



Presentation of the Jean Monnet Chair project:
“Building capacities for inclusiveness and ownership in the
EU accession process of Albania” (OwnEU)

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Objective of the project

- To build capacities and bridges of communication and dialogue among different groups of society (academia, policy-makers and negotiating team members, civil society, interest groups, etc.).
- To increase their capacities and knowledge of the process
- To raise awareness on the main components of the process and some of the best practices on how to move forward together.
- To achieve a more effective involvement and an increased ownership of the process by local stakeholders.

Rationale and needs assessment

- Preparations for opening accession negotiations
- Lack of up to date teaching curricula
- Capacities required for the process
- The importance of involving non state actors
- Ownership and delivery on reforms

Main components and deliverables of the project

- Redesign and update curricula for three taught courses
- Teach three courses each year of the project, with open participation
- Organise three workshops each year
- Publish one textbook and three working papers in Albanian
- Organize one international conference and publish book of proceedings.

Approach for team composition

- Academic and expert on EU accession: Prof. Adam Lazowski (Westminster University and College of Europe)
- Senior experts and practitioners: Mr. Aleksandar-Andrija Pejovic (former Chief Negotiator of Montenegro); Ms. Ruzica Gelo (former negotiator of Croatia)
- Involvement of other academics and high-level practitioners in workshop sessions (Deputy chief negotiator of Albania; Chair of Parliamentary committee for EU affairs; EU integration unit of PM office; etc.)

Implementation and results (so far)

- Curricula redesigned with most recent literature and updated approach based on developments in EU enlargement policy and EU affairs
- More than 380 participants attended the project courses in three years
- Nine workshops organised with participation from various policy fields
- Two working papers published (another paper drafted and a textbook in editing process)
- One international conference organized, with about 70 participants and 32 speakers. Book of proceedings published.

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