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EPOKA UNIVERSITY

Activity Report 2020-2021





ABOUT CES

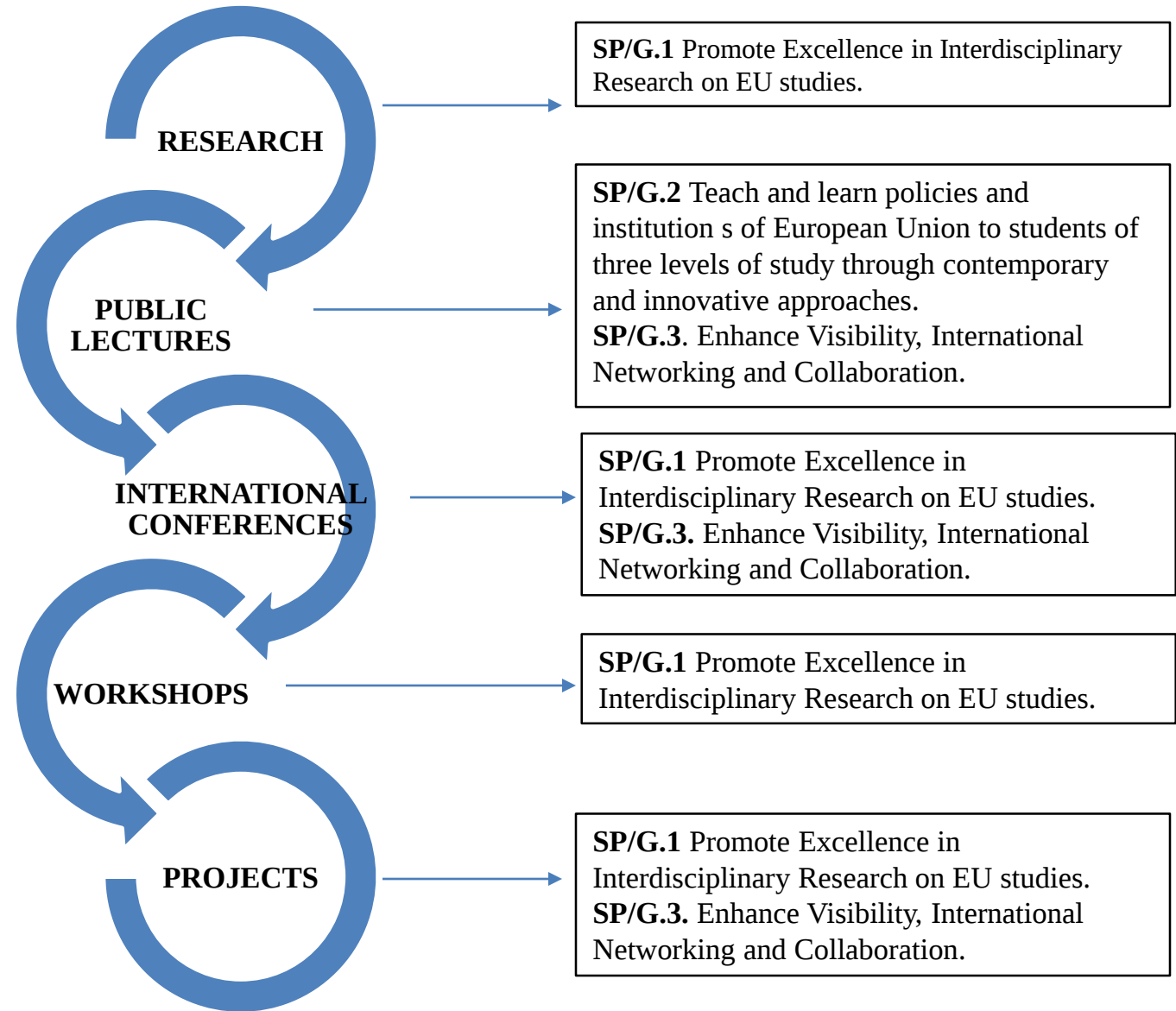
Epoka University Center for European Studies (CES) is a **multi-disciplinary** research program having as its main scope the improvement of the understanding of Global Issues and Interdisciplinary studies.

