



Annual Report

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JMCE Actions Despite All Difficulties

In 2024 the JMCE WURCES continued its educational and research activities in war conditions.

First of all, it the JMCE continued activities of the final year of the Jean Monnet project «EU Common Policies - Alignment Strategies for Ukraine» (EUCPASU) 101047504 — EUCPASU — ERASMUS-JMO-2021-HEI-TCH-RSCH (GA - 101047504 - EUCPASU). Within this project the JMCE conducted the international conference «Implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Selected Policies», published the resulting monograph and poster catalogue.

Secondly, it engaged actively

into the execution of the ERASMUS+ KA the Erasmus+ CBHE Strand 2 project “UNICOM”, which focuses on the elaboration of the state policy regarding the third mission of HEIs in Ukraine.

Thirdly, the Center conducted the set of university courses on diverse aspects of the European Law and European integration with distinguished international speakers. And, finally, it became a platform for hosting the DAAD-funded program IUSTUF DIMA with the University of Freiburg (Germany).

Hoping to continue our operation in 2025 and wishing all



the best for 2025 to our partners, supporters, participants to our events and friends,

Your JMCE team.

GLORY TO UKRAINE and DEEP GRATITUDE TO THE ARMED FORCES OF UKRAINE

Six Winter School in European Studies

From **January 29 to February 2, 2024**, the VI WURCES/ESSIE Winter School in European Studies was held in collaboration with the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence “European Studies of Social Innovation in Education” at Dragomanov Ukrainian State University. This event was part of the Jean Monnet project “European Studies of Social Innovation in Education” (Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence ESSIE - 101085552 – ERASMUS), coordinated by Dragomanov State

University, Ukraine. The VI Winter School in European Studies focused on EU Social Policy, policy-making standards in the EU, and the cooperation between the EU and Ukraine in social matters. The event attracted 560 registrants, with over 150 participants attending daily. The program included two workshops on EU Social and Cohesion Policy and evidence-based public policy making in the EU. Eleven experts delivered lectures at the Winter School: three from the UK, Poland, and Italy, and eight from

Ukraine. Participants came from various cities across Ukraine, including Dnipro, Kyiv, Kharkiv, Odesa, Lutsk, Lviv, Uman, and Zaporizhzhia. The VI Winter School in European Studies was organized in cooperation with the Ukrainian European Studies Association, the EU Information Center at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, the National University “Kyiv-Mohyla Academy,” and with the support of the National Erasmus+ Office Ukraine.

Forthcoming Events

VII Winter School in European Studies

Final EUCPASU Conference “Implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Selected Policies”



On March 6, 2024, the Faculty of International Relations of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv hosted a hybrid format conference “Implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Selected Policies” organized by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excel-

lence “Western Ukrainian Research Centre for European Studies” of Ivan Franko National University of Lviv as part of the **Jean Monnet Module “European Union Common Policies - Alignment Strategies for Ukraine” project**. During the official opening of the conference, the participants were welcomed by Vice-Rector for Research, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Academician of the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Doctor of Chemical Sciences, Professor *Roman Hladyshewsky*, Manager of the National Erasmus+ Office in Ukraine *Petro*

Krainik, Director of the Lviv Bureau for European Integration *Olena Pavliuk*, Dean of the Faculty of International Relations, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary, Professor *Markiyan Malskyi* and Head of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “Western Ukrainian Research Center for European Studies”, Associate Professor of the Department of European Law of the Faculty of International Relations *Oksana Holovko-Havrysheva*, who welcomed the participants and wished them successful work, emphasizing the importance of this topic in the context of realization of Ukraine's European integration aspirations on the way to full membership in the EU. In the hybrid format and gathered more than 150 participants. The participants discussed challenges for Ukraine on its road to the EU membership, EU Climate and Water Policies, EC Cultural Policy, EU Educational Policy, EU Social Policy, EU cooperation in the area of statistics and on religious matters. As a result of the conference a monograph was planned.

Academic achievements under the EUCPASU project



The JMCE conducted its research activities in 2024 and published a monograph and a poster catalog.

The monograph “Common Policies of the EU: Alignment Strategies for Ukraine”, (Eds. N. Antonyk, O. Holovko-Havrysheva, O. Krayevska) reveals the main principles and practices of implementing common policies of the European Union in various spheres of public life. The materials of the monograph are based on the contributions to the international scientific conference “Implementation of the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement: Selected Policies”,

held on March 6, 2024. The poster catalog contains the art visualization of the EU common policies and includes the posters of the winners of the EUCPASU poster competitions held in 2022, 2023 and 2024. The publications are available under the link: <https://wurces.org/eucpasu-publications>

EUCPASU SIMULATION GAMES SERIES - COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



On **April 9 and April 17, 2024**, the simulation game regarding the work of the Council of the EU gathered more than 50 participants from the Faculty of International Relations and Faculty of Financial Management and Business. On April 9, 2024 students were offered a presentation about the work of the Council of the EU, which was conducted

by the students of the Faculty of International Relations. On April 17, 2024 the simulation of the work of the Council of the EU was conducted by the students of the Faculty of Financial Management and Business. The topic, discussed by students in the Council meeting simulation, addressed the membership issues of Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova.



