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ERASMUS+ Programme Jean Monnet Activities

Stimulating teaching and research on the European Union and foster dialogue between academics and decision-makers in the EU and around the world

The **Jean Monnet Actions** aim at **promoting excellence in teaching and research** in the **field of European Union studies worldwide**. These Actions also aim at **fostering 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 EU in a globalised world and in promoting an active European citizenship and dialogue between people and cultures.

Jean Monnet is expected 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.

As regards the participants directly or indirectly involved in the Actions, Jean Monnet aims to produce the **following outcomes**:

- **enhanced employability and improved career prospects for young graduates**, by including or reinforcing a European dimension in their studies;
- increased **interest in understanding and participating in the European Union**, leading to a more active citizenship;
- **support for young researchers** (i.e. who have obtained a PhD degree in the last five years) **and professors** who want to carry out research and teaching on EU subjects;
- **increased opportunities for academic staff** in terms of professional and career development.

Jean Monnet is expected in the long run to **encourage the promotion and diversification of EU studies worldwide** as well as to enhance and extend the participation of staff from more faculties and departments in European Union teaching and research.

Which Actions are supported?

1. Teaching and research activities:

- A **Jean Monnet Module** is a short teaching programme in the field of European Union Studies at a higher education institute. Each Module lasts 3 years with 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 for duration of 3 years. The position must be held by only one professor,

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who must not only teach a minimum of 90 teaching hours per academic year (for 3 consecutive years) but also and carry out at least one additional activity per academic year as described in the Programme Guide.

- A **Centre of Excellence** is a focal point of competence and knowledge on European Union subjects with project duration of 3 years. The Centre has a major role in reaching out to students from faculties not normally dealing with European Union issues as well as to policy makers, civil servants, organised civil society and the general public. The requirement to hold a Chair in order to set up a Centre of Excellence is removed.

2. Support to Associations

- **Jean Monnet activities offer support to associations** that have as their explicit purpose to contribute to the study of the European integration process. Such associations should be interdisciplinary and open to all interested professors, teacher and researchers specialising in European Union issues in the relevant country or region. They should be representative of the academic community in European Union studies at regional, national or supranational level. (3-years project)

3. Policy debate with the academic world

- **Jean Monnet Networks** are granted funding for 3 years to foster the creation and development of 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 around 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 3 partner institutions from 3 different countries.

- **Jean Monnet Projects** are granted for 1 to 2 years to support innovation (e.g. projects on Learning EU 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.

Who can apply?

Higher education institutions, organisations and associations around the world are eligible to apply for Jean Monnet activities. HEIs established in Programme Countries must hold a valid Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE). An ECHE is not required for participating HEIs in Partner Countries.

Detailed information on the criteria and funding rules applying to the different Jean Monnet Activities: Erasmus+ Programme Guide and 2016 Call for proposals: http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/discover/guide/index_en.htm

How to apply?

Organisations are invited to submit applications on-line to the Education, Audiovisual and Culture Executive Agency in Brussels. The necessary documents, templates, and forms for the 2016 call will be published on the following link: http://eacea.ec.europa.eu/erasmus-plus/funding_en

Deadline for the next call for proposals?

Applicants have to submit their grant application **by 25/02/2016** at 12.00 (CET/CEST) for projects starting on 01/09/2016.

Further information on Jean Monnet activities

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