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EPOKA UNIVERSITY

Activity Report 2022-2023





ABOUT CES

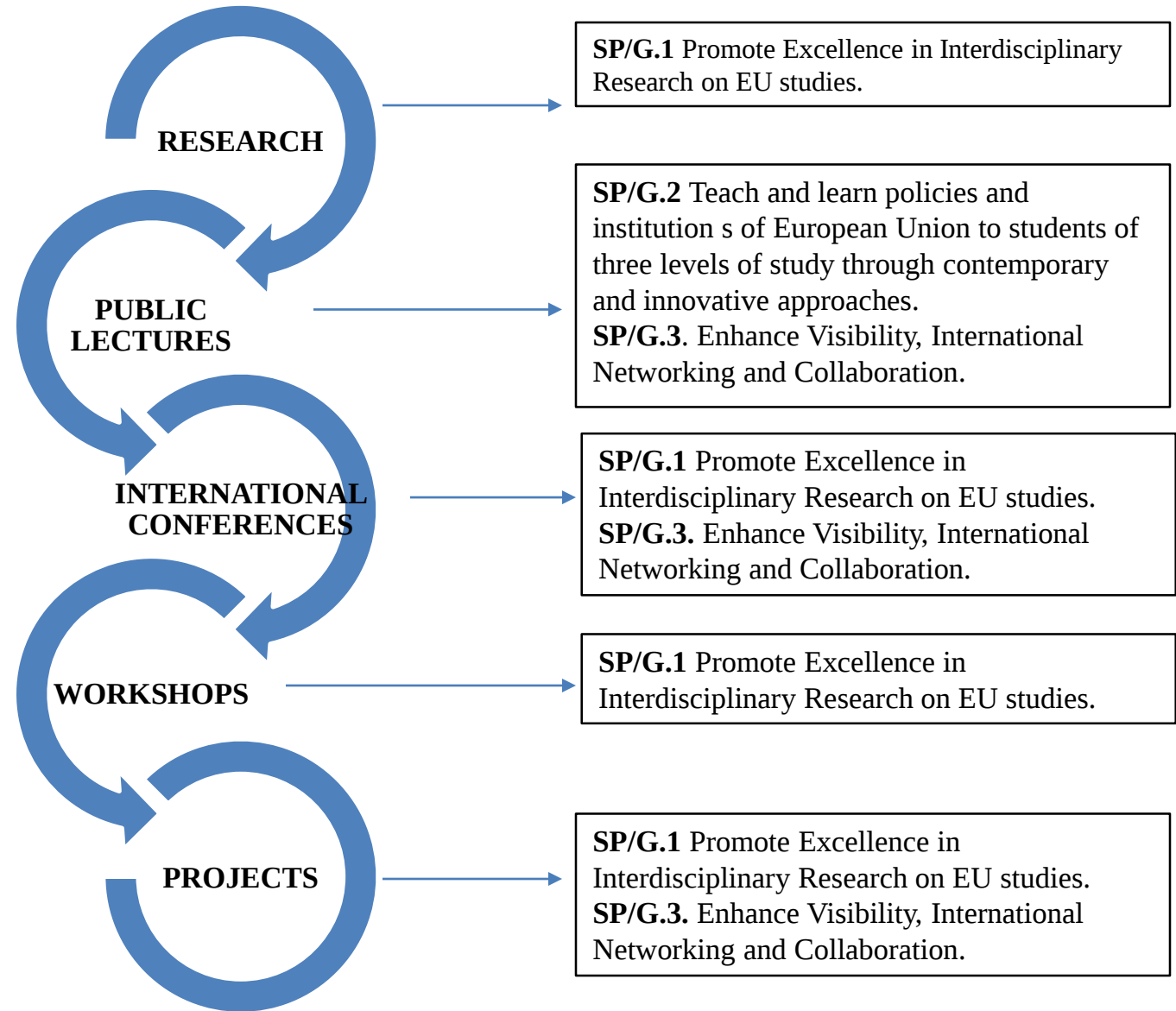
Epoka University Center for European Studies (CES) is a **multi-disciplinary** research program having as its main scope the improvement of the understanding of Global Issues and Interdisciplinary studies.

