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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 the focal point for competence and knowledge on **European Union implementation of United Nations global Agenda 2030**, which is aiming to decouple economic growth from environmental and social degradation, and **the global leadership of the EU in this process**.

European Union played an important role in adoption of **Agenda 2030**. It has accepted it as its next (current) grand strategy, succeeding the **Lisbon Strategy** and **Europe 2020**, and can play the leading role in this transition beyond its borders and on the global level.



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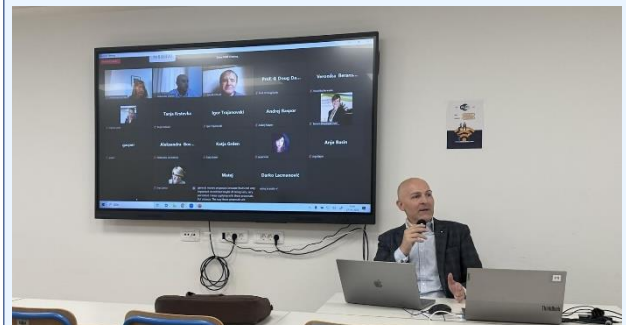
TIA2030 is designed to complement and upgrade the activities of the Jean Monnet Chair titled Cultural political Economy of Europe 2030 (2020-2023), focusing on overcoming the implementation deficit of the EU grand strategies and the role of technological innovations in achieving **Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of Agenda 2030**.

To achieve this, **TIA2030** will be based on i.) **Open Innovation 2.0**, an emerging paradigm where academia, policy-makers, civil servants, industry, civil society and the general public at large co-create the future and drive structural changes; ii.) **Open-Source model**, drawing from and contributing to knowledge freely available to the public, in which all materials and events are publicly open; iii.) **SOFIA conceptual**

framework, where systems of technological innovations are continuously (re)shaped by institutions, social networks and cognitive frames.

TIA2030 will engage a variety of target groups (academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, and policy-officers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large) and set up **infrastructure, methodologies, protocols, and tools** to systematically collect, evaluate and make publicly available both **already existing documentary resources and new primary empirical data**. This will be the foundation for **multi-level policy debate with relevant audiences** (conference special sessions, joint field trips, round table discussions) and will enable to **develop content and tools on EU subjects, to complement and upgrade current courses and curricula** (course modules, summer schools, workshops).

The first project event, a **special Thematic session „EU grand strategies and their implementation”** within **Jean Monnet Day** at the **16th Slovenian Social Science Conference „Crisis and Empowerment in Social Transformations”**, is already behind us. It was held on 26.10-27.10.23, in Ljubljana, at the premises of the School of Advanced Social Studies in Nova Gorica (SASS).



At the event project manager prof. dr. Borut Rončević together with the project team presented the main aims of the project and together with the participants discussed new knowledge and very relevant insights about the successful vision of the EU towards 2030.

All project activities and events are carefully interwoven to incorporate principles of integrated collaboration, co-created shared value and rapid adoption of strategic vision of **Agenda 2030** and its **Sustainable Development Goals**. As a result, **TIA2030** will **advance interdisciplinary EU studies** and deal with the phenomenon of EU implementation deficit, with a view to offer **research and educational tools** that could be **utilised throughout Europe and beyond**, to contribute to **awareness of Agenda 2030 and its implementation on the global level**, also with a view to **SDG policy mapping** showing the contribution of EU policies to SDGs and which goals and targets they address.



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Apart from the above-mentioned aspects, **TIA2030** will tackle an important strategic issue and at the same time provide academic value added. The European Union has been continuously rethinking its global position amidst emerging economic and geopolitical challenges. **Agenda 2030** provides a number of good guidelines on how to meet these challenges, especially **its focus on successful, smart and inclusive growth**, in which **technology and innovations** play one of key implementation mechanisms and significant resources are dedicated to this. However, long-standing policy implementation deficit of the European Union is also recognised for its grand strategies, including the **Lisbon Strategy** and to a lesser extent **Europe 2020**.

In general, implementation deficit of the **Lisbon Strategy** was not due to the changed economic circumstances after 2008 which could hardly have been foreseen when the initial document was adopted, but due to failing to recognize and employ the role of its institutional, social and cognitive underpinnings. This was also the main obstacle to full success of Europe 2020. Excellent knowledge on this topic is one of the key necessary conditions to reduce implementation deficit.

TIA2030 is planned to achieve maximum impact

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with available resources by utilising the existing host institution's infrastructure and activities. This is not only economically efficient but will also allow avoiding unnecessary new content loading in addition to already existing one. Therefore, relevant fields of **EU studies** will be integrated where appropriate in the existing research, curricula and events, all that at a higher education institution where EU studies are at this point not one of the key priority areas.



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Moreover, the **composition of the team** and division of roles within the project show complementarity of the profile and expertise of the involved key staff. The **experience of the team** covers all relevant areas of activities, namely the **management, teaching** (a combination of senior and junior teachers to transfer experience), **research** (team members who have been cooperating for several years participate in line with their experience and expertise), **communication, dissemination and exploitation** (team members participate in line with their experience and expertise, boosted with senior team members with access to media and policy-makers), **quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation** (senior members are trained and accredited quality evaluators in higher education).

All in all, project **TIA2030** will deepen excellence and promote innovation in teaching and research on EU studies, with emphasis on young scholars and professionals, and foster evidence-based strategic debate and reflection on implementation of **Agenda 2030** in comparative perspective.

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