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Dear Presidents, dear colleagues, dear friends!

The challenges for the European Union are growing more and more. Let's hope that the political leaders in the different countries and also in the European Union are able to face these challenges with a convincing message and convincing political measures. Hopefully we as academics will be able to only to explain the ongoing processes to our students but also to stay in dialogue with the decision makers. The annual Jean Monnet conference (addressed every two years also to the ECSAs) is a clear indicator for the situation of the dialogue between the Jean Monnet community (so closely linked to ECSA) and the European Commission. We are sure that for the coming years we will be able to find new ways for cooperating in this meeting that also is a good opportunity to talk to so many colleagues with whom we share the interest for and the engagement in the promotion of the European values.

In that sense, the months October and November use to be specially interesting for all of us. Another reason for the special relevance of those months is the fact that normally in that time the call for applications for the Jean Monnet Programme is published. On October 22, in fact, the documents for the year 2016 have been published. The deadline for presenting applications has been fixed for February 25, 2016.

ECSA World is interested in participating in this programme together with some of the national or regional ECSAs. The Board welcomes your proposals!

*All the best,
Enrique Banús
President*

New perspectives for the creation of ECSA Indonesia

It seems that the possible creation of an ECSA in Indonesia is coming closer.

In previous years, there have already been two attempts. In one of them, a professor from Jakarta, capital of Indonesia, showed a positive attitude, although that was unsuccessful.

But now, the president of ECSA Netherlands Nico Groenendijk, encouraged at the Warsaw meeting by ECSA World president Enrique

Banús, contacted with a group of Indonesian students he used to teach at the University Twente-Enschede and who are now lecturers of European studies in their country. They showed interest and contacted to ECSA World. Finally, a meeting with Leonce Bekemans (member of the ECSA board) and these experts will take place in November, taking advantage of a trip they have already planned to Brussels.

We hope this time we will be successful.

ECSA Canada presents the 11th Biennial Conference

“The European Union and North America: An Inevitable Partnership?”

The European Community Studies Association Canada's (ECSA-C) 11th Biennial Conference will take place from the 9th to 11th of May 2016 in the coastal city of Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.

The conference seeks to bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars and students from North America, Europe and beyond to discuss the common challenges and actions that currently characterize transatlantic relations and compare experiences in a variety of policy fields (economics, politics, law and beyond; see full conference abstract). The topics addressed include:

- *Transatlantic trade agreements (CETA, TTIP): impact and challenges.*
- *European and North American approaches to the management of the global economy.*
- *Social policy in times of austerity: EU and North American experiences.*
- *EU-North America cooperation in fighting terrorism.*
- *The EU, North America and their involvement in the crisis in the Middle East.*
- *Transatlantic relations regarding Russia.*

- *Comparative perspectives on the management of migration and citizenship.*

- *European and North American approaches to gender and diversity.*

- *Transatlantic cooperation on science and education.*

The keynote lecture of the conference will be given by Michelle Egan, Woodrow Wilson Scholar, Professor and Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam* in School of International Service, American University (Washington, D.C).

Funding is provided by the Erasmus + Program under the Jean Monnet Project category. The conference is co-sponsored by Dalhousie University (Canada) and the European Union Centre of Excellence (EUCE).

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ECSA Germany will submit a Jean Monnet application form for 2016-2017 and encourage the participation of its members

ECSA Germany (Arbeitskreises Europäische Integration – AEI), as well as in recent years, will submit a European Commission application form for the co-financing of conferences for the next years 2016 and 2017.

The AEI Board therefore invites its members to send (no later than 15 December

2015) proposals for conference projects that they want to organize and carry out in cooperation with the association.

In the announcement, the association give their members rules for submitting the proposal.

New roles at the European Commission

The responsible for Jean Monnet and ECSA World matters

Since September, Martin Reicherts, Claire Morel and Vito Borelli are the main responsible in the European Commission for Jean Monnet and ECSA World matters. This means they are the ones who -at different levels- maintain collaboration and dialogue with the association, organize every two years the Commission Conference for ECSA World and facilitate the logistic for the General Assembly, among other issues. According to the newest version of the organisational chart, Belén Bernaldo de Quirós is now Advisor at the Direction that is responsible for Educational policy, with the acting Director Adam Tyson.

Martine Reicherts

DIRECTOR GENERAL

Directorate-General Education and Culture (DG EAC)

Martine Reicherts has been appointed as the new head of the European Commission's (EC) Directorate-General Education and Culture (DG EAC), which is the executive branch of the European Union responsible for policy on education, culture, youth, languages, and sport. The DG EAC also supports projects and programmes such as Creative Europe and Erasmus+.

She was born in 1957 in Luxembourg-Ville (Luxembourg), studied at University of Luxembourg (Grand-Duché de Luxembourg), University of Nice (France), University of Aix en Provence (France).

Reicherts takes over from Xavier Prats Monné as part of a reshuffle of the European Commission's senior management. Prior to her appointment at DG EAC, she was the Director-General for the Commission's Luxembourg-based Publications Office (DG OP) since August 2007. From 2003 to 2007 she was head of service at the Office for Infrastructure and Logistics in Luxembourg, with responsibility for managing the property portfolio, removals and transport, and social welfare facilities for the Commission's departments in Luxembourg.

Prior to joining OIL, Ms Reicherts was successively Head of Unit, acting Director and

Director of Administration and Personnel Management (Luxembourg and Ispra) at the Commission's Directorate-General for Personnel and Administration.

From March 1998 to September 1999, Reicherts was Spokesperson of the European Commission.

During her extensive career at the European Commission, Ms Reicherts has been a member of cabinet for three different Commissioners, including Commission President Jacques Santer. A lawyer by training, Ms Reicherts began her career at the European Commission in 1984, taking up a post in the Directorate-General for Science, Research and Development.





Claire Morel

HEAD

Unit International Cooperation in Education and Youth (DG EAC)

Claire Morel has worked for the past 18 years in the field of international cooperation in education and training.

Before joining the European Commission, she worked at the European Training Foundation, an agency of the EU based in Turin, on the modernisation of vocational education and training systems in the Eastern neighbouring countries. She then moved to DG Education and Culture (DG EAC) of the European Commission where she worked for the Tempus programme (for higher education

modernisation), dealing mainly with Central Asian countries, and the programme's external communication.

She is now head of the unit for international cooperation in education and youth in DG EAC including also the Jean Monnet Programme and her work concentrates on international policy dialogue in education and training, in particular with the EU's neighbouring countries.

Vito Borrelli

HEAD OF SECTOR

Unit International Cooperation in Education and Youth (DG EAC)



Vito Borrelli is Head of Sector for the Erasmus Mundus programme in DG Education and Culture. More specifically, he is in charge of the design, implementation and follow-up of the programme. He is also responsible for the relations with the EEAS and DEVCO (notably as concerns higher education matters), the

sectoral policy dialogue with China in the field of education, training, multilingualism, culture and youth, the management of studies and surveys. He is very often called to represent the Commission vis-à-vis authorities and institutions in EU and non-EU countries.

Vito Borrelli has many years of experience at the European Commission, where he is working since 1994.

Before taking up his current responsibilities, he was involved in information and communication activities and the management of the Leonardo da Vinci programme. Vito studied Humanities (English/Russian Languages and Literatures) and began his career as a teacher and a translator.