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 (2022-2023)

Research

- WB-EUPath Jean Monnet Project Implementation

Open Forums

- Open Lectures/Seminars "The EU Integration and Transformation of Western Balkans"

Conference and Workshop

- 8th International Conference on European Studies (ICES'22)
- Public Panel

Opportunities for Students/Researchers

- Internship
- WB-EUPath MOOC



RESEARCH IN CES



JOURNAL OF
EUROPEAN SOCIAL
RESEARCH



PROCEEDINGS/BOOK
PUBLICATIONS



5 RESEARCH AREAS



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1- *“EU Enlargement and Integration”*

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

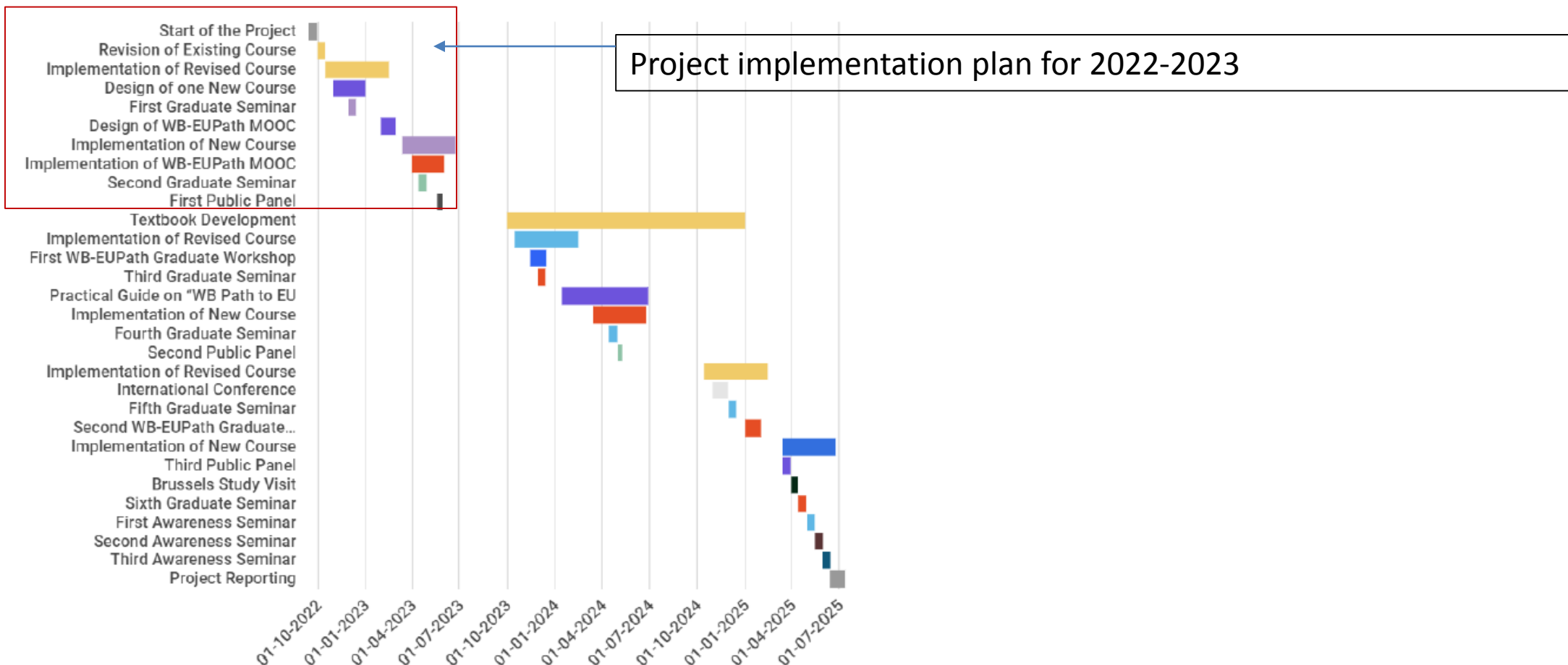
3- *“The European Union and Democracy Assistance”*

