

Dear colleagues,

September brought for ECSA World a new experience: some months ago the Spanish State Secretariat for the European Union launched a call for applications. ECSA World together with the Jean Monnet History Chair of Pompeu Fabra University (Barcelona) presented a proposal of a workshop for teachers from Secondary Schools. As you know, this has been a priority in the Jean Monnet Programme in the last two years. Of course, ECSA World cannot substitute the initiative of the different ECSAs, but we wanted to make an experience and, on that way, also to encourage other associations to develop initiatives in that field. In the newsletter you will find a more detailed report about the workshop, but I can say that it was a very positive experience, not only because information and arguments could be transmitted, but also because the teachers -all of them committed to the task of approaching their students to the European Union but also fighting with the reality that only a small place for it is foreseen in the curricula- were encouraged not to cease with their efforts. The gratitude of the participants was the best payment for the considerable effort done in organizing the workshop.

In the last weeks we had several answers to our efforts to clarify the situation of the ECSAs' websites in parallel to the establishment of the new ECSA World webpage. Many thanks for all the reactions showing the good will and the engagement of all of us, but also the existing difficulties. I am grateful that some new pages could be open and also that some ECSAs are clarifying their legal situation. This kind of work is often exhausting (I know it from my own experience in my first term as President), but at the end this institutional and communication maturing is a great legacy!

Best regards,  
Enrique Banús

## CEDECE National Assembly

As we get informed from the ECSA France (CEDECE) secretary's office, this year the National Assembly took place on the 20th and 21th of June at Paris under the title: "The European Union and economic federalism. Rhetoric and reality". The organizers were the Law Professors: Édouard Dubout (University Paris Est Créteil), Stéphane de La Rosa (University Valenciennes), Alexandre Maitrot de la Motte (University Paris Est Créteil), Francesco Martucci (University Strasbourg) and Valérie Michel (Université Aix-Marseille). This two-day event dealt with three main subjects. On one side "the identification" and "the organization" of the economic federalism in the European Union, and on the other side "the realization of the economic federalism in the European Union".

Most of the participants were coming from universities all around France: Paris Est Créteil, Cergy-Pontoise, Bordeaux IV, de Corte, Strasbourg, Toulouse I Capitole, Rennes I, Nantes, among others, and also from London (London School of Economics) and Belgium (Université Catholique de Louvain). Jean Monnet Chairs Fabrice Picod (president of the ECSA France), Marc Blanquet and Valérie Michel were responsible for leading the sessions.

## From ECSA Austria

We would like to invite you to have a look at the new ECSA Austria website:

[www.ecsa-austria.eu](http://www.ecsa-austria.eu)

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# Barcelona ECSA World Workshop

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**Date:** September 25th and 26th

**Place:** Pompeu Fabra University (UPF)

**City:** Barcelona

It took place the symposium entitled "Teaching Europe in high school classrooms", organized by ECSA World and the Jean Monnet Chair of History at the UPF, along with the financial support of the Secretary of State for the European Union (Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation) and the Jean Monnet Program of the European Union.

The seminar focused on the interest on training teachers from Spanish institutes and colleges to convey first hand information on European integration. It was therefore a first pilot programme with the possibility to practice for future activities. Wanting to meet this goal, the workshop was mainly destined to directors and teachers of this pre-university stage of education and as speakers it counted on the presence of practical experienced people in community life who analyzed the situation of the European Union.

Regarding the program, there were experts from the political, diplomatic and academic field. The major part of the speakers had years of experience in the daily life of the European Union, as officials of the institutions or former members of the European Parliament (including two of the three former Spanish presidents) or as diplomats on charge of EU negotiations.

In the first place, the event was opened by the Rector of the UPF, Jaume Casals -who thanked these scale initiatives and encouraged to do them more of broad range- along with Carles Gasòliba, former deputy in the European Parliament and President of the CIDOB (*Barcelona Centre for International affairs*).

The first session, in the shape of a roundtable "What do young people think about Europe?" revolved around the views of three students from different stages of education: Oriol Ribalta from Secondary School, Alvaro Lagresa from University (degree in Political Science) and PhD student Alexandre de Le Court. All of them presented their student experience and their perception of Europe. Teresa Freixes, holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of Law (Autonomous University of Barcelona) layed out, moderated and closed the session. She also introduced, straightaway, the presentation of the Chief Representative of the European Commission in Barcelona, Ferran Tarradellas, who tabled tips and tools on how to communicate Europe not only in classrooms, assuming the practical difficulties.

*Alexandre de Le Court, Ferran Tarradellas, Teresa Freixes, Alvaro Lagresa and Oriol Ribalta*



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Then, the President of ECSA World, Professor Enrique Banús, presented the session "Why the European Union?" headed by Fernando López de Rego, member of the Boards of Appeal of OHIM (Office for Harmonization in the Internal Market) and former civil servant in the European Commission since the Spanish adhesion. He spoke about the European integration achievements in these decades. Working on the objectives raised in the initial treaty, he spelled out how the main objectives had become reality. López de Rego also commented on what points these improvements were affecting the individual citizen.

Finally, closing the last day of the workshop, teachers Xavier Serra (Espriu High School in Salt) and Josep Brugada (Castell d'Estela High School in Amer) explained his *modus operandi* of teaching syllabus related to Europe in their classrooms and gave examples of good practices.



