NEWSLETTER
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Dear reader,

We are glad to present you the fifth edition of the South East European Law School Network (SEELS) quarterly Newsletter which will be, we believe, an informative and useful read. It is our idea to regularly produce these informative newsletters to reach the broadest audience possible, primarily in the SEELS network but also wider and to keep you informed about our goals, activities, plans, successes and experiences.

SEELS, as a network, is dedicated to creating synergies and fostering excellence in science and education through regional collaboration. It is comprised of the 12 Law Faculties from the University of Tirana, University of Sarajevo, University of Zenica, University “Džemal Bijedić” of Mostar, University Zagreb, University of Split, Jossip Juraj Strossmayer University of Osijek, University of Rijeka, Ss. Cyril and Methodius University in Skopje, University of Montenegro, University of Belgrade and University of Niš. As a network representing approximately 1,100 teachers and researchers as well as 40,000 students, it works on the development and introduction of new joint programmes and activities in the area of education, further professional training, and on research and publishing in the field of law. In this manner the SEELS members are able to offer attractive and specialised courses and programmes and thereby facilitate regional mobility of scientists, students, researchers and lawyers.

Our permanent goal and strong belief is that the knowledge should be multiplied and communicated. We are convinced that only through informing and involving the widest of academic audience possible we can truly reach our goals and develop. On that note we would like to leave you with the content of this second SEELS quarterly Newsletter in hope that it will provoke interest for further knowledge in all things SEELS.
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION, DEVELOPMENT & FUNDRAISING

THIRD EDITION, SEE LAW JOURNAL

The Centre for SEELS has been undertaking efforts to issue the third edition of the SEE Law Journal for multiple months already. To our pleasure, the process came to an end and the third edition is now published and available on our webpage. In case you would be interested in reading some of the articles, please visit the following link:


STRENGTHENING THE EU LEGAL STUDIES IN SEE project

In the past period was intensive one as it entailed the organization and implementation of the first meeting of the Editorial Board of the SEE Law Journal to redefine and agree upon the new Editorial Policy and format of the Journal. It was a successful event which was held in mid February at the Faculty of Law in Skopje. Additionally the Public Call for the new SEE LJ web page which will automatise the production process of the Journal was conducted successfully, giving way for solid implementation of the projects activities.

FUNDRAISING AT ITS PEAK: STRIVING FOR ADDITIONAL EU FUNDING FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION

The beginning of the year is traditionally marked by intense fundraising activities due to several deadlines of EU funding programmes. 2017 was no exception to that. Inspired by a successful project application in 2016 when SEELS was awarded its first EU grant ever under the Jean Monnet Scheme we decided to step up the pace and to seek for additional funds.

Horizon 2020 EU funding programme

With this ambitious goal in mind a proposal for a multidisciplinary research project entitled “Organizing and Managing “Circular Migration”: Concept and Programme for a New Positive Approach to Migration” was submitted under the Horizon 2020 EU funding programme. For that purpose a consortium was formed consisting of the University Saarland (Europa-Institut), University of Hamburg, University College London, University Vienna, University of Krakow and University
Malmoe to name a few. The project’s goal is to create an EU and Member State Model Programme of Circular Migration (CMP) for a better management of current and future migration flows.

**Erasmus+ Jean Monnet: Support to Networks EU funding programme**

The second project proposal that was developed in January and February is meant to develop into the continuation of the well-established SEE-EU LAW NET summer schools series which is successfully running since 2013. “SEE-EU LAW NET: Advancing EU Legal Studies in South East Europe” is a joint venture of SEELS, the University of Saarland (Europa-Institut), the University of Paris-Oest, the University of Pecs and the University of Graz (Centre for South East European Studies) with which we strive to institutionalize previous activities (summer schools, PhD colloquia, expert meetings) into a single format.

Similar to the H2020 application, we are expecting to be informed about the outcome of selection process in September 2017.

**FUNDRAISING SUCCESSES WITH DAAD**

We are glad to inform you that the project proposal “Reflecting Ethnic Heterogeneity and Tolerance towards National Minorities in Legal Education in South East Europe and Germany” was approved by DAAD. Developed in close cooperation with Europa-Institut of Saarland University consists in its essence of three main activities:

1. An expert roundtable in which national minority rights in teaching and research at the SEELS member faculties will be jointly assessed.

2. A regional summer school on minority rights open to master students of the SEELS member faculties and Europa-Institut.

3. The development of a regional minority rights e-learning module to be made available to the SEELS member faculties.
PUBLIC RELATIONS

REGULAR UPDATE OF SEELS’ WEB AND FACEBOOK PAGE

Aiming to reach the widest of audience possible the Centre for SEELS regularly updates the web and Facebook page of the SEELS network, thereby informing about the activities of SEELS and its members, but also sharing attractive news from the academic world. Moreover, as our students are always in the focus, we are regularly updating internship and scholarship opportunities for them as well. In case of an interest for internships or scholarships please visit: http://seelawschool.org/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=260&Itemid=977&lang=en

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

NEW MANAGER AT THE CENTRE FOR SEELS

The month of March was marked by the process of election of new Manager of the Centre for SEELS. Namely, following the structural changes at the Centre for SEELS, Prof. Dr. Gordana Bužarovska coming from the Iustinianus Primus Faculty of Law in Skopje, undertook the leading position at our institution. The election procedure was concluded in the beginning of April, after which her term effectively started.
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