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Definitions

The following table represents the abbreviations used in this document.

Term/Abbreviation	Definition
SDG	Sustainable Development Goal
EU	European Union
UN	United Nations
WP	Work Package
MS	Milestone

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Executive Summary

This document represents the first part of the Milestone (MS) 14 for WP5: Quality Assurance, Monitoring and Evaluation for the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership" (TIA2030) – the first Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation report. MS14 consists of two intermediate (annual) and one final quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation reports, including quantitative indicators and qualitative assessments. The document is designed within task T5.2 to ensure regular reporting on the basis of the Project Quality, Evaluation and Monitoring Plan. Reporting is the key instrument for quality control, evaluation and monitoring of the project's process, activities and outputs.

The reporting will record i.) relevant quality standards, ii.) measurements of quality, iii.) implementation of procedures for the monitoring and evaluation of work based on these measurements and iv.) a system of checks at key stages in the project and v.) quantitative indicators and qualitative assessments.

The current report relates to the reporting period M1-M12 (first year of the project implementation).

The document is structured into the following chapters: Chapter 1 describes the status of deliverables and milestones at the moment of the reporting time; Chapter 2 provides the evaluation of events and activities together with quantitative indicators and qualitative assessments; Chapter 3 presents possible areas of improvement; Chapter 4 offers the main conclusions based on the analysis of the deliverables and milestones status, results of the surveys and recommendations.

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1. Status of deliverables and milestones

The following table represents the information on deliverables, their description, due date, delivery and approval date, status, and comments. It also provides information regarding the measurements of quality (deliverable quality standards/completeness and correctness criteria) that help to implement the system of checks at key stages in the project.

FIS is the lead beneficiary for all the Deliverables.

Legend of the table:

Status	**Colour**
Ongoing	
Complete	
Overdue	

All submitted Deliverables were positively evaluated and approved by the project team and Jean Monnet self-evaluation committee according to the established criteria for internal self-evaluation of FIS. All Deliverables were submitted on time according to the due dates defined in the Grant Agreement and were approved by the Project Officer.

Overview of the status of all Deliverables of the project is presented in Table 1 “Status of Deliverables”. The Table describes the status upon the date of reporting (M12 – October 2024).

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Table 1 Status of Deliverables

WP No	Deliverable No	Type and Dissemination Level	Title of the Deliverable	Due Date	Delivery Date	Deliverable Quality Standards / Completeness and Correctness Criteria	Status	Approval Date	Comments
WP1	D1.1	R, SEN	Project Handbook-Action Plan	31.12.2023	31.12.2023	The document includes: ✓ Gannt chart for the entire duration of the project ✓ Submitted to the Advisory Board ✓ Detailed management structure, decision-making procedures within TIA2030, project team structure and roles ✓ Documentation templates ✓ Official communication protocol		03.01.2024	The document provides details about project management and implementation for the entire project duration. The plan covers all phases of TIA2030. It is a part of T1.2 Project Coordination and Management, which takes place throughout the whole project. Signed Letter of Appointment for the Advisory Board is attached to the Deliverable.
WP2	D2.1	R, PU	Teaching materials: "Theories of Information Society", "Projects of Information Technologies ", "New Paradigms of Information Society"	31.10.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12) for all three courses. Completion of 2023/2024 (Year 1) academic year: ✓ Number of students attended each course – target value achieved ✓ Number of hours to implement for each course – target value achieved ✓ Courses syllabuses and other relevant teaching materials prepared ✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented to the students ✓ Further study and research			Before the first implementation, we formulated the materials, which were evaluated according to FIS regulations and according to quality assurance mechanisms of TIA2030 and improved for the second year. This process of improvement will be repeated for the third year. MS5 – Completion of 2023/2024 (Year 1) academic year was achieved