The conference's second day followed the same schedule. Enrique Barón, former president of the European Parliament and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* (University of Castilla La Mancha) made a historical record of Spain in the European Union context. He was followed by Juan Arístegui, Director of the Office of the Secretary of State for the European Union's, who attended on behalf of the own Secretary of State. He explained the Spanish priorities in the present European Integration situation.

"The European Union today, where is the problem?" was the title of a subsequent meeting, the academic roundtable moderated by PhD student Maria Mut (International University of Catalonia) and attended by: Patricia Garcia-Duran, Professor of Economics (Autonomous University of Barcelona), Fernando Guirao, a member of the seminar organizing committee and holder of the Jean Monnet Chair of History (University Pompeu Fabra) and Jordi Martí, professor at the Faculty of Geography and History (University of Lleida).



The following roundtable aimed to give an overview of Europe from the parliament. To this end, MEPs from all political groups were contacted even though they only could attend Salvador Sedó (Democratic Union of Catalonia) and Santiago Fisas (People's Party). The session was moderated by the journalist Carla Rabell who also had participated in the workshop organization.

MEPs insisted on the importance to vote in the next European elections (2014) because they have an essential difference in comparison with the last ones, as in the proposal of the European Commission President it will take into account the Parliament policy composition.



José Maria Gil-Robles, former president of the European Parliament and president of the Jean Monnet Foundation, dismissed the conference along with the president of ECSA Enrique Banús.

Enrique Banús and José Maria Gil-Robles

# 10th Biennial Conference of the European Community Studies Association in Canada

In 2012 the European Union was awarded the Nobel Prize for Peace and accordingly exposed to many strong reactions from the Wall Street Journal praising it as inspired to British politicians calling it preposterous and absurd. That is the main reason why ECSA Canada has decided to celebrate its 10th Biennial Conference; to evaluate measures and explain the EU's actual contribution to the advancement of peace and reconciliation, democracy and human rights. It will take place in Montreal on the 8th and 10th of May 2014. The organization committee is inviting researchers and practitioners from all over the world who study Europe from an economic, historical, legal, political or sociological perspective. The two-and-a-half-day ECSA Canada conference will include a plenary session, a professional development day for graduate students, panels and workshops.

## ECSA Lithuania International Legal Conference

ECSA Lithuania has been one of the organizers and sponsors of the International Legal Conference "20 years of Lithuania's Membership in the Council of Europe: Lessons and Prospects" that took place on the 7th of June at Vilnius University. The event was announced just a couple of weeks before the Lithuanian Presidency of the Council of the European Union.

The conference addressed topical issues related to the role of the Council of Europe and its impact on the development of the legal system of the Republic of Lithuania, such as safeguarding human rights in the implementation of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms and the European Social Charter, protection of the rights of national minorities, regulation of citizenship and fight against discrimination and intolerance. It was chaired by Prof. Dainius Žalimas (Head of the Institute of International and European Union Law of Vilnius University).

On the other hand, president of ECSA Lithuania Indrė Isokaitė, lecturer at the Faculty of Law of Vilnius University, informed to ECSA World the intention to put into operation a website for the association.

## The ECSA Ireland Jean Monnet Conference

On November 28th and 29th 2013 University of Cork will be the scene of the next Jean Monnet Conference, organized by ECSA Ireland, entitled: *Reflections on Forty Years of Irish Membership of the EU*.

This event will include contributions from key Irish and international academics and political practitioners. The guest of honor will be the Jean Monnet Professor Desmond Dinan, a graduate of University College Cork. The conference will mark the launch of the Irish Association of Contemporary European Studies (IACES) (ECSA Ireland) as a legal entity. Formalizing the existence of IACES will allow the association to develop and grow, and it also means that it will be in a position to apply for funding assistance. Furthermore, such as the President Mary C. Murphy (Department of Government, University College Cork) and the Secretary John O'Brennan (Department of Sociology of National University of Ireland) of the Irish ECSA affirmed that the association has plans to develop a new website, to convene more regularly and to promote more EU-Ireland events.

## New possible ECSA's in Montenegro and Philippines

As we have been informing, one of the ideas of the ECSA World Workshop within the framework of the EUSA Baltimore Conference was the perspective to enlarge the work of ECSA to new countries. After the conference, we have received some news from our colleagues from Central America, Peru and Vietnam.

Now we would like to inform about the intention to create an ECSA in Montenegro, by the hand of Prof. Ivan Jovetic (University of Donja Gorica) and in the Philippines by Prof. Marissa Maricosa A. Paderon (Ateneo de Manila University).

## 2013 ECSA General Assembly

This year 2013 the ECSA General Assembly is scheduled for the evening of November 15 in Brussels.

They are going to be discussed issues related to the admission of new partners, the creation of new ECSA's and the reform of the statutes. Furthermore, it will be analyzed the ECSA financing for the coming year as well as the relation with the European Commission.

Finally, one of the outstanding issues is the communication policy of the association, in special the creation of new websites.

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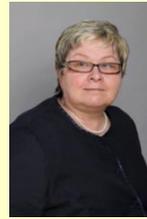
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