



**University of Oradea,  
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invite you to participate in the Jean Monnet International Conference

**Actors, Mechanisms and Levels of Influence in the  
EU Decision-Making**  
26 - 28 May, 2022  
Oradea, Romania

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Over the last years, the European Union has been confronted with major crises, challenges and transformations. The coronavirus pandemic, the social and economic crises, the green and digital transitions, migration or instability in its neighbourhood have a profound impact on the Member States, their citizens, but also on the decision-making process at all levels of government.

In the midst of all these challenges, the European Union and the Member States alike are taking the decisions and are designing the instruments and mechanisms aimed at making Europe greener, digital and more resilient – socially and economically. By implementing a plan and by using the related investments, from the six priorities set by the European Commission for the 2019 – 2024 mandate, to the 2021 - 2027 EU's long-term budget or the NextGenerationEU instrument. Because the objective is to look beyond its recovery, to a new, transformed and better EU. A Europe that is also stronger in the world, a Europe that protects more efficiently its way of life and a Europe that gives a new push for the European democracy. A Europe that wants its citizens to have a more active role in setting the EU's priorities and in the EU decision-making process, and the Conference on the Future of Europe represents one of the instruments for achieving this.

From a theoretical point of view, the structure of the European Union's multilevel governance provides the framework for the participation in and for the influence of the European decision-making process, by actors from different levels (national, regional, local) and from different sectors (public, private, non-governmental), as well as citizens. On the other hand, the multilevel governance of the European Union represents a challenge for the governance process in the Member States, whether we are referring to the political processes, the institutional structures or the content of policies. Therefore, beyond these internal transformations, which the integration in the European Union brings to the Member States, but in close connection with them, the way in which different national actors, from different levels and sectors, participate in and influence the European decision-making, constitutes an issue that requires constant reevaluation and improvement.



As a consequence, the objective of the Conference is to approach topics related to the crises, challenges and transformations, from different policy areas (public health, economy, social affairs, environment, education and training, youth, research and innovation, digitalisation, regional policy, rural development, transport, energy, borders and security, migration, EU citizenship, etc.), that the EU and the Member States are currently facing, with a particular focus on the interaction among the European, national and sub-national actors as regards the process of European public policies formulation and the influence of the EU decision-making process.

The Conference aims to bring together academics and researchers from various fields of expertise and countries, but also professionals, public authorities, civil society representatives, representatives of business enterprises and of mass-media, in an endeavour to gather experiences, examples of both challenges and best practices, in order to identify solutions for strengthening the EU's multilevel governance and the European public policies formulation, with reference both to the content of the European policies and to the channels, instruments and mechanisms that different EU actors, from different sectors and levels of government, have at their disposal.

#### Conference Panels:

- 1. European Policies Formulation Process, between the European and National Levels:** Actors, Interactions, Mechanisms
- 2. National Systems of Coordination of the European Affairs:** Efficient versus Inefficient Strategies
- 3. National and Sub-national Actors:** Channels and Instruments for Participation to/and for Influencing the EU Decision-making Process
- 4. Local, Regional and National Political Agendas** – One or Different Strategies for Promoting the National Interests, at the EU level?

#### Important dates:

- 10 March 2022: Deadline for submission of abstract
- 16 March 2022: Notification of acceptance
- 19 May 2022: Delivery of full conference paper
- 26 - 28 May 2022: Hybrid conference – online and on-site, in Oradea, Romania

#### Abstracts:

The **abstracts** (max. **500 words, followed by 3-5 keywords**) will be submitted for review in electronic MS Word format. Please provide the full names, affiliation and e-mail addresses of all authors. Authors are also asked to send a **100 words biographical note** focusing on research activities, scientific interests and previous publications.

Abstracts should be sent by **10<sup>th</sup> of March 2022** to the Conference Coordinator, **Alina – Carmen BRIHAN**, at the following address: **alina\_brihan@yahoo.com**.

#### The members of the Jean Monnet Module:

- PhD Lecturer Alina – Carmen **BRIHAN** – *Module leader*
- PhD Assistant Professor Gabriela **GOUDENHOOFT** - *Member of the teaching staff*
- PhD Professor Ioan **HORGA** – *Member of the teaching staff*



### **Travel & Accommodation:**

There is **no participation fee** for the Conference.

The Conference will be held in the **hybrid mode**: online and on-site in Oradea – if the sanitary situation will allow it. The authors of the accepted papers will have a choice to present their papers online or on-site - in Oradea.

As regards the on-site organization of the Conference - in Oradea, **the accommodation and meals** during the Conference will be paid by the organizers for one presenter of each accepted paper. There are **no available funds for travel costs**.

### **Publication:**

The conference papers will be published in a **Conference Proceedings Volume** - titled „**Actors, mechanisms and levels of influence in the EU decision-making**”.