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						opportunities identified ✓ Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5) for each course – all available reported scores exceeded target value 4.0.			for all three courses. Details about target values for this deliverable will be provided in the next chapter of the current report.
WP2	D2.2	R, PU	Summer School "The European Union and Agenda 2030"	31.10.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12). Summer School 2024: ✓ Number of participants attended the event – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Number of hours to implement – target value achieved ✓ Syllabus, materials, instructions for use, and agenda determined 3 months before the beginning of the Summer School ✓ Relevance of discussed topics approved ✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented to the students ✓ Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5) – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Call announced 3 months in advance (16. 02. 2024) on the TIA2030 platform, social networks and all TIA2030 dissemination channels			Summer School 2024 "The European Union and Agenda 2030" was held from 20th to 24th May 2024. It brought together high-level experts, young scholars, students, current professionals active in relevant fields, and other interested stakeholders. It covered different topics related to Agenda 2030 and its SDGs with a specific focus on the role that technologies and innovations play in the process of its implementation. Every year, we analyse the current relevant topics to ensure that the agenda is highly relevant. Details about target values for this deliverable will be provided in the next chapter of the current report.
WP3	D3.1	R, PU	Literature review with meta-analysis	30.04.2024	30.04.2024	✓ Minimum 25 pages ✓ Number of research results included in the literature review (target value (20) achieved and surpassed – 31)		30.04.2024	The document with meta-analysis of available research, information, knowledge and data on the role of institutions, social

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						✓ The literature selected by employing the databases Scopus, Clarivate, and Google Scholar ✓ Complete document published on TIA2030 website			networks and cognitive frames in: 1. adoption and implementation of grand strategies, namely the Lisbon strategy, Europe 2020 and Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals; 2. the role of the European Union and its public diplomacy towards the third countries in the global implementation of the Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals.
WP3	D3.2	R, PU	Methodology – tools, etc.	31.10.2024	31.10.2024	✓ Introductory remarks ✓ Guidelines for preliminary desktop research ✓ Detailed instructions for interviews with a sample contact letter ✓ Interview/focus group guide with questions and subquestions ✓ Instructions for participant observation ✓ Complete set of documents published on the TIA2030 website		01.11.2024 (D3.2 was submitted on 31.10.2024 and approved on 1.11.2024, after the reporting period)	A set of documents outlining the complete protocol for TIA2030 data collection with all supporting documents.
WP3	D3.3	DATA, PU	Dataset	30.04.2026		➢ Number of data collection instances to be made: 17 ➢ Complete dataset/transcripts should be available online. Data will be stored in the online repository. The only limitation to open-access approach will be access to raw primary data collected during the research.			Complete the dataset with transcripts of all interviews. Activity starts in M13 (November 2024).

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WP3	D3.4	R, PU	Research report with policy recommend ations	31.10.2026		➢ Analysis should be completed, and policy recommendations should be formulated. ➢ Complete document will be published on TIA2030 web site.			A final research report with policy recommendations on the implementation of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals in the European Union and beyond. Policy recommendations will be aimed at policy-makers at the European, macroregional, national, regional and local levels, as well as in the United Nations and the third countries. They will present the possible best approaches to engage in public diplomacy to implement Agenda 2030 in the third countries, with the main goal of Sustainable Development Goals and European values and strategic vision. Activity starts in M28 (February 2026).
WP4	D4.1	DEC, PU	TIA2030 Online Platform	30.04.2024	30.04.2024	✓ Online Platform developed, completed and functional ✓ Segments in the structure: - main information page, with subsections with more details; - overview and listings of recent analyses with results; - theoretical and conceptual background of TIA2030; - methodology and data collection templates; - data repository;		30.04.2024	Online electronic format with all project information, results, and other public deliverables. The website address will be available in M13 (November 2024): tia2030.eu

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						- publications resulting from TIA2030; - news, including electronic newsletters (3 out of 6 are made for the moment of reporting (M12) - contact page. ✓ Open access scientific infrastructure for all published papers and other materials ✓ Available to other target groups with well-worded project updates ✓ Only limitation to open-access approach – access to raw primary data, which will be collected during the research			
WP4	D4.2	R, PU	Book	31.10.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12). ✓ Call published on 31.08.2024 through all planned communication channels, including Jean Monnet online community. ✓ 3 general dimensions specified ✓ Project manager of TIA2030 will serve as co-editor of the volume. ➢ Before submitting the book to the publisher, it will be reviewed by the TIA2030 Advisory Board, which will comment on the draft version and suggest improvements. This will require additional scrutiny from the peer review. ➢ Minimum 100 pages ➢ Completed version will be published on the TIA2030 Online Platform			Book (edited volume) will be published as an open access material. The book will result from the activities done in the framework of this Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, including educational activities, related research activities and public debates. The book will also include details on educational activities developed during TIA2030. Main activity starts in M25 (November 2025).

