

SECOND DETAILED REPORT ON 'EUWEB' ACTIVITIES

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1. Premise

This report aims to promote and disseminate the activities and results of **the second edition of the Jean Monnet Module EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (EUWEB)**, under both the organizational aspects, such as social media engagement and usage, and the outcomes/outputs.

The second edition of the EUWEB Module, hosted by the University of Salerno, took place online in the form of webinars and offered training lectures on the EU Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) with the Western Balkans in the view of their accession to the Union. After all the planned training activities and thanks to the participation of distinguished speakers and experts in the field also coming from the Western Balkans Countries, the second edition of the EUWEB Module, started in March 2021, has ended in June 2021. This second edition offered specific insights concerning the impact of the current health emergency, as well as information and communication technologies.

EUWEB's activities consisted of: preliminary activities with partners, supporters and stakeholders (three online informal meeting); an open inaugural conference; 12 training lectures; two conferences on *EU Borders, Migratory Routes and Internal-External Security in the Time of Sanitary Crisis* and on *(Cyber) Control of Migratory Flows, Fight Against Transnational Crime and Protection of Vulnerable People* in collaboration with all our partners, supporters and stakeholders; a final Conference.

This report presents the following framework to monitor the quality and control of the EUWEB Module. Once the Module started with the inaugural conference of 3 March 2021, the Coronavirus emergency was still ongoing. Thus, we were obliged to start activities online on the Microsoft Team Platform. A specific system to check the presences of the participants was thus activated.

In the first place, the report tries to explain how the Module's staff worked on the web in order to ensure the correct dissemination of information towards the potential attendees, granting a form of digital support that could be defined 'close' to the participants. Specifically, the report enlists a series of tools, items and services that accompanied the enrolled persons before, during and after the Module. A particular mention has to be made to the 'deliverables', representing a number of didactic/scheduling materials promptly submitted or made available to the participants.

In its following part, the report analyzes the attendees' composition, participation and feedback as well as explains other mechanisms of inclusion of said attendees in the Module activities.

Lastly, pieces of information about the outcomes and outputs of the Module are emphasized. This is also to point out those efforts that will concern the Module in the near future.

2. Digital support and deliverables

2.1 Logo and recognizability

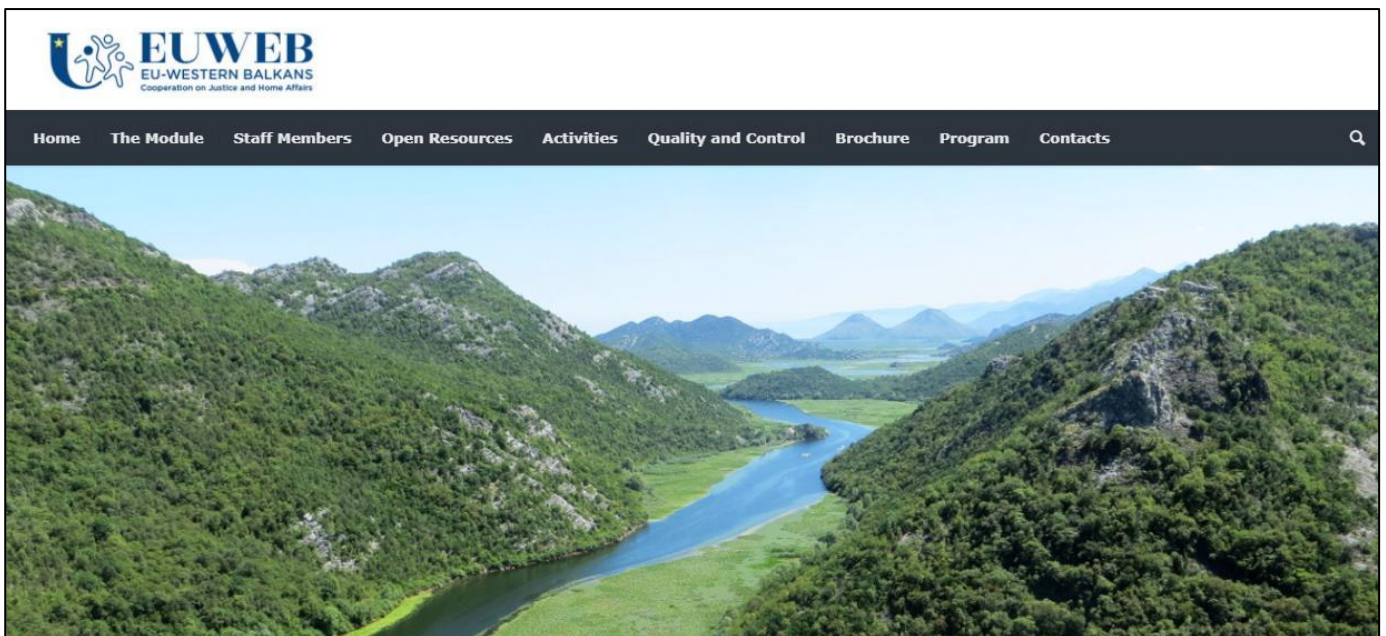
Since the first edition EUWEB's logo – which represents a line that links together three people in only one Union – has been displaying the idea of unity, tolerance and cooperation overcoming any difference, values deeply endorsed by the Module. The logo had a noticeable dissemination, being wide-spread especially through our partners and supporters' efforts as well as a number of publications in which it was embedded (for more info, see at para. 6).