EUCPASU WORKSHOP ON EU SOCIAL POLICY

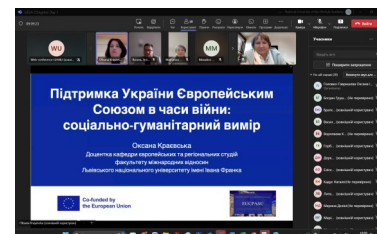
On October 17, 2024, the JMCE WURCES organized a workshop, "EU Social Policy as a Key Factor of Forming the Socially Oriented Economic Model for Rebuilding Ukraine". The event was conducted within the UESA Annual Congress 2024, which addressed the issues of the EU Accession and rebuilding of Ukraine. The UESA Congress was conducted in a hybrid format at Uzhhorod National University in cooperation with the National Erasmus+ Office and the NGO "Innovative University". The workshop had more than 20 attendees online and offline participants. The event brought together experts from leading Ukrainian universi-

ties to discuss important aspects of the European Union's social policy and its impact on Ukraine's post-war reconstruction. Halyna Kaplenko (Head of the Department of Economics and Public Administration, Faculty of Finance and Business Management, Ivan Franko National University of Lviv) spoke about the EU's commitment to economic growth and decent work through sustainable development goals. Iryna Snovydyovych (Head of the Department of Career Development and Business Cooperation at Ivan Franko Na-

tional University of Lviv) drew attention to the integration of education and business and new opportunities for cooperation in the context of post-war reconstruction of Ukraine. Vasyl Zelenko (Associate Professor of the Department of Administrative and Financial Management, Lviv Polytechnic National University) spoke about the peculiarities of coordination of social security systems in the EU and the prospects of accession for Ukraine.



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Студій



2024 EUCPASU POSTER COMPETITION

In April 2024 the JMCE WURCES in the cooperation with the EU Information Center conducted poster competition, which addressed the social cohesion in the EU.

This year, 16 creative works were submitted to the jury. Students from various faculties took part in the competition: international relations, journalism, geogra-

phy, economics, law, philosophy, electronics and computer technology, philology and foreign languages.

The winners of the 2024 EUCPASU poster competition are:

- 1 place – **Anastasiia Nikiforova**, Faculty of International Relations
- 2 place – Daryna **Kos-**

ianchuk, Faculty of International Relations

- 3 place – **Anna Ostymchuk**, Faculty of Journalism
- 3 place – **Ivan Vovk**, Faculty of Law
- Audience Sympathy Award – **Sofia Honcharuk**, Faculty of International Relations.



THIRD EDITION OF THE CERTIFICATE PROGRAMME OF THE CENTER UNDER THE EUCPASU PROJECT

СПІЛЬНІ ПОЛІТИКИ ЄС: ДОСВІД ДЛЯ УКРАЇНИ

From November 25 till November 29, 2024 the JMCE WURCES in the cooperation with the Faculty of International Relations held the III online certificate program "EU Common Policies: Experiences for Ukraine". The event hosted more than 20 attendees and focused on

presenting to the audience the EU practices of formation and fulfilment of the EU Common Policies. The particular attention was paid to the impact of Ukraine's commitments in selected areas of the cooperation with the EU, which shape

the Ukraine's accession pathway to the EU. On December 2, 2024 the certificates were awarded to the participants. The event was co-organized by the EU Information Center at Lviv University.





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IVAN FRANKO NATIONAL UNIVERSITY STRATEGY ON THIRD MISSION ADOPTED

On December 20, 2024, the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv General Staff Conference was held remotely using the Microsoft Teams teamwork center. A total of 249 delegates registered to participate in the Conference. During the Conference the annual report of the acting rector Volodymyr Melnyk was presented and new strategic priorities for the university's development were highlighted. Among the strategic priorities, the University's third mission was addressed. The University introduced amendments to its Development Strategy for 2021-2025 in July

2024, setting the third mission among prioritized areas of university life by the Senat Decision of 1 July 2024, Protocol No. 69/7. On December 20, 2024, the General Staff Conference approved the University's Third Mission Strategy.

The model of the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv's "third mission" is based on the following values: social responsibility, sustainable development, resilience, innovation, inclusion, environmental responsibility, academic integrity, trust, and national and patriotic education.

The main goal of the "third mission" is to actively involve the University in socio-economic processes at the local, national, and international levels, to enhance the educational, scientific, and social role of the University, and to multiply its historical, scientific, cultural, artistic, library, archival, museum heritage, to promote actions and development processes in favor of sustainability and inclusion, and to acquire entrepreneurship skills and active citizenship

TRAINING VISITS UNDER THE UNICOM PROJECT



During the second project year the consortium activities were focused on sharing European experiences of implementing their third mission realization in such as inclusion, sustainable development and growth, gender equality, public health, security and many other.

