially in the neighbouring states. This challenge has also been encountered by Romania in both its pre- and post-accession period. Together with our partners from Ukraine and Moldova we plan to address these issues and find solutions of improving regional cooperation.

Date: March 8, 2013

Target groups: researchers, teachers, university students, general public.

Event 3: International conference The EU as a model of soft power in the Eastern neighbourhood

Description: The international conference, "The EU as a model of soft power in the Eastern neighbourhood", which will run over a three day period (15-17 May 2013) aims to transmit knowledge about the EU international role, particularly in its Eastern neighbourhood, to draw together scholars in order to connect the growing literature on the EU's external affairs, to stimulate the theoretical and professional skills of participants and to encourage an exchange of views. We seek to invite researchers, academics and young professionals for an interdisciplinary dialogue on the economic, social, political dimensions of this theme.

Date: 15-17 May 2013

Target groups: teachers, university students, researchers, professional groups, administrative and other non-teaching staff, general public.

Event 4: Roundtable "The role of the EU in its Eastern neighbourhood: new perspectives, opportunities of networking"

Description: The EU has a major interest in continuing to preach the merits of sharing sovereignty as a necessary condition to tackling many of today's global problems such as sustainable development, poverty, the environment, transnational crime and terrorism. Since its inception, the EU has also become the largest trading block and aid provider in the world which gives even more weight to its international role.

This roundtable debate which will follow the conference aims to critically evaluate EU's role in its Eastern vicinity, to draw together scholars (some of the participants who have clearly expressed their interest), international experts (both from the EU and non-EU member states), civil society representatives (NGO's) and public servants both from Romania and from the neighbouring countries in order to stimulate their theoretical and professional skills and to encourage an exchange of views. We will invite participants for an interdisciplinary dialogue on the economic, social, political dimensions of this theme.

Date: May 18, 2013

Target groups: researchers, teachers, university students, general public.