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The Regional Dimension of Ukraine's European Integration

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Within the framework of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint”, the project team paid a working visit to the European Committee of the Regions and met with Mr Vincenzo Greco.

The meeting provided valuable insights into the mission, role and key priorities of the European Committee of the Regions as an advisory body of the European Union. The discussion focused particularly on:

- ♦ the role of regional and local governance in implementing EU policies
- ♦ the regional dimension of Ukraine's European integration
- ♦ the prospective establishment of the EU–Ukraine Joint Consultative Committee (JCC)
- ♦ the Committee's initiatives in support of Ukraine
- ♦ current challenges related to regional development and multilevel governance

The visit deepened the participants' understanding of how European policies are translated into action at the regional level. It also highlighted the important role of universities in preparing professionals capable of contributing to the recovery, development and European integration of Ukrainian regions.

The knowledge gained will be incorporated into the project's educational materials, policy-oriented seminars and capacity-building activities. Future cooperation may also include the involvement of experts from the European Committee of the Regions in online lectures, seminars and professional dialogues with students and academic staff.

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 **Regional Policy and Ukraine's Preparation
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As part of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint”, a working meeting was held with Mr Marinko Raos, representing the CIVEX Commission of the European Committee of the Regions.

The meeting focused on regional policy in the EU accession process, multilevel governance, institutional capacity of regional and local authorities, the involvement of Ukrainian regions and municipalities in EU processes, and their future participation through the EU–Ukraine Joint Consultative Committee (JCC).

The discussion also highlighted the role of universities as hubs of knowledge, expertise and professional capacity for European integration.

The meeting provided valuable practical insights into Ukraine's EU accession process and established a basis for future cooperation, including joint events, online lectures and academic discussions for students and staff of Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics.

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MO34 ENTRANCE 23/07/2026 13:18		
TIME	MEETING	ROOM
12:30 13:30	European Neighbourhood Council	09/A007
13:00 14:00	UDP meeting	02/A048
13:00 14:30	PIM - meeting on MTP	03/060
13:30 17:00	B3 HoU Meetings MO34	06/060
13:30 15:00	Project "EU-UA Blueprint – EU Competitiveness: a Blueprint for Ukraine's European Future"	03/A007

New Opportunities for Cooperation with the European Commission for Ukrainian Students

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint”, a working meeting was held with Ms Ewa Krzemień, representing the Visits Service, DG COMM of the European Commission.

The meeting focused on long-term cooperation between the European Commission and Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics.

The discussion covered:

- ♦ expanding educational cooperation
- ♦ virtual study visits to EU institutions
- ♦ online guest lectures by experts from different Directorates-General
- ♦ direct dialogue between Ukrainian students and EU representatives

The meeting laid the foundation for further institutional cooperation. The next step will be to plan regular virtual events, study visits and lectures for students and academic staff.

These initiatives will help Ukrainian students better understand the EU, deepen their knowledge of Ukraine's European integration and gain access to European expertise despite security-related restrictions.

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Shaping Europe's Future: EU Policies and Financial Priorities

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, an expert session “Shaping Europe's Future: The Work of the European Commission” was held with Mr Niklas Juhl, representing the European Commission's Directorate-General for Budget — DG BUDG.

Participants gained deeper insights into the European Commission's role as the EU's executive institution, discussing:

- ♦ the Commission's role in developing and implementing EU policies
- ♦ principles of EU budget implementation
- ♦ the structure of the Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF)
- ♦ the link between EU strategic priorities and financial instruments
- ♦ challenges of public communication in the digital age
- ♦ the impact of AI on the information space
- ♦ countering disinformation and strengthening public trust

The knowledge gained will be incorporated into courses on European governance, public administration and strategic communication within “EU-UA BluePrint”.

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Ukraine's Path towards EU Membership: Accession Negotiations and Single Market Integration

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, an expert session was held with Mr Benoît Mesnard, representing the European Commission's Directorate-General for Enlargement and Eastern Neighbourhood — DG ENEST, Ukraine.

