



Report on the Scientific, Didactic and Research Activities of the 2nd Edition of the Jean Monnet Module “EU-Western Balkans Cooperation and Justice and Home Affairs” - EUWEB

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1. Preliminary Activities

1.1 Erasmus Days

On 15th October 2020 the **Jean Monnet Modules EUWEB and Solidarity in EU Law (SoEULaw)** celebrated *#Erasmusplusdays* with a jointly organised webinar.

The event aimed to increase dialogue between the two Jean Monnet communities: **sharing** ideas, experiences and best practices.

1. Preliminary Activities

1.2 *Online Informal Meetings*

‘Planning and Enhancing EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs’ through a series of **online informal meetings**.

The meetings hosted our partners as well as various academics, legal experts and stakeholders in order to discuss new trends and perspectives of the topics for the EUWEB Module’s second edition.

These events also saw the participation of our civil society supporters, such as ELSA and FIDU.

1. Preliminary Activities

1.2 Informal meetings

- 1st online informal meeting – 4 November 2020, on judicial and police cooperation (with a connection to human rights protection);
- 2nd online informal meeting – 9 November 2020, on the fight against transnational crimes with a connection to human rights protection);
- 3rd online informal meeting – 16 November 2020, on cross border security, migration and asylum management with a connection to human rights protection).

1. Preliminary Activities

1.3 SoEULaw Round Table in Cooperation with EUWEB Module

On 10th December 2020, **SoEULaw** Jean Monnet had successful round table concerning “*COVID-19 and Solidarity Beyond Law*”.

This did just not represent one more case of cooperation between the two modules but, above all, an occasion to address COVID-19’issued, calling upon all the involved actors’ solidarity and responsibility.

2. Training Activities

2.1. Establishment of the New Secretariat for the Second Edition and Legal Observatory

Secretariat: following our bottom-up approach, consolidated in the first edition, we included in the Staff some of our students attending the second edition of EUWEB Module.

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The Members of the Secretariat conducted the following activities:

- ✓ Pure basic research: research of documents, sources and judgements;
- ✓ Strategic basic research: selection of documents, sources and judgements in order to undertaken to acquire new knowledge;
- ✓ Applied research: elaboration of original work undertaken primarily to acquire new knowledge with a specific application in view;
- ✓ Experimental development: elaboration of systematic work, using existing knowledge gained from research or practical experience.

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A different and **even more scientific role** has been given to the **Legal Observatory**. The Legal Observatory is meant to **heavily focus on research, analysis and elaboration of data**.

It is entrusted to **not only** support the research activities used to prepare the Module's lectures, **but also** to monitor eventual developments in Europe, reporting any substantial change or move in the EU-WB chessboard. This is indeed defined by the editing of EUWEB's Bulletin (See point 3.5).

2. Training Activities

2.1. Establishment of the New Secretariat for the Second Edition and Legal Observatory

Secretariat

- Diego Cacciatore;
- Gerardo Ferrentino;
- Lidia Iannibelli;
- Consiglia Langella.

Legal Observatory

Junior: Orsola Ilenia Conte, Bonaventura Gargano;

Senior: Stefano Busillo, Emanuele Vannata.

2. Training Activities

2.2 Lectures and Conferences

Our training activities, from March to June 2021, consisted of:

- 4 (four) scientific conferences;
- 10 (ten) training courses.