Logo with text

2.2 Website & email service

For the second edition, EUWEB maintained a strong presence on the web, having its **website** as the main **focal point for online dissemination** (<https://www.euweb.org/>) of both its content and organizational pieces of information. The site benefits from **copyright** protection and has seen a series of changes to improve its clarity as well as the amount of the information given out to the visitors. The original drop-down entries on the home page – *Home, The Module, Staff Members, Open Resources, Activities, Quality and Control, Brochure, Program, Contacts* – were **regularly updated** to encompass the **materials** related to the lectures weekly carried out. Relevant tweaks were the addition of the bilingual [Frequently Asked Question](#) in *The Module* entry, giving the reader (in the easiest way possible) awareness of the training course's features. On top of that, the *Staff Members* entry underwent a major reshaping, with the sub-entry [Secretariat](#) becoming detached from [Legal Observatory](#). Finally, the *Bulletin* sub-entry was added to the *Open Resources* (more info below, at para. 5.4).



Website's Home page view

Following the footprints of the previous edition, the email box at 'info@euweb.org' was left in place. This email box has been providing in advance all the information and content needed by the participants with respect to our activities. Its function as a support tool for anybody who seeks help and as an instrument to reach out our guests have been also confirmed during the second edition.

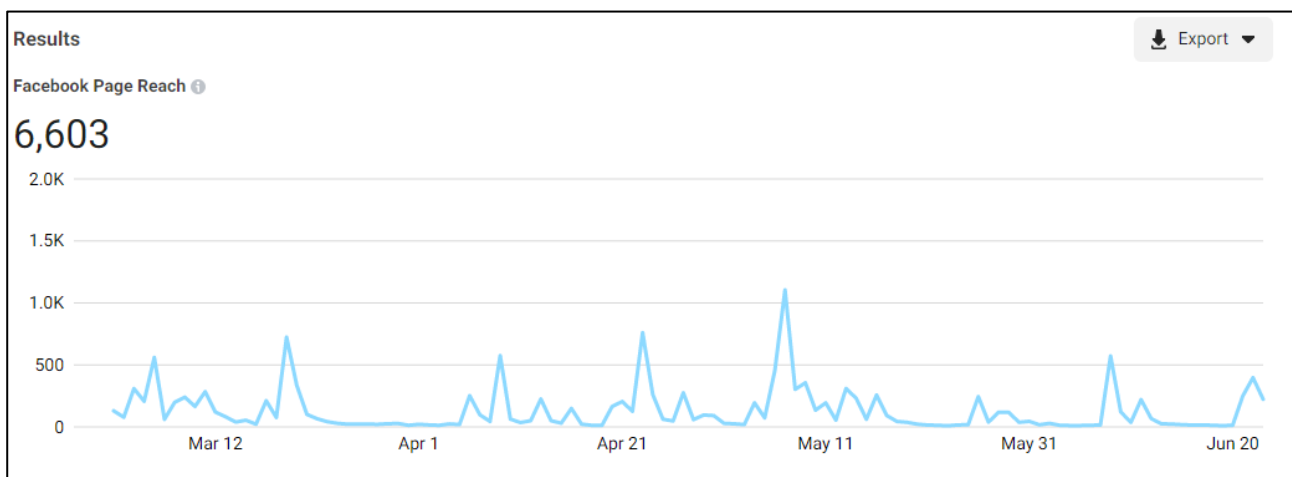
2.3 Brochure & flyers

Before the start of its training activities, EUWEB presented the [second edition's brochure](#), which was greatly useful to quickly inform as many stakeholders and students as possible about the course, conferring all the pieces of information eventually needed by them. This year's brochure was widely distributed through social media and direct mailing towards our past and new participants.