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WP4	D4.3	R, PU	Special journal volume	30.04.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12). ✓ Call is published on 31.08.2024 through all planned communication channels, including Jean Monnet online community. ✓ Necessary topics specified ➢ Minimum 5 journal articles ➢ Completed version will be published on the TIA2030 Online Platform			Publication of a series of journal articles in a peer-reviewed open-access journal, Research in Social Change. Main activity starts in M19 (May 2025).
WP4	D4.4	R, PU	Winter camp workshops, Thematic session at the international conference – Jean Monnet Day and Round table discussions	31.10.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12). Winter Camp Workshop 2024: ✓ Number of participants attended the event – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Relevance of discussed topics approved ✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented to the students ✓ Invited speakers (prof. dr. Žiga Turk (replaced with mag Matjaž Hirbar upon the speaker's request) and prof. dr. Nikolai Genov) Thematic sessions at the international conference – Jean Monnet Day. Thematic session entitled "EU Grand Strategies and their implementation" at the 16th Slovenian Social Science Conference: ✓ Number of participants attended the session – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Relevance of presented topics approved			- Winter Camp workshop 2024 was held on 14.03.2024. The purpose of this event is to enable communication between academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large with the purpose of mutual learning and exchange of experience and ideas and to start planning future innovative projects. In 2024, the workshop was devoted to the challenges and opportunities in the innovation and development areas that could impact the implementation of EU Grand Strategies. - 1st Thematic session entitled "EU Grand Strategies and their

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						✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented ✓ Invited speakers ✓ Different target groups ✓ Jean Monnet Project Holders invited ✓ Call announced at Jean Monnet Community • Thematic session entitled "Agenda 2030 and the role of Institutions, social networks and cognitive frames" at the 17th Slovenian Social Science Conference. ✓ Number of participants attended the session – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Relevance of presented topics approved ✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented ✓ Invited speakers ✓ Different target groups ✓ Jean Monnet Project Holders invited ✓ Call announced at Jean Monnet Community • 1st Round table discussion ✓ Number of participants attended the discussion – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Relevance of discussed topics approved ✓ TIA2030 and its objectives presented ✓ Invited speakers ✓ Drafted points 2 weeks before the event			implementation" at the 16th SSSC was held on 27.10.2023. - The 2nd Thematic session entitled "Agenda 2030 and the role of Institutions, social networks and cognitive frames" at the 17th SSSC was held on 18.10.2024 - 1st Round Table discussion devoted to the topic of the EU's grand strategies and their implementation (European grand visions and implementation deficit – focusing on Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals on institutions and regional policy) was held on 10.04.2024. This activity particularly aims to attract non-academic target groups. Details about target values for these events and activities will be provided in the next chapter of the current report.

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						✓ Different target groups ✓ Lists of speakers reviewed and commented on by the project team members ✓ Invitation with a combination of announcements using TIA2030 dissemination tools and personal invitations			
WP4	D4.5	R, PU	Field trips	31.10.2026		Points below describe the status upon the date of reporting (M12). Multi-day joint international field trip to Belgium and Luxembourg: ✓ Duration (15.09.2024-19.09.2024) ✓ Number of participants attended – target value achieved and surpassed ✓ Location (Luxembourg and Brussels) ✓ EU institutions and organisations (EU Parliament, European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Scotland House in Brussels. ✓ Call for participation announced be announced on the TIA2030 Online platform of TIA2030 and on a variety of FIS communication channels, primarily online social networks ✓ Information on TIA2030 and the role of field trip in its implementation announced before the field trip ✓ Different target groups ✓ Non-discrimination approach in the selection of participants.			Details about target values for this activity will be provided in the next chapter of the current report.
WP5	D5.1	R, PU	Quality assurance, monitoring and	31.12. 2023	31.12.2023	✓ Process of quality, evaluation and monitoring across all Work Packages (quality control stages, quality management, quality		03.01.2024	The document outlines the main procedures related to the management of quality, evaluation and monitoring.

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			evaluation plan			evaluation, quality control structure, quality control roles&responsibilities, quality tools, indicators) ✓ Complete document published on TIA2030 website.			It defines the processes for planning and executing the project activities in order to ensure the highest possible quality. The plan sets the minimum principles, requirements and processes needed to implement effective quality assurance and control. It also provides templates of documents to be used and relevant deadlines.

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Another important control points in the project are Milestones that help to chart the progress and achievement of a key results. Table 2 represents the status of Milestones at the moment of the reporting time (M12 – October 2024).