2. Training Activities

2.2 Training Courses (TC) and Conferences (CONF.)

The activities were held on (chronological order):

- **[CONF.] 3 March 2021 – Inaugural Conference;**
- **[TC] 5 March 2021 – EU Enlargement, Cooperation with the Western Balkans and Redefinition of Schengen Area;**
- **[TC] 9 March 2021 – Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations at Sea and Cooperation with Frontex;**

2. Training Activities

2.2 Training Courses and Conferences

The lectures were held on:

- **[TC] 12 March 2021 – The New Pact on Migration and Asylum and the Reform of the Dublin Regulation;**
- **[CONF.] 19 March 2021 – EU Borders, Migratory Routes and Internal-External Security in the Time of Sanitary Crisis;**
- **[TC] 8 April 2021 – EU Strategies Against Illegal Immigration: Refoulement, Expulsion and Readmission of Irregular Foreigners;**

2. Training Activities

2.2 Training Courses and Conferences

- **[TC] 15 April 2021 – “Crimmigration” and Migrants’ Rights;**
- **[CONF.] 23 April 2021 – (Cyber) Control of Migratory Flows, Fight Against Transnational Crime and Protection of Vulnerable People;**
- **[TC] 29 April 2021 – Investigative Techniques, Evidence Gathering and “Proliferation” of Databases in Judicial and Police Cooperation;**

2. Training Activities

2.2 Training Courses and Conferences

- [TC] 6 May 2021 – Criminal Judicial Cooperation in the Digital Age: IT Security, Prevention and Repression Mechanisms and Protection of Procedural Rights;
- [TC] 13 May 2021 – Promotion and Protection of the Rule of Law in the Acceding States and in EU Member States;

2. Training Activities

2.2 Training Courses and Conferences

- [TC] 28 May 2021 – Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering: Judicial Cooperation and Joint Investigation Teams (JITs);
- [TC] 11 June 2021 – Judicial Cooperation in the Fight Against Transnational Crime: EPPO, Eurojust and OLAF;
- [CONF.] 23 June 2021 – Conclusive Conference.

3. Research and Outputs

3.1 EUVaDis' Conference

On 21 April 2021 EUWEB's Module Leader, Prof. Teresa Russo, took part as main speaker on "*The Democratic Principles in EU Legal Order: A Reality or a Challenge?*" in the Session 3 "*Democracy and European Citizenship in the EU*" of **the online Conference "EU Values, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue: Enhancing the Debate"** organized by the Jean Monnet Project "*Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity*" (EUVaDis).

3. Research and Outputs

3.2 *Elaboration of Papers, Selection and Publication*

- All the Module Participants have been invited to submit a final paper **on the topics of the EUWEB Module**.
- Key Teaching Staff of the EUWEB Module selected **three papers** which have been discussed during the Conclusive Conference.
- The selected papers **will be published on *Optime Scientific Law Journal* at the end of the Summer 2021**.

3. Research and Outputs

3.2 *Elaboration of Papers, Selection and Publication*

The final selected papers are (alphabetical order):

- Andrea Memoli, *Crimmigration: verso una nuova forma di discriminazione?*, University of Salerno
- Artela Roshi, *The Right to Asylum in Albania and Policies Against Illegal Migration*, ‘EPOKA’ University of Tirana
- Iris Shehaj, *What is Crimmigration? Understanding How Criminal Defense and Immigration Law Intersect*, University ‘Ismail Qemali’ of Vlorë

3. Research and Outputs

3.2 Elaboration of Papers, Selection and Publication

3.2.1 Recognition of ECTS

- Foreign students, who participated to the EUWEB Module and presented a final paper, subject to evaluation by the Module's Teaching Staff Members, have been recognized the number of 6 (six) ECTS;
- Students of the Department of Legal Sciences of the University of Salerno, who participated in the Module and submit a final paper have been recognized from 2 (two) to 6 (six) ECTS as required for the performance of "other activities" pursuant to Article 10, Paragraph 5 - Letter a) of the Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004;

3. Research and Outputs

3.2 Elaboration of Papers, Selection and Discussion

3.2.1 Recognition of ECTS

- The number of ECTs has been decided by the Commission composed of the Module's Teaching Staff Members on the basis of the students' participation in the lectures (at least 70%) and substantial assessment of the submitted paper.

3. Research and Outputs

3.3 Credits for Lawyers

Thanks to an agreement reached with the Bar Association of Salerno, lawyers who participate in the Module activities have been awarded 4 (four) credits for each training course.