Events' flyers have been sent via email to the attendees of the Module in order to present insights about an incoming lecture, with regard to the identity and qualifications of speakers, the scheduled time and which topic the attendant personalities will focus on during their lectures. The very same flyers were also promptly advertised on EUWEB's social media pages and official site as well as on the [newsfeed](#) of the University of Salerno's website. Nonetheless, newspapers and news aggregators often disseminated them, with peculiar attention given to the international scientific conferences held during the course (e.g., [1](#); [2](#)).

2.4 Social media engagement

Bearing in mind the crucial role Social Media played in the 2020 edition, the Module opted to confirm this approach, underlining the relevance of "brand promotion" to a wider audience. In addition to the already existing [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#) and [LinkedIn](#) accounts, for the second edition EUWEB decided to include [Twitter](#) among the platforms to operate on. Each and every social media page provides the audience with valid information (i.e., time schedules of the course, relevant news from the Western Balkan process or the EU, etc.) while, at the same, it tries to maintain a likeable and fit-for-everybody overture.



Facebook's page engagement over the March-June 2021 period



Facebook audience's provenance (2021)

3. Collaborations, partnerships and supporters

In 2021, **highly esteeming their contribution and knowledge** in the fields covered by the course, EUWEB took in consideration even more to cooperate with lecturers from foreign universities (not only from Western Balkans' ones), as well as to rely on representatives from governmental institutions and the judiciary.

Academic collaborations were indeed successfully started with Prof. Anja Matwijkiw, Department of Philosophy, Indiana University Northwest, USA; Prof. Amandine Orsini, *Centre de recherche en science politique (CReSPo)*, *Université Saint-Louis*, Brussels, Belgium; Profs. Ivana Bodrožić and Dragana Čvorović, University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, Serbia; Prof. Jelena Kostić, Institute of Comparative Law, Belgrade, Serbia; Prof. Marina Matić Bošković, Institute of Criminological and Sociological Research, Belgrade, Serbia; Prof. Col. Metodi Hadji-Janev, 'General Mihailo Apostolski' Military Academy of Skopje, unit of the University 'Goce Delčev' of Štip, North Macedonia.

In particular, a **relevant collaboration** was the one developed with the Jean Monnet Module

'Solidarity in EU Law' (**SoEULaw**), Department of Law, University of Pisa, which is led by Prof. Leonardo Pasquali. SoloEULaw and EUWEB jointly runned an '[#Erasmusdays](#)' event in October 2020, whereas the '[COVID-19 and Solidarity Beyond Law](#)' roundtable of 10 December 2020 was organized by SoloEULaw in cooperation with EUWEB. Another noteworthy collaboration was with the Jean Monnet Project '*Enhancing the Debate about Intercultural Dialogue, EU Values and Diversity*' (**EUVaDis**), Department of International and European Studies of the University of Macedonia, Thessaloniki, Greece. On 21 April 2021, Prof. Teresa Russo, EUWEB Leader, was indeed part of the conference '[EU Values, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue: Enhancing the Debate](#)', organized by EUVaDis.

Institutional collaborations were sustained with (or extended to) the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, represented by Dr. Andrea Cascone; the Italian Ministry of Justice, represented by Drs. Michele Fini, Lucia Iodice, Stefano Opilio and Vincenzo Picciotti; the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), represented by Dr. Zaneta Poposka; Caritas Italy, represented by Drs. Daniele Bombardi and Oliviero Forti; the World Health Organization, represented by Drs. Luigi Migliorini and Santino Severoni; the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF), represented by Dr. Antonio Gallo; the European Union Agency for Law Enforcement Cooperation (EUROPOL), represented by Dr. Giorgio Butini; the European Union Agency for Criminal Justice Cooperation (EUROJUST), represented by Dr. Aldo Ingangi; the European Public Prosecutor's Office (EPPO), represented by Dr. Danilo Ceccarelli; the European Policy Institute, represented by Dr. Simonida Kacarska; the Montenegrin Ministry of Justice, represented by Dr. Nikola Šaranović; the European Public Law Organization (EPLO) to United Nations (UN), represented by Dr. Uglješa Ugi Zvekić.