FIS is the lead beneficiary for all the Milestones.

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Overdue	

Table 2 Status of milestones

Milestone No	Wp No	Milestone Name	Means of Verification	Due Date (month)	Delivery Date (month)	Status
1	WP1	Appointed advisory board	Letter of appointment	2	1	
2	WP1	Developed Project Handbook-Action Plan	Project Handbook-Action Plan document	2	2	
3	WP1	Developed Technical report	Submitted technical report	12	12	
4	WP1	Developed Final report	Submitted final report	36	36	
5	WP2	Completion of teaching for 1st year	Printout from e-classroom	24	11	
6	WP2	Completion of teaching for 2nd year	Printout from e-classroom	24	24	
7	WP2	Completion of teaching for 3rd year	Printout from e-classroom	36	36	
8	WP3	Literature reviewed	Complete document will be published on TIA2030 web site.	6	6	
9	WP3	Methodology developed	Complete document will be published on TIA2030 web site.	12	12	
10	WP3	Data collected and transcribed	Complete dataset/transcripts will be published on TIA2030 web site	30	30	
11	WP3	Developed research report with policy recommendations	Complete document will be published on TIA2030 web site	36	36	
12	WP4	Publishing TIA2030 Online Platform	Online portal is published and publicly available.	6	6	
13	WP5	Developed quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation plan	Electronic document published in TIA2030 web site. Language: English	2	2	
14	WP5	Developed quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation reports	Electronic document published in TIA2030 web site. Language: English	36	36	

All the Milestones corresponding to the reporting period (M1-M12 (first year of the project implementation) were achieved on time according to the due dates and in accordance with the means of verification defined in the Grant Agreement.

Deliverable and Milestones allow to confirm and check main quality control stages defined in the Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation plan.

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2. Evaluation of internal and external events and activities

The following are the quality objectives of the project according to the Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation plan:

- constant monitor, control and evaluation of activities and tasks within the project;
- assessment of progress and provision of tools to ensure the quality of the project results;
- ensuring consistency between project objectives, activities and the budget;
- monitor of project development, particularly deadlines and tasks distribution.

Thus, every activity and deliverable of the project TIA2030 are being evaluated by one more of the following:

- Internal self-evaluation (annual) of the activities and presentation of its results to the Advisory Board. The evaluation will be performed annually by Jean Monnet self-evaluation committee, who will apply mutatis mutandi the self-evaluation criteria used by FIS since 2008.
- External evaluation: open educational resources with evaluation tools, where appropriate.

Therefore, during the TIA2030 implementation within the period of M1 – M12 the following monitoring, controlling and evaluation activities were implemented:

1. Advisory Board met 2 times. The meetings were held in month 5 (March 6, 2024) and month 11 (September 2, 2024). Presence was possible either in person or online.

The meeting on March 6, 2024. The points of discussion were the following: status on the upcoming deliverables and milestones, planning for future project implementation, reviewing and approving the topic for the Winter camp workshop 2024 and draft agenda for the Summer School 2024, discussing financial implementation of the project. The suggestions regarding the smooth and successful implementation of the project activities were about maintaining rigorous timelines for upcoming deliverables and enhancing coordination among project team members. Draft agenda for the Summer School 2024 and topic for the Winter camp workshop 2024 were approved, ensuring they remain both relevant and engaging for the target audience while aligning with the project's goals.

The meeting on September 2, 2024. The points of discussion were the following: project implementation progress before the end of the first year, submitted deliverables and achieved milestones, upcoming deliverables and further tasks, reviewing and approving of specific topics for the Thematic session entitled “Agenda 2030 and the role of Institutions, social networks and cognitive frames” at the 17th Slovenian Social Science Conference. The following conclusions were provided: project implementation at the end of the first year is evaluated positively, meetings went very well and were productive, deliverables and milestones were submitted and approved on time, topic for the Thematic session was approved. The suggestions were primarily instrumental in refining plans and preparing for the next project phase.

2. Internal self-evaluation (following quantitative indicators and qualitative assessments) was conducted internally within the project team and reflected in the Technical report. Project team

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together with the project office have also managed day-to-day tasks, communicating with project manager as often as necessary, but at least on a monthly basis. Main communication was performed via emails and Zoom. Live meetings have been kept to a minimum that yet ensures Quality Assurance, Evaluation and Monitoring and are to be held only in the case of the necessity of discussion major issues.