For international conferences, the number of credits has been increased in proportion to the hours of activity.

3. Research and Outputs

3.4 Certificates for Civil Servants and Other Categories

Legal operators, law enforcement officials, police officers, civil servants (as well as similar categories) participation in the EUWEB Module is equivalent to professional updating.

3. Research and Outputs

3.5 Bulletin

For the second edition of Module, the Legal Observatory and the Secretariat have been starting a monitor-and-update activity on monthly basis.

Gathered meaningful updates are enshrined in the Open Sources section of the EUWEB Module website (www.euweb.org), where 5 (five) distinct sub-sections of the Bulletin can be found.

The sections are resembling EUWEB's macro-areas (*Cross-Border Security – Migration and Asylum Management; Cooperation in the Fight Against Transnational Crime; Judicial and Police Cooperation; Cooperation and Protection of Fundamental Rights*) plus an extra “miscellanea” section.

3. Research and Outputs

3.5 *Bulletin*

These Bulletin's macro areas are supervised/edited by:

1. **Cross-Border Security (Migration and Asylum Management)** → Bonaventura Gargano (Legal Observatory, Junior) and Gerardo Ferrentino (Secretariat);
2. **Cooperation in the Fight Against Transnational Crime** → Stefano Busillo (Legal Observatory, Senior) and Consiglia Langella (Secretariat);
3. **Judicial and Police Cooperation** → Emanuele Vannata (Legal Observatory, Senior) and Lidia Iannibelli (Secretariat);
4. **Cooperation and Protection of Fundamental Rights** → Orsola Ilenia Conte (Legal Observatory, Junior) and Diego Cacciatore (Secretariat);
5. **Miscellanea** → without any subdivision, Legal Observatory and Secretariat.

3. Research and Outputs

3.6 Secretariat's Reports

The Secretariat of EUWEB 2nd edition has been entrusted with the task of presenting a series of reports concerning the Western Balkans countries and their status in the accession process in 2021.

Every report's resume has been discussed in the Conclusive Conference, putting this edition's Secretariat under the deserved spotlight.

3. Research and Outputs

3.7 Publications

3.7.1 *Burqa Ban Volume*

A. Oriolo, A. Matwijkiw (eds.), *Law, Cultural Studies and the 'Burqa Ban' Trend. An Interdisciplinary Handbook*, Intersentia, slated for publication on 1 July 2021.

This Book is one of the outputs stemming from EUWEB Module's efforts to study and understand the protection of fundamental rights in Europe, thanks also to the contributions of the EUWEB Staff, Prof. **Teresa Russo** (EUWEB Module's Leader), Profs. **Anna Oriolo** and **Gaspere Dalia** (EUWEB Key Teachers), with **Stefano Busillo** and **Emanuele Vannata** (EUWEB Legal Observatory Senior Members) as editorial assistants.

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3.7 Publications

3.7.2 Upcoming Book – Springer (publ.)

The research, carried out within the EUWEB Module, has been translated into an editorial project, i.e., a monograph.

This project was submitted to the Springer publishing which approved its publication scheduled for 2022.

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3.7 Publications

3.7.3 *Optime Scientific Law Journal*

The EUWEB agreed with Albanian University of Tirana, one of its key partners, also within the International Credit Mobility (ICM) Programme on the **publication of a special issue of the Optime Scientific Law Journal.**

This Special Issue will include some of the results of the second edition, and collected **contributions** by the EUWEB teaching staff, Legal Observatory, selected student papers, as well as other authors of academic and professional field.

The OPTIME Journal is **open access.**

4. Results

EUWEB expresses great satisfaction for the success of the Albanian student Vilma Cekani (from EPOKA University in Tirana) who **won the scholarship** for the PhD at the Faculty of Business Administration of the University of Salerno, also **proving the high educational value of the Module.**