









QUALITY REPORT ON 'ACTEUR' JEAN MONNET MODULE ACTIVITIES (SECOND YEAR 2023)

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1. Premise

The main objective of the Jean Monnet "Activating EU rights: Past and Present of Fundamental Human Rights" Module (ActEuR) is to deepen knowledge and raise awareness among a wide target audience on the threat to fundamental human rights at European level through a sociological-historical perspective that adopts the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights as a frame of reference. It represents the instrument through which the ActEuR project intends to connect past and present forms of violations/threats of the rights of dignity, freedom, equality, solidarity, citizenship and justice, such as EU's core values.

ActEuR focuses on the "social Europeanisation" of fundamental human rights conveyed by the EU Charter. Its main activities are:

- 1) a **Teaching course** for Master degree students of the University of Salerno (IT) on the EU Charter;
- 2) **Public webinars** involving university students, national and local civil society actors engaged in the field of human rights, institutional representatives, and the wider public;
- 3) **School roundtables** involving teachers and students of secondary schools;
- 4) **Empirical research** on the spread of denial of fundamental human rights in youth populations.

All of these activities have in common that they consider the EU Charter a dynamic instrument, a "living text" that protects, broadens and adapts to the present a core of fundamental human rights.











This **Second Quality Report** contains the **main results achieved** by the ActEuR project during its second year (2023) and the **evaluations expressed by its participants**.

The first section is devoted to the tools that the Module staff initially prepared to disseminate the results and reach participants in its activities. The second section gives a description of the activities carried out (Teaching Course, Lectures and School Roundtables) and the evaluations expressed by their participants. The third section of this report describes the intensive communication process that was put in place in order to engage participants and disseminate the results of the project to a wide audience.

2. Digital support and deliverables

2.1. ActEuR Website - A high visibility achieved!

The website (www.centrostudieuropei.it/acteur) is the main tool through which ActEuR staff members reached out to participants in the activities and disseminated the results of the project. It was launched on January 15, 2022. The ActEuR website is hosted by the Center for European Studies (CES) website "centrostudieuropei.it" and linked to the home page of the CES, as envisaged by the project.

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Divided into thematic sections, the JM ActEuR website is easily accessible to the wider audience and contains both general information concerning the European Union and the Erasmus + Jean Monnet Actions, and specific information regarding the Module, its objectives and its contents. In particular, three thematic sections are devoted to a) the JM Teaching course, b) the JM Public



project life cycle.







webinars and c) JM School Roundtables respectively. Each of these sections contains a detailed description of the activities planned and carried out annually. In particular, the section of the website dedicated to the JM Teaching Course includes the Course Syllabus. The sections dedicated to JM Public webinars and JM School Roundtables host links to the audio/video recordings of all events uploaded on CES YouTube and CES SoundCloud, and the work produced by secondary students attending the JM Roundtables. Other thematic sections of the ActEuR website are dedicated respectively to: annual reports, news about activities, e-learning platform, newsletter, audio/video distribution platforms and social media (Facebook, Instagram, Spotify, YouTube, SoundCloud) and a page ("they talk about us") dedicated to all information published by online media and newspapers about the module's activities (see also the "Communication" section in this report).

In the **first year 2022**, the Jean Monnet ActEuR Module website reached **908 users (unique IPs)**, with 4265 page views (see First Quality Report at <u>ActEuR-Quality-Report-2022.pdf</u>). In the **second year 2023**, the **results achieved are even more noteworthy**. As of 12/31/2023, the number of **users (unique IPs) rose to 2451** and **pages visited about to 10000**. The following figure shows the comparison between the first and second year of the

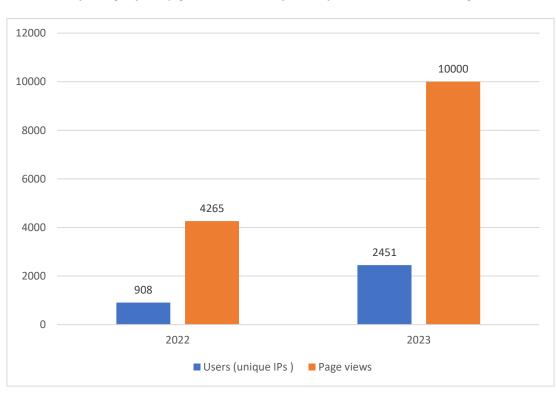


Fig. 2. Comparison between the first and second years of the project (updated February 2024) – NewStatPress Plugin

Most page views are by visitors from Italy (4709 page views) and the UK (3839 page views) (updated as of 06/02/2024).