Results of the internal self-evaluation (Technical report) were submitted to the Project Coordinator and Jean Monnet self-evaluation committee. The conclusion of the self-evaluation overview is the following:

> *The first year of the TIA2030 project has been successfully completed, achieving all set objectives and laying a strong foundation for subsequent phases. All deliverables were submitted on time and received approval by the Project Officer, reflecting the project's commitment to meeting deadlines and maintaining high-quality standards. Additionally, the Advisory Board conducted a thorough review of all deliverables and provided positive evaluations, further validating the project's strategic alignment and execution.*
>
> *The project also met and/or exceeded all quantitative indicators considered for the period M1-M12 , demonstrating effective planning, resource allocation, and project team engagement. Key milestones were achieved in accordance with the initial timeline, ensuring steady progress toward the goals of TIA2030.*

The conclusion and the results of the annual internal self-evaluation were presented to the Advisory Board and evaluated positively also from their side.

3. External evaluation. Short evaluation surveys among the participants of the educational activities were conducted. Results of the surveys are included in the Technical report and in the subchapter 2.1. Evaluation results are the basis for the continuing improvements of materials and activities.

2.1 Description of the implemented events and activities after the first year of the project[1]

1) Teaching activities

In the academic year 2023/2024 (Year 1) the following teaching activities were implemented:

- **"Theories of Information Society".** It is an obligatory BA-level course (30 teaching hours) whose main purpose is to familiarise students with the main concepts of information society from historical, legal, economic and sociological perspectives. The course, as a part of the TIA2030 project, aims to introduce the emerging issues of Agenda 2030 and its SDGs, as well as relevant EU policies and their implementation in different national, regional and local contexts, in which the technological

[1] Signed attendance lists/attendance evidences for the activities, trainings and events contain personal data and are retained as restricted supporting project documentation, subject to applicable EU data-protection regulations. Accordingly, they are excluded from the public access. Access to them is limited to authorised persons upon a justified request.

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innovations also in the sphere of information technologies, can play a vital role.

The target value of 25 students was achieved. Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5): 5.00 (target value 4.0 achieved and surpassed).

- **"Projects of Information Technologies"**. It is an obligatory MA-level course (30 teaching hours) with the main purpose to familiarise students with the main concepts and approaches in the management of information technology projects. The course, as a part of TIA2030, aims to introduce the issues of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, which will permeate the European Union projects in a variety of its calls and initiatives in the period until 2030. These calls and initiatives will be one of the key drivers of implementation of Agenda 2030 in different national, regional and local contexts, in which the technological innovations, also in the sphere of information technologies, can play a vital role.

The target value of 20 students was achieved. Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5): 4.76 (target value 4.0 achieved and surpassed).

- **"New Paradigms of Information Society"** – an elective course for PhD students (30 teaching hours). 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. As a part of TIA2030, it aims to introduce the issues of Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, which will permeate the European Union's strategic development, as well as, in line with the principle of subsidiarity, that of macroregions, nations, regions, localities and even individual organisations. In this process technological innovations, also in the sphere of information technologies, can play a vital role.

The target value of 5 students was achieved. Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5): 5.00 (target value 4.0 achieved and surpassed).

- **Summer School 2024 "The European Union and Agenda 2030".** This activity brings together high-level experts, young scholars, students (future professionals and practitioners), current professionals active in relevant fields, as well as other interested stakeholders (businesses, civil society, etc.). It covered cover different topics related to Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals but with a specific focus on the role that technologies and innovations play in the process of its implementation.

This year Summer School was held from 20th to 24th May 2024 and was attended by 28 participants during the whole week. Target value of 15 participants was achieved and surpassed. Average grade by participants in the survey (scale 1-5): 4.82 (target value 4.0 achieved and surpassed).

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2) Events and Trainings

In the year 2023/2024 all the planned thematic events and trainings were implemented as reported below.

- **Winter Camp Workshop 2024**. The purpose of this event is to enable communication between academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large with the purpose of mutual learning and exchange of experience, ideas, and to start planning future innovative projects.

This year the workshop was devoted to the challenges and opportunities in the innovation and development areas that could impact the implementation of EU Grand Strategies (speakers: prof. dr. Žiga Turk, with the topic about regenerative economy innovation eco-systems (CROSS-REISS) and prof. dr. Nikolai Genov with the presentation about R&D planning within the EU, both in the context of JM CoE TIA2030).