Mission: communicate and discuss the integration process to the following stakeholders:

- ✓ Academicians
- ✓ Students
- ✓ Civil Society Actors
- ✓ International Centers/ Foundations

Current focus: Western Balkans EU Integration

Activities



ACTIVITY PLAN

Research

- CES Research Areas
- Publication of the Forthcoming Issue of 'Journal for European Social Research'
- Conference Proceedings
- Jean Monnet Project Application

Open Forums

- Open Lectures "The European Integration of Western Balkans"

Conference and Workshop

- 7th International Conference on European Studies (ICES'20)
- Graduate Students Workshop

Opportunities for Students/Researchers

- Call for Internship



RESEARCH IN CES



JOURNAL OF
EUROPEAN SOCIAL
RESEARCH



PROCEEDINGS/BOOK
PUBLICATIONS



5 RESEARCH AREAS



RESEARCH IN CES

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1- *“EU Enlargement and Integration”*

2- *“Save the Planet: EU Strategy for Environmental Protection”*

3- *“The European Union and Democracy Assistance”*

4- *“European Economic Integration: Politics & Policy”*

5- *“Peace and Well Being in the Western Balkans: Peace and Well Being in Europe”*

JOURNAL OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL RESEARCH

The Journal of European Social Research is a multi-disciplinary social science, blind peer-reviewed scholarly journal published quarterly, in both hard and soft copies by the Center for European Studies of Epoka University in Tirana, Albania

Journal of European Social Research (JESR) : Volume 3 Issue 1.

Journal of European Social Research

[Volume 3 Issue 1 2020 ISSN:2312-251X]

The Rocky Road of Western Balkan Countries Toward European Integration:
The Need for A Credible and Effective Approach
GENTJAN SKARA

Main Domestic Challenges of Albania Towards European Union Integration:
Justice Reform on the Focus
DEA BASHKURTI

Ethnic Political Identity in Kosovo
KRISTIAN LIKA

Ethnic Nationalism and Party Politics in Western Balkan Countries
ENTELE SALLIU

Reconciliation in the Western Balkans: Can Old Gloves Fit Young Hands?
ENI DAKA

- SP/Goal 1/ Objective 1.1./ Measure 1.1.4.: Launch at least once a year the call for articles for the Journal of European of European Social Research with Interdisciplinary orientation.

PUBLICATIONS

Proceedings: ICES'20

The Power and Politics of Transitional Justice

18-19 November 2020

Epoka University
Tirane, Albania



PROCEEDINGS BOOK

- SP/Goal 1/ Objective 1.1./ Measure 1.2.2.: Increase the number of book publications under Center 2019 2022 Strategic Plan 2018-2022 for European Studies that research and explains the Union's enlargement strategy toward the region.



Jean Monnet Module Application

Application forms

Call: ERASMUS-JMO-2021-HEI-TCH-RSCH
(Jean Monnet Actions in the field of Higher Education Teaching and Research)

Topic: ERASMUS-JMO-2021-MODULE

Type of Action: ERASMUS-LS

Proposal number: 101048273

Proposal acronym: EUFlex

Type of Model Grant Agreement: ERASMUS Lump Sum Grant

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Section	Title	Action
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Proposal ID **101048273**

Acronym **EUFlex**

1 - General information

Field(s) marked * are mandatory to fill.

Topic	ERASMUS-JMO-2021-MODULE	Type of Action	ERASMUS-LS
Call	ERASMUS-JMO-2021-HEI-TCH-RSCH	Type of Model Grant Agreement	ERASMUS-AG-LS
Acronym	EUFlex		
Language	English		
Proposal title	Flexible and Differentiated EU Integration of Western Balkans		
Note that for technical reasons, the following characters are not accepted in the Proposal Title and will be removed: < > * &			
Duration in months	36		
Fixed keyword 1	European Studies		
Fixed keyword 2	Higher education		
Fixed keyword 3	Political science		
Free keywords	EU Integration, Western Balkans, Differentiated Integration, Flexible Integration		

How will your project contribute to the Priorities of the European Commission?

Please select at least one Priority or "not applicable". For each Priority selected, indicate also at least one Domain and at least one Policy Area.

Visit the EC website https://ec.europa.eu/info/strategy/priorities-2019-2024_en for more information.

☒ Priorities are applicable ☐ Priorities are not applicable

Priority: 4 - A stronger Europe in the world

Domain: D-4-3 - A more active role

Policy area: P-4-2 - EU enlargement

- SP/ Goal 1./Objective 1.3./Measure 1.3.1.: Make at least one application to Jean Monnet Projects (EU region) Measure

WEBINAR

COUNCIL OF EUROPE AND ITS ROLE IN THE EUROPEAN POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

WITH:

Mr. **UWE MÜLLER** &
Ms. **CLAUDIA KLEIN**

 **APRIL**
TUESDAY 6, 2021

 **2:30**
PM

 **BLUEJEANS**
MEETING



OPEN LECTURES

- SP/Goal 2/Objective 2.1./Measure 2.2.1.: Increase the number of EU open lectures to students at all levels.
- SP/ Goal 3./Objective 3.1./Measure 3.1.1: Organize at least one activity per year in collaboration with an international institution.

