

Teaching and Researching the European Council

Enhancing and disseminating knowledge on a key institution in challenging times

Jean-Monnet Project

TRACK Objectives

As the European Council is the (or at least a) key institution in the European Union's institutional architecture, TRACK will deal with the ongoing and major need to provide regular offers for teaching and research on the European Council (EUCO). Reacting to a gap in the academic community, it aims to promote real-time studies of the EUCO as a moving target.

TRACK follows up the Jean Monnet project [Summit](#) that was highly ranked by the European Commission. The project was awarded a "success story" as well as a "good practice example".

By offering a 4-star-program, TRACK will link academia, practitioners, the educational sector, the civil society and the general public:

★ **Academic Analysis:**

TRACK will regularly **analyse** and **assess** the EUCO's activities along **five analytical dimensions:**

- history,
- legal words and real world functions,
- internal decision-making,
- impact on the EU's institutional architecture,
- lessons for teaching and research.

★★ **Events:**

TRACK will organize **conferences** in Brussels and Berlin, **public lectures with panel discussions** across Europe and **World Cafés** at secondary schools.

★★★ **Online Activities:**

TRACK will provide **analytical reports** on the EUCO's performance, **comments** after EUCO meetings **on Twitter**, a set of **innovative online teaching modules**, contributions to **editions** on the EU system and **journal articles**.

★★★★ **Dissemination:**

TRACK will spread its output via a constantly updated **website**, **newsletters**, **social media** (Twitter, Facebook) and the **partner institutes' networks**.

TRACK Structure

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The TRACK advisory board consists of high-level experts from different disciplines and countries with Herman van Rompuy, former president of the European Council, as the head of the advisory board.