The activity took place on 14.03.2024 and was attended by 42 participants. Target value of 25 participants was achieved and surpassed.

- **Multi-day joint international field trip to Belgium and Luxembourg.** During the field trip, the participants had the opportunity to visit some of the key European Union institutions and organisations, such as the EU Parliament, the European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Scotland House in Brussels. The main aim of the field trip is to meet professionals with hands-on experience with implementation of Agenda 2030 as well as to meet other target groups.

The field trip took place 15.09.2024 to 19.09.2024 with 22 participants. Target value of 20 participants was achieved and surpassed.

- **Thematic sessions at the international conference – Jean Monnet Day.**
  - **Thematic session** entitled "EU Grand Strategies and their implementation" at the 16th Slovenian Social Science Conference. The contributions offered complementary disciplinary perspectives on European development challenges, covering demographic change and welfare, creative industries and rural development, and gender mainstreaming. These themes complemented TIA2030's focus on the social and institutional conditions for implementing Agenda 2030, supporting interdisciplinary exchange in EU studies and the project's transnational academic dimension.

The Session was held on 27.10.2023[2] and was attended by 22 participants. Target value of 15 participants was achieved and surpassed;

  - **Thematic session** entitled "Agenda 2030 and the role of Institutions, social networks and cognitive frames" at the 17th Slovenian Social Science Conference. The project team presented results from the first year of the project implementation and discussed how institutional arrangements, social relationships and cognitive frames shape technological innovation. Contributions addressed

[2] The first conference session preceded the official project start; its inclusion was approved by the Project Officer.

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innovation for a circular economy, digital transformation and resilience, and regional development. The session therefore connected the SOFIA framework directly with discussion of Agenda 2030 implementation.
The Session was held on 18.10.2024 and was attended by 19 participants. Target value of 15 participants was achieved and surpassed

- **1st Round table** with representatives of different target groups. It was a round table session as a part of the "Social science evening discussions". It was devoted to the topic of the EU's grand strategies and their implementation (European grand visions and implementation deficit – focusing on Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals on institutions and regional policy (main discussants were Borut Rončević and Kseniia Gromova).The discussion addressed EU grand strategies and their implementation, including institutional and regional policy perspectives.

The round table was held on 10.04.2024 and had 25 participants. Target value of 20 participants was achieved and surpassed.

3) Communication and dissemination activities (within reporting period M1-M12)
They have been implemented purposefully to:

- engage, communicate and motivate relevant target groups: academia, students, professionals, policy-makers, policy-officers, civil servants, businesses, civil society and the general public at large;
- raise awareness of projects and results, enhancing visibility of participants and organisations;
- ensure the sustainability of the project's results beyond the duration of the project. The key to this is the visibility of TIA2030;
- engage relevant stakeholders to enhance translation into new policies and improved practices.

Communication with the general public at large.

- We have established the TIA2030 Online Platform, which will play a vital role in the project's communication, dissemination and exploitation strategy. It contains all information on the project, its results, activities, materials, and public deliverables. The Platform will be continuously updated with content (public deliverables, newsletters, newsposts, research results, methodology, protocols, tools etc.) throughout the lifecycle of the project and will be maintained at least 3 years after the conclusion of the project. The domain tia2030.eu was purchased specifically for the purpose of the TIA2030 Online Platform. TIA2030 provides an Online Platform developed as an open-access scientific infrastructure for all published papers and other materials. It will also be available to different target groups with well-worded project updates. The only limitation to the open-access approach will be access to raw primary data collected during the research. There are regular information updates on the TIA2030 Online Platform (at least once per month);
- We created 2 profiles on major social networks, Facebook and X (former Twitter), specifically for the TIA2030 project aims. Together with these profiles, we make regular information updates on social media, Facebook and X (former Twitter) (at least once per month) with more than 4.000 contacts/followers from many countries;

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- 3 electronic newsletters out of 6 are published for the moment of reporting.
- 1 column regarding the topic of TIA2030 was published in local media (article in Novice.svet24, featuring prof. dr. Matej Makarovič, the dean of the Faculty of Information Studies in Novo mesto).

Dissemination through other Jean Monnet actions and infrastructure

We are regularly promoting the project at international events through relevant materials (e.g. slides with logo) and Jean Monnet community online sources (e.g. announcements of calls) to exchange experience, create joint activities and structural links with other academic institutions in exploration of EU and Agenda 2030 and to share the project's results and outcomes.