Forms of **collaboration with foreign and Italian judiciary** came to light in the case of Dr. Gentian Jahjoli, District Court of Shkodra, Albania; Drs. Fulvio Baldi and Gianluigi Pratola, Italian Court of Cassation; Dr. Carmine Pirozzoli, Italian High Council of the Judiciary; Dr. Lorenzo Salazar, District Court of Appeal of Naples; Prof. Dr. Antonio Balsamo, Kosovo Specialist Chambers.

For a valuable involvement of the Western Balkan countries in EUWEB's activities, the Module was able to count on **trusted partners** with which it also shares a number of joint work plans as well as mobility programmes. These academic institutions are: University 'Goce Delčev' of Štip, North Macedonia; University 'Ismael Qemali' of Vlorë, Albania; 'EPOKA' University of Tirana, Albania; Albanian University of Tirana, Albania. **Notably**, the latter agreed with EUWEB on the publication of a **Special Issue of its *Optime Scientific Law Journal*** (forthcoming in October 2021), thus confirming a cooperation built on various aspects (more info below, at para. 6).

Furthermore, during the activities of its second edition, the Module has tightened its relations with the University of Criminal Investigation and Police Studies of Belgrade, Serbia, in the view of a future partnership – negotiations of which are already under way.

The EUWEB module also benefits from a **network of supporters**, representing a variety of

stakeholders, such as: 'Avvocato di Strada' NPO, Bar Association of Salerno, EURALIUS, European Association International Studies (AESI), European Law Students' Association (ELSA), Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, Italian Federation for Human Rights (FIDU), School of Magistrates of Albania, 'Solidarity in the EU Law' Jean Monnet Module, Superior Council of the Judiciary of Italy (CSM). The **second edition** saw **several additions** to said network, consisting of: Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI); NGO LEGIS, in the person of the president Dr. Mersiha Smailović; Macedonian Young Lawyers Association (MYLA), in the person of the president Dr. Zoran Drangovski.

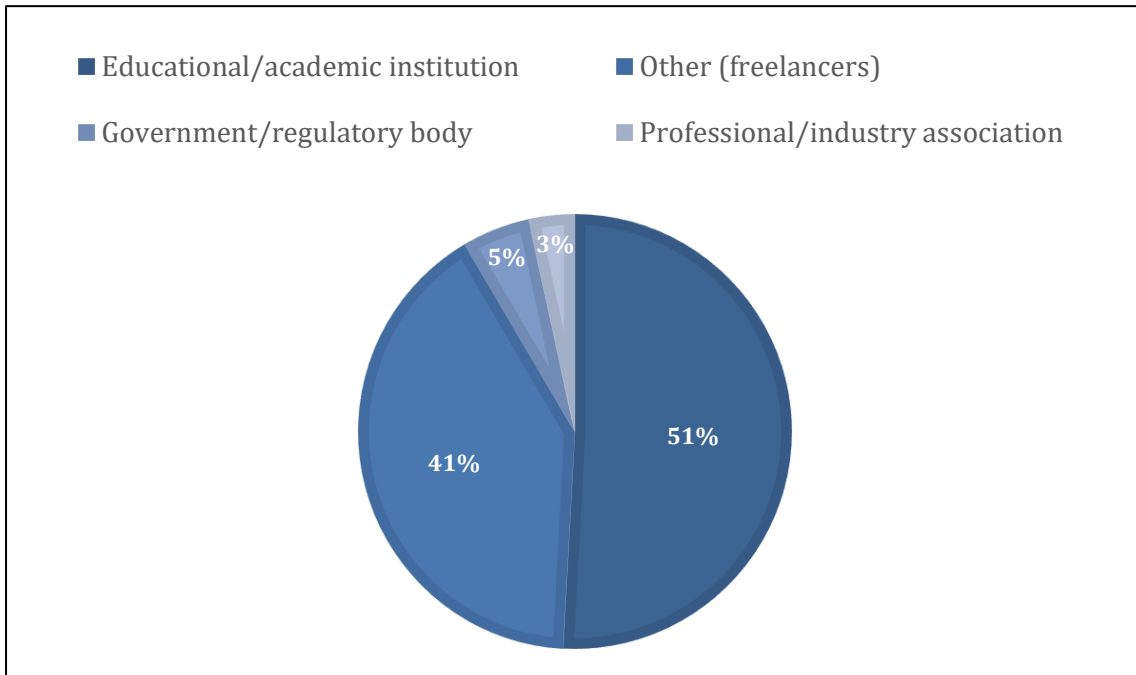
4. Participants' composition and feedback on the Module

This Module was thought of as a highly specialized training course addressed to students, graduates and PhD candidates, but also to all private and public stakeholders in the field of justice and home affairs, such as lawyers, policemen, public administration employees, etc. The number of participants in the second edition amounts to more than 60. **A certificate of attendance** was granted to each participant that attended at least 70% of the total lectures.