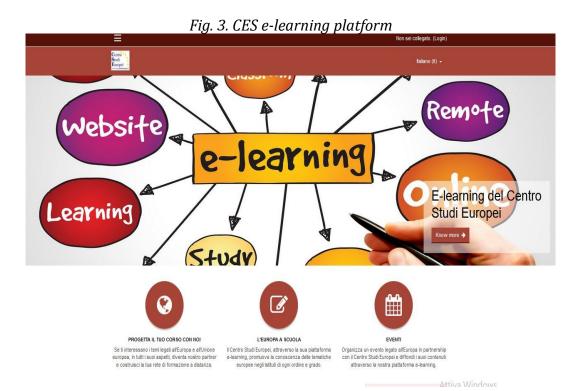


2.3. E-learning Platform

As planned in the project, the already available **CES e-learning platform** (www.centrostudieuropei-elearning.it) hosts the JM Teaching Course entitled "Sociology of Human Rights". The e-learning platform allowed the experimentation of innovative teaching methodology and techniques centered on **cooperative learning**. It has stimulated the participation, discussion and debate among students and teachers. The e-learning platform hosts:

- The teaching material (slides) used during vis-à-vis lectures;
- Podcasts of vis-à-vis lessons;
- In-depth teaching materials;
- The on line forum for peer-to-peer learning community;
- Tests for ongoing individual evaluation in order to assess the students' level of learning (understanding, applying, analyzing, evaluating learning objects).

All learning materials are available to external users who will be granted access as guests (free on demand). Podcasts of vis-à-vis lessons have been systematically uploaded to the elearning platform during the Teaching Course, and complemented with a report of contents (available in English).



During the first year, students participating in the Teaching Course intensively used the tools of the e-learning platform to download materials and discuss course topics with teachers and each other. In particular, a total of **more than 300 messages were exchanged by students in the discussion forums** that accompanied each lesson.





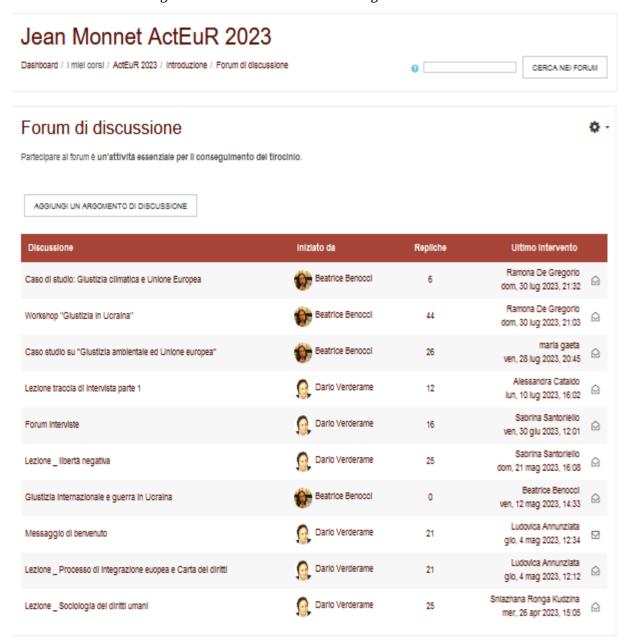






Also in the **second year 2023**, this positive trend was confirmed. About **200 messages** were exchanged by students in the discussion forums.

Fig. 4. Forums activated in Teaching Course 2023













3. Jean Monnet Activities and their evaluation by participants

3.1. Jean Monnet Teaching Course

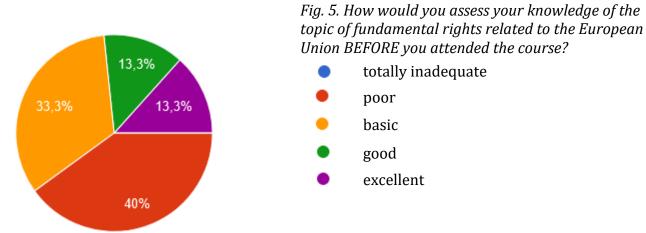
JM Teaching Course entitled "Sociology of human rights: the EU Charter between past and present" consisted of 40 hours of lessons.

The syllabus for the second year of teaching can be found at

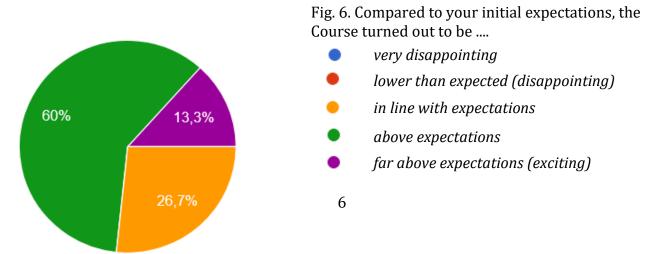
https://www.centrostudieuropei.it/acteur/modulo-jean-monnet-2023/jean-monnet-teaching-2023/

The course involved **30 students** at the University of Salerno mostly from the Sociology Degree Programs. As in the first year of the project, an **anonymous online evaluation questionnaire** was administered at the end of the course to evaluate the teaching delivered (available at https://forms.gle/q3z1FUTWUvEcZAcGA). A total of 20 questionnaires were collected.

As in the first year of the project, most of the students who participated in the Teaching Course and filled out the questionnaire described their **knowledge about the topic of EU-related fundamental rights** as **basic or poor** (Fig. 5). This supports the intention to inaugurate a Jean Monnet Module at the University of Salerno dedicated to this topic.