Dissemination events and workshops

Within the reporting period (M1-M12) TIA2030 organised a total of 5 events (Winter Camp Workshop 2024, Field trip to Belgium and Luxembourg, 2 Thematic sessions at the international conference – Jean Monnet Day, and 1st Round table) to ensure targeted dissemination of project preliminary and final results to different stakeholders and the general public.

Other dissemination activities:

- We have started working on Special journal volume with a collection of a minimum of 5 journal articles in a peer-reviewed journal, Research in Social Change. It will examine the processes and strategic insights that occur while EU Grand Strategies (Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals, in particular) are implemented. The call for papers was announced in August 2024.
- We have started the planning phase of the Book (edited volume) focusing on the processes that occur while the EU's Grand strategies (Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), in particular) are implemented. The call for contributions was announced in August 2024.

4) Research and other activities

- **Quality assurance, monitoring and evaluation plan** was developed and adopted. This plan embraced all aspects of the project and implemented a process of quality, evaluation and monitoring across all Work Packages. The objective of the plan is to ensure that TIA2030 delivers the required outputs. The activity took place from November 2023 till December 2023. The plan was submitted on 31.12.2023;
- **Project Handbook-Action Plan** was developed. This document represents detailing project management and implementation for the entire duration of the project, covering the plan will cover all phases of TIA2030. This activity is a part of T1.2 Project Coordination and Management, which will take place throughout the whole project. The plan was submitted on 31.12.2023;
- **Literature review with meta-analysis** was prepared. The review particularly explores how the social forces (institutions, social networks, and cognitive frames) can shape and impact the internal structural settings of social fields within the process of adopting and implementing Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals. The document also examines potential issues that could hinder the implementation process of the grand strategies (implementation deficit) as well as regards different interpretations of the notion of sustainable development and innovation, which are two of the main concepts in the Agenda 2030 and SDGs' internal structure. In addition, the document outlines the prospect for further research (within the JM CoE TIA2030 as well) with possible

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recommendations for policymakers, researchers, and practitioners interested in promoting sustainable development and innovation in the context of Agenda 2030 and its SDGs. Literature review was submitted on 30.04.2024 and is now available on the TIA2030 Online Platform;

- Based on the Literature review with meta-analysis, a set of documents representing completely 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 set of documents was submitted on 31.10.2024 and is now available on the TIA2030 Online Platform.

5) Changes in relation to the application form

During the implementation of the TIA2030 project there are no significant changes in relation to the application. Request was submitted for

- adding under the section "Dissemination Activities" in the System for Grant Management one of the event that was conducted before the official project start date (01.11.23): Thematic session “EU Grand Strategies and their implementation” at the international conference. The conference was carried out on the following dates: 26.10.23-27.10.23.
- rescheduling of the following activities:
    - Task 4.5 – Winter camp workshop - Q1, Year 1 (November 2023 - January 2024) -was rescheduled for Q2, Year 1 (February 2024 - April 2024) to ensure broader participation and engagement and due to essential participants and stakeholders availability.
    - Task 4.8 – Field trip - Q2, Year 1 (February 2024 - April 2024) was rescheduled for Q4, Year 1 (August 2024 - October 2024) due to the availability of essential participants (including students and staff).

Reschedule and changes were approved by the Project Officer.

3. Recommendations

Based on the above analysis and information the following areas might be addressed:

- Ensure project activities and outcomes are inclusive and accessible to a broad range of target groups;
- Continue focusing on high-quality deliverables through robust review mechanisms;
- Continue dissemination and communication activities to enhance the visibility and influence of the project’s results on broader audiences.

4. Conclusion

As a result, the following conclusions can be made based on the analysis of the deliverables and milestones status, results of the surveys and recommendations given by the participants, Advisory Board and Jean Monnet Self-Evaluation Committee evaluation of the project implementation progress for the reporting period M1-M12 (first year of the project implementation):

- Overall evaluation of the project implementation progress is positive;
- All deliverables due during M1-M12 were submitted according to the due dates and approved

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by the Project Officer;

- All Milestones were achieved on time;
- There were not registered any major issues, problems or disagreements in the project implementation throughout the period M1-M12;
- The communication between the project team members is well kept;
- Changes regarding the dates of the events and activities were properly addressed.

The project demonstrates good continuity of the activities and is expected to proceed as planned.

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