Research Area: “EU Enlargement and Integration”

1. **Webinar: Council of Europe and its role in the European Political Landscape – April 6, 2021:**
 - Ms. Claudia Klein- Communications Department at CoE
 - Virtual commented tour to the CoE main building.
 - Mr. Uwe Müller, Political advisor at CoE
2. **Albania towards European Union. The progress and expectations in the four upcoming years“ –June 8, 2021**
 - Mr. Etjen Xhafaj, Vice Minister in the Ministry of Infrastructure and Energy

CONFERENCES

The 7th International Conference on European Studies (ICES 2020)

The Power and Politics of Transitional Justice (Hybrid)



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7th INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON EUROPEAN STUDIES
"The Power and Politics of Transitional Justice", Tirana, Albania

Online WEBINAR

18-19 November 2020

[Conference PROGRAM](#)

[Book of Abstracts](#)

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline:
25 July, 2020

Abstract acceptance notification:
5 August, 2020

Conference:
November 18-19, 2020

Previous ICES



- SP/Goal 1/Objective 1.1./Measure 1.1.3.: Organize yearly workshops that study EU integration from an interdisciplinary perspective.
- Measure 3.1.1 Organize at least one activity per year in collaboration with an international institution



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Partners

This conference is organized in close collaboration with *Europa-Universität Flensburg, Germany* funded by *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung Albania* and supported through *Erasmus + Exchange program*.

Important Dates

Abstract submission deadline:
25 July, 2020

WORKSHOPS

- SP/Goal 1/ Objective 1.1./ Measure 1.1.3:
Organize yearly workshops 2019 2022 -
Strategic Plan 2018-2022 that study EU
integration from an interdisciplinary
perspective.



HOW TO GET YOUR PAPER PUBLISHED IN AN INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL?

WORKSHOP WITH

PROF. KRZYSZTOF JASIEWICZ

Washington and Lee University,
Editor of the Journal East European Politics
and Societies and Cultures

MARCH
FRIDAY
26, 2021

14:30

📍 ZOOM

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS/RESEARCHERS

Unpaid Internship
1 student – 3 Months (L.Tare)
Support in

- Text Editing
- Activity Organization

Call for Applications: Internship at CES

April 26th, 2021

Call for Applications

Center for European Studies Internship Programme 2021

Center for European Studies (CES) Internship offers highly motivated and successful individuals an opportunity to improve their research skills while working in a diverse and dynamic environment. Center for European Studies (CES), founded on EPOKA University's regional-renowned teaching reputation and research excellence, is a multi-disciplinary research unit having as its main scope the improvement of the understanding of global and regional issues. CES seeks to encourage projects and research across disciplines that aim to explore the diversity of the societies and cultures that constitute Europe. It provides a forum to share research and initiate new projects in a wide variety of areas concerning European Studies and in relation to the European Union.

CES is currently focused on conducting research on five main research areas titled as: "EU enlargement and integration", "Save the Planet: EU Strategy for Environmental Protection" "The European Union and Democracy Assistance", "European Economic Integration: Politics and Policy", "Peace and Well Being in the Western Balkans: Peace and Well Being in Europe".

CES is undertaking many activities and events as published in the official website: www.ces.epoka.edu.al

Selection Criteria

To be eligible for an Internship, candidates must be enrolled or graduated in a full-time graduate study program. Fluency in English is required. Relevant work experience, computing skills, as well as knowledge of languages such as French and German are advantageous.

Details

This Internship typically seeks candidates in the following fields: political science, international relations, economics, finance, management, law or other related fields.

CES does not offer an hourly salary to Interns. The Intern receives a **Certificate of Success for Completing the Internship** as well as a document explaining in detail all activities that the Intern has been directly involved. Note that internship period lasts at minimum four weeks long.

Application Checklist

Please attach the following documents:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Letter of Motivation (one- two paragraphs)
- Proof of Enrollment or Graduation from a graduate program

Application period: April 26 – May 10, 2021

Submission: All applications must be sent by email to ces@epoka.edu.al.

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