Overall, the Teaching Course was **far above expectations (exciting)** for **13,3% of the students** and **above expectations** for **60%** of them (Fig. 6). (Fig. 6, below). A **much higher result than the previous year**.













As in the first year of the project, the students' **perceived benefits of attending the Teaching Course** are **all very high**, as shown in the table below. The scores are taken on a scale from 1 to 10, where 1 means "not at all agree" and 10 "completely agree" with the statement being evaluated.

Perceived benefits	Mean	Min	Max	St.dv.
The course offered me the opportunity to reflect on the European dimension of rights	9,92	8	10	0,79
During the course I listened to things that I largely already knew (reverse item)	5,91	2	10	2,84
The course enticed me to want to know more about Europe and rights	8,84	6	10	1,14
The course allowed me to learn more about topics not sufficiently or at all covered in my degree program	7,46	1	10	2,44
I think what I heard in the course will be very useful for me in the future	8,73	4	10	1,47

The knowledge gained is judged as stimulating for understanding the European dimension of rights, largely new, and useful for the future.

Following are some additional judgments made by participants anonymously:

If you wish, you can leave your comments (criticisms or suggestions) about the course in the space below:

- I came out of this course satisfied and, more importantly, enticed more to approach the topics covered.
- The course was really interesting. Working on documents allowed me to put into practice what I study and approaching topics like this was very curious for me. I would not suggest or criticize anything, very well organized.

3.2. Jean Monnet Lectures

The Jean Monnet Lectures entitled "The EU Charter of Fundamental Rights in Practice: Open Lectures" involved students attending JM Teaching Course, **civil society organizations** and **representatives** (public administrators, professional groups, and non-profit volunteers) committed to human rights at the local or national level.

Registration for the seminars took place through an online form publicized through the web and social media of the Jean Monnet Module and the Center for European Studies.

Video recordings of the Jean Monnet Lectures are available at: https://www.centrostudieuropei.it/acteur/modulo-jean-monnet-2023/jean-monnet-lectures-2023-2/













The JM Lectures had a high educational and pedagogical value. They a) disseminate the methodologies and results of national and international research studies on EU framework of fundamental rights; b) illustrate the opportunities that the EU offers for implementing them at local level, c) keep policy makers and private operators of the human rights sector updated on the strategies implemented by the EU; d) bring out the needs of the local actors; e) make them aware of the common European horizon within which their commitment to human rights takes place; f) identify best practices at the local and national level (see report on "Best practice" on the ActEuR web site).











3.3. Jean Monnet School Roundtables

The Jean Monnet ActEuR Module promotes the dissemination of knowledge on the topic of fundamental rights in the European Union, in partnership with civil society, through the realization of Jean Monnet Roundtables entitled "Learning from the past: Fundamental Human Rights and the EU Charter". The Roundtables involve teachers and students from secondary schools. The aim of the Jean Monnet Roundtables is to create interest in Europe and its institutions by discussing the topics of rights and memory that school curricula generally address from a national rather than a European perspective.

In 2023, through ActEuR JM Roundtables, we met students and teachers from the following high schools: **Liceo "Alfano I"**, **Liceo "Francesco De Santis"**, **Liceo "Giovanni Da Procida"**, all located in Salerno.

In total, this **second year** we met with around **240 students** and **15 teachers** at secondary schools. After attending the seminars, students were asked to submit a paper (power point, essay, video, concept map, etc.) on one or more of the topics discussed. Many students used their papers for the final diploma discussion, thus demonstrating their great interest in EU-related topics.

As experienced in the previous year of the project, all outputs remain available to schools (both on the ActEur JM Module website and on the schools' institutional websites) to facilitate the process of disseminating information and expertise. Please, visit:

2022 Jean Monnet School Roundtables

https://www.centrostudieuropei.it/acteur/modulo-jean-monnet-2022/jean-monnet-roundtables-2022/

2023 Jean Monnet School Roundtables

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4. Communication

As in previous year, ActEuR Jean Monnet Module activities have benefited for the dissemination of results from a wide range of communication tools, some already existing, others implemented specifically for the Module. Thanks to the experience gained with the previous EuCuMe JM module, we have organised this action into five specific areas:

- Media and Web-Media,
- Social Media.
- On-demand streaming platform: Spotify, TV and Web Radio Unisa,
- Official website of the University of Salerno,











• Official websites (CES and ActEuR) and other digital tools.

All these tools dialogue with each other, creating an effective communication and information tool, with the result of reaching different desired targets.

Please, visit our communication tools:

Web site https://www.centrostudieuropei.it/acteur

Facebook https://www.facebook.com/centrostudieuropei/

Instagram https://www.instagram.com/centrostudieuropeisalerno

SPOTIFY https://open.spotify.com/show/10XHUALeW2AYNXS0aG3ZOB

SoundCloud https://soundcloud.com/cseunisa

YouTube https://www.youtube.com/@centrostudieuropeiunisa6740

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