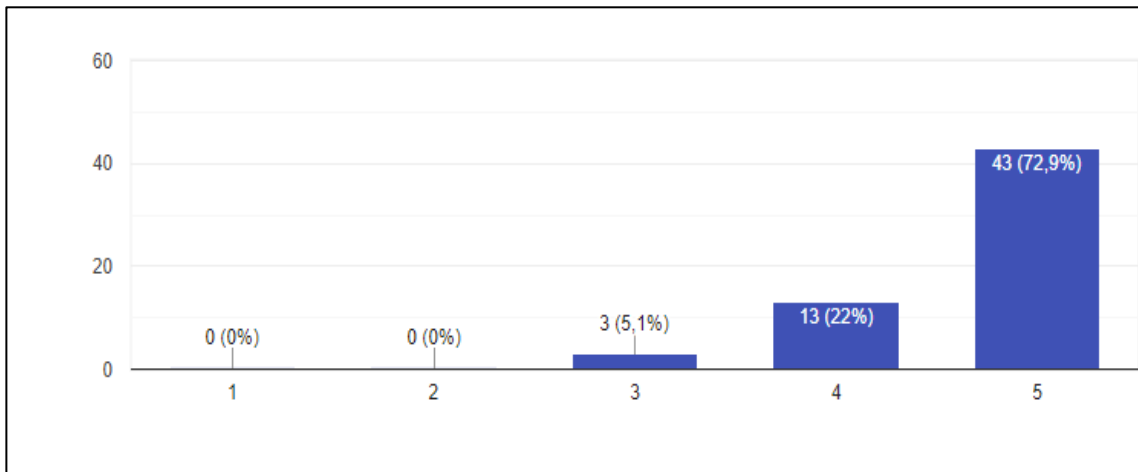
An example of EUWEB's second edition certificate of attendance

The graphic below reflects a deep variegation of the participants to the 2nd edition of the EUWEB Module. The participants actively took part in the open debate scheduled for all the lectures, conferences, and meetings, having the chance to pose questions and participate in the open final debate at the end of every training activity.

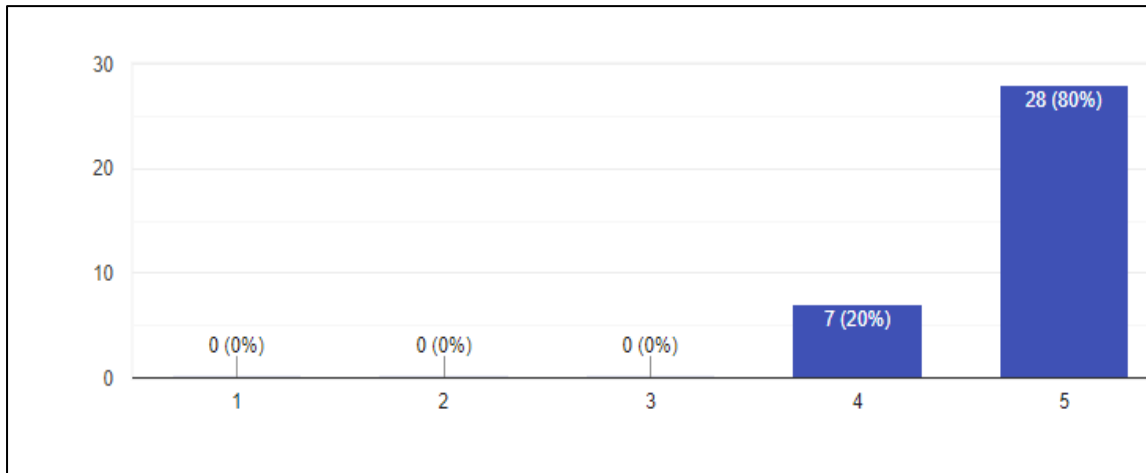


Composition of the participants

They were also asked, through **interviews and surveys**, at the **half completion** of the Module as well as at the **end of it** to fill in **questionnaires** regarding the reached satisfaction, giving the promoters twice the occasion to collect feedback. The diagrams below do display a part of the collected data.