The training visit program for Ukrainian partners

with short staying at the European UNICOM partners was composed:

- 1) March 25-28, 2024, — University of Latvia (Latvia);
- 2) May 27-31, 2024 —University of Genoa (Italy);
- 3) October 1-4, 2024—Czech University of Applied

- 4) Science (Czechia);
October 28-31, 2024 —Fachhochschule des Mittelstands (Germany).

The EU partner's practices of the work with communities for the solution of the regional, national and global programs we widely discussed by the attendees.

UNICOM WORKSHOPS — THIRD MISSION IN FOCUS

In 2024 the line of UNICOM workshops was organized addressing different aspects of the TM realization in Ukraine and abroad.



UNICOM WORKSHOP
**RESILIENT UNIVERSITIES-
RESILIENT COMMUNITIES**

LVIV-GENOA-MELITOPOL, ONLINE, 2 July 2024,
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Kyiv time

The resilience of universities and communities in the wartime is remarkable. For the postwar recovery of Ukraine their role will be crucial as key actors in boosting social and economic development of Ukraine on its road to the EU. Social engagement and entrepreneurial activities form an active part of the university life beyond teaching and research.

Panels:

1. enhancing resilience of universities and communities: theory and practice;
2. innovations in higher education European Educational and Research Areas: best experience for Ukraine
3. best practices of Ukrainian HEIs on the third mission realization.

Please, register until June 26, 2024

Language: Ukrainian, English

**THIRD MISSION OF UNIVERSITIES:
ASSESSMENT METHODOLOGIES
AND APPROACHES**

September 23, 2024 starting at 10:00 am EET

Languages: Ukrainian, English

Register under the link <https://forms.gle/Um9Qu37aW015d08>

10 грудня 2024,
14:00 за Київським часом

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РЕАЛІЗАЦІЇ ТРЕТЬОЇ
МІСІЇ УНІВЕРСИТЕТІВ**

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Круглий стіл «Виклики для університетів та громад: роль центрів взаємодії з громадою у їх вирішенні»



Third Mission of Universities in Focus of
the UESA Annual Congress 2024



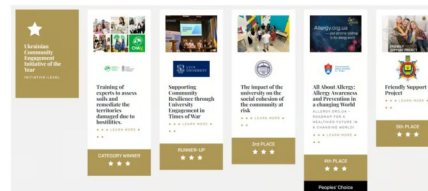
ACEEU Triple Award Competition



The **Ivan Franko National University of Lviv** participated in the competition with a project titled *"Supporting sustainability of communities through involvement of the Universities in the time of war"*. The activities within this initiative were coordinated and implemented by the University Center for Social Development and Community Initiatives. After the war outbreak on February 22, 2024, the University became a humanitarian hub like the city of Lviv itself. With the

establishment, on April 1, 2022, of a new structural unit – the Center for Social Development and Community Initiatives this part of the University's engagement became a structured basis for work. The Center grounds its activities on a model of comprehensive assistance for war victims based on the "single window" principle. It offers an extensive support scheme for veterans and military personnel returning to civil life (professional development, employment assistance, opening their own business, psychological and legal support, support of family members, assistance in community integration). Besides this, the Centre assists other types of populations affected by war, such as internally displaced persons, local community members etc. It assists the University staff in dealing with these categories.

This year, the Universidade Nova de Lisboa hosted the awarding ceremony for winners from Europe and Africa, which was held in Lisbon (Portugal) from September 18 to 20, 2024



OUR EDUCATIONAL INITIATIVES

In 2024 the JMCE continued traditionally a set of educational events on EU integration issues with famous Ukrainian and international experts. It supported in cooperation with the EU information Center the EU Study Days.

Since the war outbreak in 2022, the JMCE WURCES has started, with the support of international experts, a set of

courses offering the Ukrainian audience the opportunity to shape their legal skills and deepen their knowledge of contemporary trends and challenges in EU Law and Policies and the relations between the EU and Ukraine. This initiative continues on an annual basis (<https://wurces.org/eu-law-and-policy-courses>).

In 2022 the JMCE supported the IUSTUF - Digital Interdisciplinary Mini Academy, an initiative funded under the DAAD programme „Ukraine digital: Studienerfolg in Krisenzeiten sichern“, organized by a team of students and researchers from the University of Freiburg (Germany). Its goal is to offer support, additional opportunities for education, and a chance for international exchange to students in Ukraine and Germany.



COOPERATION WITH OTHER JMCE CENTERS

In 2024 the JMCE continued academic cooperation with our partners and acted as a co-organizer to various round-tables and workshops together with the JMCE of the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy". It cooperated with Jean Monnet Center of Excellence "European

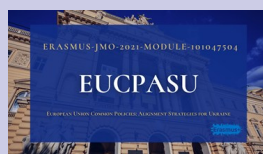
Studies of Social Innovation in Education" at Dragomanov State University, the National University "Chernihiv Colehium".



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A short concise online certificate
course for lawyers on economic
freedoms in the EU,
harmonization of legislation and
competition regulation

FRIDAYS, starting on
February 13, 2025
11:50-13:00 EET, online



For participation,
please, register till
February 10, 2025
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