

## JEAN MONNET CENTRE OF EXCELLENCE

Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership – TIA 2030

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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, titled **Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership (TIA2030)**, is glad to share news and updates about **the project**.

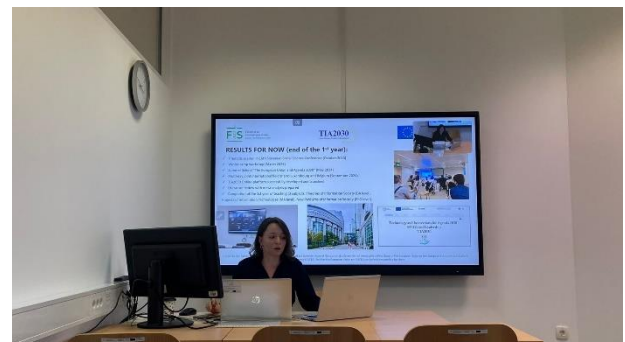
#### EVENTS

From September 15, 2024, till September 19, 2024, we successfully organised a multi-day joint international **field trip** to Belgium and Luxembourg. During the field trip, participants had the opportunity to visit some of the key **European Union institutions** and organisations: the EU Parliament, where we learned valuable insights into how the European Union's law-making body functions and its role in shaping policies that align with global objectives like the UN Agenda 2030 for sustainable development; the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), which provided a comprehensive understanding of how civil society influences EU policies and how these policies contribute to achieving Agenda 2030; Scotland House in Brussels, which offers a highly integrated presence of Scotland in EU, delivering services that foster Scotland's economic growth, diplomatic relations, and cultural promotion at the EU level, also providing a view of how Scotland is committed to Agenda 2030, contributing to the EU's broader sustainability goals.



(picture: EESC visit during the field trip – JM CoE TIA2030 materials)

In other news, on October 18, 2024, **JM CoE TIA2030** held a special **Thematic session** „Agenda 2030 and the role of institutions, social networks and cognitive frames,” during the **3<sup>rd</sup> Jean Monnet Day** at the **17<sup>th</sup> Slovenian Social Science Conference** „Is digital transformation a social transformation? Coping with re-emerging social challenges for humanity”, organised by the Slovenian Social Science Association. At the event, the project team presented the main results of the project at the end of the first year and, together with the speakers and participants, discussed the aspects of the Agenda 2030 implementation regarding the impact of the three main social forces while shaping the systems of technological innovations. We also had the pleasure of hosting speakers who presented on innovations for a circular economy (harnessing technology and innovation to achieve Agenda 2030 and the SDGs), digital technologies, transformation and resilience in Europe, as well as regional development.



(picture: Thematic session at the 17<sup>th</sup> SSSC – JM CoE TIA2030 materials)

In addition to the previous events and activities, the TIA2030 second **Round table** titled "Institutions, social networks and cognitive frames in implementation of Agenda 2030" is planned for **November 2024** as a part of the "Social Science evening discussions". Preliminary points for discussions are:

- Key obstacles preventing effective collaboration between university, industry, government, and

society for implementing Agenda 2030;

- Local vs. Global actors approaches in implementing Agenda 2030 and its SDG;
- SDG's Progress in Politically Unstable Regions: role of key actors, international networks and institutions;
- Role of Technology and Innovation in Agenda 2030.

With this activity we particularly aim to attract non-academic target groups and ensure targeted dissemination of project preliminary results to regional stakeholders and the general public.

## RESEARCH

**JM CoE TIA2030** also continues its research activities. Basing on the Literature review with meta-analysis, which is publicly available on **TIA2030 Online Platform** through this [link](#), a set of documents representing complete developed **methodology, protocols and tools** was prepared. It will be used to collect the primary data on, first, European, macroregional, national, regional/local levels, and, secondly, on the global level (in selected third countries). The data will focus primarily, but not exclusively, on the role of **institutions, social networks and cognitive frames** in the development and implementation of the **EU's grand strategies**, with a particular view on the current Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Data will be collected with the help of semi-structured interviews and/or focus groups, as well as participant observation methods. The developed methodology, protocols and tools will be published online on the **TIA2030 online platform**.

The **research results** are supposed to be used to assess and further refine data collection methodology for other researchers who will decide to study strategic processes for their own research.

## TEACHING ACTIVITIES

**JM CoE TIA2030** is also glad to announce that the first year of teaching is completed.

Teaching dimension of the project focuses on

developing and testing innovative educational approach (especially through the active integration of teaching activities with research ones and other types of events and bringing together not only HEI teachers and students but also other actors in a single integrated educational process) and related materials to advance the acceptance of the **Agenda 2030** with a view to fostering the development and mainstreaming of interdisciplinary **EU studies** with comparative social research.

Teaching activities include a series of lectures (courses) organised for students (future professionals) of all university levels:

- Theories of Information Society course (30 hours, BA level), whose main purpose is to familiarise students with the main concepts of information society from historical, legal, economic and sociological perspectives;
- Projects of Information Technologies (30 hours, MA level), whose main purpose is to familiarise students with the main concepts and approaches in the management of information technology projects;
- New Paradigms of Information Society (30 hours, PhD level). Its main purpose is to familiarise with and provide in-depth understanding and opportunity for critical reflection on the ever-changing relationship between information technology and contemporary social change within the EU and abroad, which are facing new immense challenges that also led to the adoption of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals.

Teaching materials will be available online on the TIA2030 online platform according to the delivery due dates.

We kindly invite you to follow our social media for more information, news and details about upcoming events and activities.

**STAY TUNED!**