Mid-term overall satisfaction with the Module expressed by the participants



Final overall satisfaction with the Module expressed by the participants

5. Outcomes

5.1. Preliminary and training activities

The second edition's training activities came after a **period of brainstorming** (October-December 2020) **on the new trends and perspectives** of the topics to bring to the attention of the participants during the lectures scheduled for the following year. A key role was played by our partners as well as various academics, legal experts and stakeholders who took part in three informal meetings sharing a common title: '*Planning and Enhancing EU-Western Balkans Cooperation on Justice and Home Affairs*'. These occurred on: [4 November 2020](#), concerning judicial and police cooperation; [9 November 2020](#), concerning the fight against transnational crimes; and [16 November 2020](#), concerning cross border security, migration and asylum management. Each meeting granted a connection to human rights protection with the matter on the agenda that day, therefore successfully covering the four macro-areas of the Module.

The actual activities kicked off on 3 March 2021, with a [video-message](#) directly coming from the **President of the European Parliament, Davide Maria Sassoli**, and held on the March-June 2021 period, which included scientific conferences and training lectures amounting to 58 hours in total – as shown in the [program](#) – given by Prof. Teresa Russo (EUWEB Module's Leader), Profs. Gaspare Dalia and Anna Oriolo (EUWEB Teaching Staff), in conjunction with plenty of Module's guest speakers (academics, professionals and experts).

Type	Date	Title
Conference	3.3.2021	Inaugural Conference
Training Lecture	5.3.2021	EU Enlargement, Cooperation with the Western Balkans and Redefinition of Schengen Area
Training Lecture	9.3.2021	Search and Rescue (SAR) Operations at Sea and Cooperation with Frontex
Training Lecture	12.3.2021	The New Pact on Migration and Asylum and the Reform of the Dublin Regulation
Conference	19.3.2021	EU Borders, Migratory Routes and Internal-External Security in the Time of Sanitary Crisis
Training Lecture	8.4.2021	EU Strategies Against Illegal Immigration: Refoulement, Expulsion and Readmission of Irregular Foreigners
Training Lecture	15.4.2021	"Crimmigration" and Migrants' Rights
Conference	23.4.2021	(Cyber) Control of Migratory Flows, Fight Against Transnational Crime and Protection of Vulnerable People
Training Lecture	29.4.2021	Investigative Techniques, Evidence Gathering and "Proliferation" of Databases in Judicial and Police Cooperation
Training Lecture	6.5.2021	Criminal Judicial Cooperation in the Digital Age: IT Security, Prevention and Repression Mechanisms and Protection of Procedural Rights
Training Lecture*	13.5.2021	Promotion and Protection of the Rule of Law in the Acceding States and in EU Member States
Training Lecture	28.5.2021	Anti-Corruption and Anti-Money Laundering: Judicial Cooperation and Joint Investigation Teams (JITs)
Training Lecture	11.6.2021	Judicial Cooperation in the Fight Against Transnational Crime: EPPO, Eurojust and OLAF
Conference	23.6.2021	Final Conference

- Cooperation on Cross-Border Security (Migration and Asylum Management)
 - Cooperation in the Fight Against Transnational Crime
 - Judicial and Police Cooperation
- * Lecture shared between the three sub-modules

5.2 ECTs for students and final paper

All the enrolled students were invited to submit a final paper on the topics of the EUWEB Module. The **best papers**, selected by the Commission made of the Module's Teaching Staff Members, have been discussed during the **Final Conference** on 23 June 2021. In particular, **two specific works were selected**: *Crimmigration: verso una nuova forma di discriminazione?*, by Andrea Memoli, University of Salerno; and *The Right to Asylum in Albania and Policies Against Illegal Migration*, by Artela Roshi, 'EPOKA' University of Tirana.

Foreign students, who participated in the 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. Here EUWEB Module would like to express 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, **proving the high educational value of the Module**.

Students of the **Department of Legal Sciences of the University of Salerno**, who participated in the Module and submitted a final paper have been recognized from 2 (two) to 6 (six) ECTs as required for the performance of "other activities" pursuant to Art. 10, para. 5, let. a) of the Ministerial Decree No. 270/2004. 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.