The session focused on the EU's Enlargement Package and key stages of Ukraine's accession, addressing:

- ♦ the methodology of EU accession negotiations
- ♦ the structure of negotiating clusters
- ♦ mechanisms used to assess candidate countries' progress
- ♦ key reforms in rule of law and public administration
- ♦ Ukraine's integration into the EU Single Market

Particular attention was given to the fact that this integration can advance gradually during negotiations, allowing sectors to align with EU standards before full membership.

The knowledge gained will support academic research and new educational modules on the Single Market and accession process.

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The EU Competitiveness Compass: Directions for Ukraine's Economic Transformation



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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, an expert session was held with Mr Martijn Haas, representing the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs — DG GROW.

The session focused on the EU Competitiveness Compass, addressing:

- ♦ the strategic framework for enhancing EU competitiveness
- ♦ the role of innovation and technological development
- ♦ the green and digital transitions
- ♦ the contribution of SMEs
- ♦ the role of universities in creating innovation ecosystems

Particular attention was given to universities as environments where education, research, entrepreneurship and innovation come together, contributing to new technologies, business growth and professionals for a European-oriented economy.

The knowledge gained will be incorporated into educational programmes within “EU-UA BluePrint”.

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#GreenTransition #SME #TechnologyTransfer #EuropeanIntegration
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New EU Opportunities for Ukrainian Businesses and SMEs

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, an expert meeting was held with Ms Martine Diss, representing the European Commission's Directorate-General for Internal Market, Industry, Entrepreneurship and SMEs — DG GROW.

The meeting focused on business cooperation between the EU and Ukraine and practical support instruments for Ukrainian SMEs, presenting:

- ♦ EU support instruments for Ukrainian companies
- ♦ opportunities through the SME Alliance
- ♦ the STEPIn2EU programme supported by GIZ
- ♦ resources through the European Cluster Collaboration Platform
- ♦ current calls and funding, including FutureProof Textiles and MANUFACTergy
- ♦ mechanisms connecting Ukrainian companies with European business networks and clusters

Up-to-date resources and funding links were collected for businesses, researchers, students and future entrepreneurs. Materials will be shared with project stakeholders for practical use and proposal submission.

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#EUFunding #Innovation #Clusters #EuropeanIntegration #KhNUE*



The European Parliament: Democracy, Representation and Ukraine's European Future

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, the team participated in an educational visit to the European Parliament — the only EU institution whose members are directly elected by citizens.

The visit deepened understanding of the Parliament's role in EU decision-making and democratic governance. Participants explored:

- ♦ the history of the European Parliament
- ♦ its legislative, budgetary and supervisory functions
- ♦ procedures for adopting EU legislation
- ♦ the work of political groups
- ♦ plenary sessions and committees
- ♦ the multilingual communication system

The knowledge gained will strengthen the project's educational component and be incorporated into new modules and seminars.

A contact was established for future cooperation with Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics — next step: a virtual visit and guest lecture for students.

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The Council of the European Union: How Member States Shape Common European Decisions

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Within the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence “EU-UA BluePrint” project, the team participated in an educational visit to the Council of the European Union in Brussels — a key EU institution where Member States coordinate national interests and shape common decisions.

The visit deepened understanding of the Council's role, structure and functioning. Participants explored:

- ♦ the Council's role within the EU institutional architecture
- ♦ different Council configurations by policy area
- ♦ mechanisms of intergovernmental cooperation
- ♦ the work of preparatory bodies and working parties
- ♦ the role of COREPER
- ♦ principles of compromise-building and consensus

The knowledge gained will enrich the project's educational modules with practical cases on European governance and negotiations.

A contact was established for future cooperation — next step: a virtual visit to the Council for students and staff of Simon Kuznets Kharkiv National University of Economics.

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