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

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

WB-EUPath Jean Monnet Module Implementation

Graph 1: Gantt chart showing the timeline of the main tasks



- The deliverables of the project aim to address contribute to research, teaching and networking goals of the strategic plan of CES



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. **Center for European Studies at EPOKA University launched the Jean Monnet Module “WB-EUPath” with the First Graduate Seminar delivered by Dr. Sokol Dedja, career diplomat and expert for European Integration Affairs. (December 9, 2022)**
2. **2nd Graduate Seminar on “Serbia’s EU Integration: Issues and Challenges” with guest lecturer Dr. Ivana Radic Milosavljevic from the Faculty of Political Science at the University of Belgrade, Serbia.(June 2, 2023)**

CONFERENCES

The 8th *International Conference on European Studies (ICES 2022)*



**International Conference on European
Studies (ICES'22)**

*Developments and Challenges in the
European Integration Process: The role of
Identity and Intercultural Communication
in a Transnational Perspective*



Epoka University, Faculty of Law and Social Sciences & University of Oradea, Faculty of History,
International Relations, Political Science and Communication Science

invite you to participate in the
International Conference on European Studies (ICES'22)

CALL FOR CONFERENCE

***DEVELOPMENTS AND CHALLENGES IN THE EUROPEAN INTEGRATION PROCESS:
THE ROLE OF IDENTITY AND INTERCULTURAL COMMUNICATION IN A
TRANSNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE***

21-23 September 2022, Tirana, Albania



- 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

Public Panel

WB-EUPath Jean Monnet Module - 1st Public Panel “The Western Balkans on the Road to the European Union”

- Dr. Jubjana Vila, Head of CES and leader of the WB-EUPath Jean Monnet Module.
- Assoc. Prof. Dr. Lisen Bashkurti, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Social Sciences at Epoka University;
- Dr. Ivana Radic Milosavljevic, member of the Faculty of Political Sciences at the University of Belgrade;
- Mr. Aldo Bumçi, former member of the Parliament of the Republic of Albania;
- Dr. Christina Griessler, Chair of Comparative Politics at Andrásy Universität Budapest;
- Prof. L. Marvin Overby, Director of the School of Public Affairs at Penn State Harrisburg.



- SP/Goal 2/Objective 2.1./Measure 2.2.1.: Increase the number of EU open lectures to students at all levels.
- 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.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS/RESEARCHERS

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Course info

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WB-EUPath MOOC "A comparative perspective on EU Integration of Western Balkans"

Teacher: [Avdi Smajljaj](#)

Teacher: [Jubjana Vila](#)

The WB-EUPath Massive Open Online Course (MOOC) is offered within the framework of the Jean Monnet Module "EU Integration and Transformation of the Western Balkans" (WB-EUPath) funded by the European Commission and coordinated by EPOKA University.

The course is designed with a purpose to enhance knowledge and promote learning on EU studies among students and all interested stakeholders. The aim of the course is to explore the EU integration process of Western Balkans to understand their progress toward EU integration through a comparative approach. It focuses on the role that country-based and regional issues and dynamics have on their EU integration path.



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 - Activity Contribution
 - Data collection

- Goal 2/ Objective 2.2; Measure 2.2.1. Increase the number of EU open lectures to students at all levels.

ACTIVITY PLAN (2023-2024)

WB-EUPath Project implementation (2nd Year).

Research

- Call for Book Chapters for the edited textbook on EU Integration and Transformation of Western Balkans
- Practical Guide on WB Path to EU
- Publication of the Forthcoming Issue of ' Journal for European Social Research"

Open Forums

- WB-EUPath Third Graduate Seminar on EU Integration of Western Balkans
- WB-EUPath Fourth Graduate Seminar on EU Integration of Western Balkans

Conference and Workshop

- Call for Papers for the 9th International Conference on European Studies (ICES) 2024
- First WB-EUPath Graduate Workshop
- WB-EUPath Second Public Panel

Opportunities for Students/Researchers

- WB-EUPath MOOC

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