5.3 Formation of lawyers and other categories

Thanks to an **agreement reached with the Bar Association of Salerno**, lawyers who participated in the Module activities have been awarded 4 (four) credits for each lecture. For international conferences, the number of credits has been increased in proportion to the hours of activity. The credits have been awarded at the successful completion of a test made of 5 to 7 questions, presented to the interested participants at the end of lecture/conference days.

Like every other category of participants, legal operators, law enforcement officials, police officers, civil servants (as well as similar categories) have been bestowed a **certificate** valid to attest the participation of the involved subject to training/formation course. The paper certifies a **certain degree of formation** reached by the individual and is completely **equivalent to professional updating**.

5.4 Secretariat, Legal Observatory and Bulletin

Following our **bottom-up approach** consolidated in the first edition, we included some of our

students attending the second edition in the Staff.

The **2021** Secretariat's **line-up** consisted of four members (alphabetical order):

1. Diego Cacciatore;
2. Gerardo Ferrentino;
3. Lidia Iannibelli;
4. Consiglia Langella.

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.

Moreover, the 2021 Secretariat 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 presented in the Conclusive Conference, putting this edition's Secretariat under the deserved spotlight.

The Module has considered that continued formation is a critical aspect which ensures that both progress made and knowledge obtained by an individual can be at the same time consolidated and further sharpened. In this sense of continuity, some of the members of the 2020 Secretariat (first edition) were shifted to a different support and research body: the **Legal Observatory**. Its members are (alphabetical order):

Junior

1. Orsola Ilenia Conte;
2. Bonaventura Gargano.

Senior

3. Stefano Busillo;
4. Emanuele Vannata.

The Legal Observatory is meant to **heavily focus on research, analysis and elaboration of data**. Under this brand-new formation, the Module promoted the **Peer Education** method that is a didactic methodology based on a process of transmission of knowledge and experiences among the members of a peer group, within a plan that foresees aims, times, ways, roles and well-structured tools. This is reflected not only in the relationship between Senior-Junior Members, but also in the Senior Members-Secretariat one.

Furthermore, the Legal Observatory is entrusted to **not only** support the research activities used to prepare the Module's lectures, **but also** to monitor eventual developments in

International and EU law, reporting any substantial change or move in the EU-Western Balkans chessboard.

This is indeed defined by the editing of **EUWEB's Bulletin**. The Bulletin is available on EUWEB's website (Open Resources) and represents an updating of pieces of information related to the four sub-modules' macro areas. These are **supervised** and **managed** by the **Legal Observatory** and **edited** with the help of the **Secretariat**:

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.

6. Outputs: research and publications

In the first place, the Module provided a set of [didactic materials](#) for the second edition too. The materials helped the participants to review – and have a better comprehension of – the topics discussed during the training activities. Therefore, this has to be inserted among the **other periodically updated open resources** provided to the audience by the Module, such as the **Bulletin**, the [Bibliographical](#) or [Case Law](#) essential references.

The EUWEB agreed with 'Albanian University' of Tirana, one of its key partners, on the publication of a special issue by [Optime Scientific Law Journal](#), run by the university and **completely open access**. 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 fields. The issue is to be published in the **fourth quarter of 2021**.

Moreover, another scientific project currently in production, ***La lotta contro la corruzione nella legalità reticolare: il sistema penale multilivello***, Anna Oriolo & Teresa Russo (eds.), FrancoAngeli publisher, is slated for publication at the **end of 2021**. The work collects **contributions** on the **fight-against-corruption topic** by both EUWEB teaching staff and guest speakers attending the conference of 8 May 2020.

[Law, Cultural Studies and the 'Burqa Ban'. An Interdisciplinary Handbook](#), Anja Matwijkiw & Anna Oriolo (eds.), Cambridge, Intersentia, 2021, is another publication related to the Module. This Book is inserted among 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 (Module's Leader), Profs. Anna

Oriolo and Gaspare Dalia (Key Teachers), with Stefano Busillo and Emanuele Vannata (Legal Observatory Senior Members) as editorial assistants.

In conclusion, the research carried out within the EUWEB Module is intended to be translated into a future editorial project, i.e., a **monograph**. The aforementioned project has been submitted to a publisher, **Springer**, which approved its publication, scheduling it for **2022**.