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EXCELEM 2.0

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Newsletter



Here's what has happened in the last months and what's to come!

Welcome to EXCELEM 2.0 newsletter! We are thrilled to share with you the latest news and what is coming in the next months.

As EXCELEM 2.0 gains momentum, the past month has marked an exciting start for the project. The Inauguration Conference held in Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation in March 2025 was the official launch of the programme.

In terms of our recent activities, we have successfully launched our website. The website will be a central hub for project updates, resources, event information, and engagement.

At the same time, we had the opportunity to present EXCELEM 2.0 to students in Budapest, as part of our invitation to the EU Secure BIP.

We are also excited to announce that in the following months the EXCELEM 2.0 platform will be launched, enabling users to create profile and browse.

Finally, we want to remind everyone that our communication channels, Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Spotify are on!

Enjoy this newsletter!

*EXCELEM 2.0
Team*

In this newsletter you can expect:

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Inauguration Conference

EXCELEM 2.0 Inauguration Conference was held in Aikaterini Laskaridis Foundation on March 7, 2025 bringing together students, researchers, and stakeholders. This was the official launch of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "EXCELEM 2.0", a project dedicated to the establishment of a pivotal hub of EU Studies to promote EU Teaching and Research, focusing in the Eastern Mediterranean, through joint transnational activities reinforcing the research community on EU issues.

With the enthusiastic participation of students, academics, researchers and policymakers, the conference sparked rich discussions on issues related to the EU and Eastern Mediterranean, energy, investments, new technologies and security.

Highlights

Opening Session:

Prof. Foteini Asderaki, Prof. Guy Ben-Porat and Dr. Hila Zahavi introduced the vision and mission of EXCELEM 2.0, emphasizing new opportunities for academic cooperation and student engagement.

Prof. Aristotle Tziampiris offered a compelling welcome, framing the Centre's role in shaping critical discourse on international and European studies.

Session I: EU and Eastern Mediterranean

Chaired by Dr. Hila Zahavi, this session featured:

- Prof. Sharon Pardo, who presented the new EU Pact for the Mediterranean.
- Former Israeli Ambassador Ronny (Aharon) Leshno-Yaar, who discussed EU-Israel relations in a changing Middle East landscape.

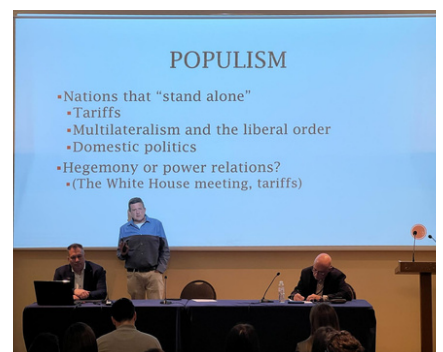
Chaired by Nikolaos Ntarzanos, PhD candidate this session consisted of:

- Asaf Porat, Research student, who explored Israel's role as an energy bridge to Europe.
- Christos Mourdoukoutas, PhD student, who analyzed China's growing investments footprint in Greece and the eastern Mediterranean.

Session II: Eastern Mediterranean, Technology and Security

Chaired by Prof. John A. Paravantis, this final session examined:

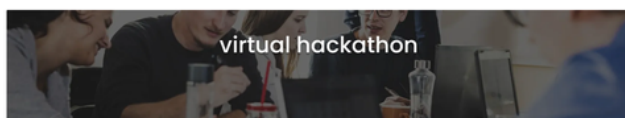
- The rise of global populism in the Middle East, presented by Prof. Guy Ben-Porat.
- The AI and digital health, presented by Prof. Ilias Maglogiannis.



EXCELEM 2.0 Website

We are excited to announce the launch of the official website for the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence EXCELEM 2.0. Through the website you can read all the news and information related to the activities of the project, research initiatives and opportunities.

The link of the website is the following <https://excelem.eu/>. We would love to hear from you as you explore our website and learn more about how you can engage with EXCELEM 2.0.



virtual hackathon

Join Our Virtual Hackathon: Innovate, Collaborate, and Create!

A virtual hackathon is an exciting and dynamic event that brings together talented individuals to solve challenges and develop innovative solutions in a collaborative online environment. Through the EXCELEM 2.0 platform, participants (or 'hackers') will work together, leveraging their diverse skills and creativity to tackle real-world problems within a defined timeframe.

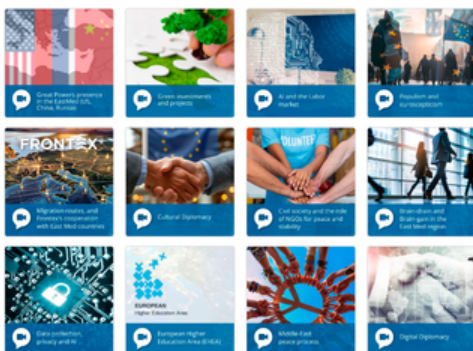
Our hackathon creates an inclusive space for participants from across the globe to connect, share ideas, and co-create impactful projects. Teams will use virtual channels to collaborate and brainstorm solutions to key policy challenges.

At the end of the event, teams will present their ideas through virtual presentations, and the best solutions will be showcased on the platform.

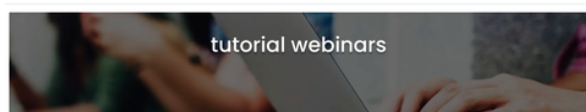
This is your opportunity to engage with other innovators, solve important issues, and leave your mark on the future of policy-making!

Our Online Seminars

Explore our diverse range of online seminars designed to enhance your knowledge and skills across various fields. Each seminar brings valuable insights and learning experiences!



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Tutorial Webinars

Explore our tutorial webinars, designed to equip you with valuable skills for your academic and professional journey. Each webinar is crafted to provide actionable insights that will help you succeed in your work and studies.

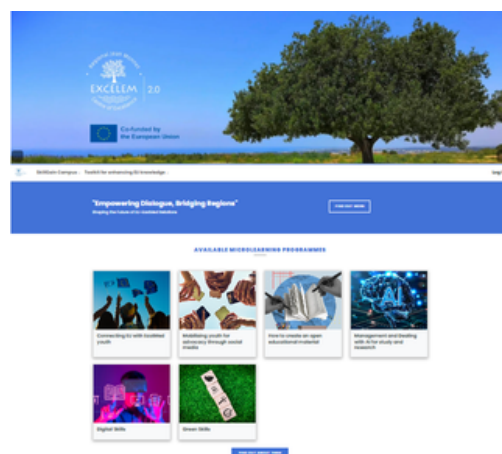


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EXCELEM 2.0 Platform

Work is well underway on the EXCELEM 2.0 Platform, which will offer microlearning programmes, seminars, tutorial webinars, hackathons, badges and many more. The platform is currently in development and is expected to launch in the coming months—stay tuned!

<https://platform.excelem.eu/>

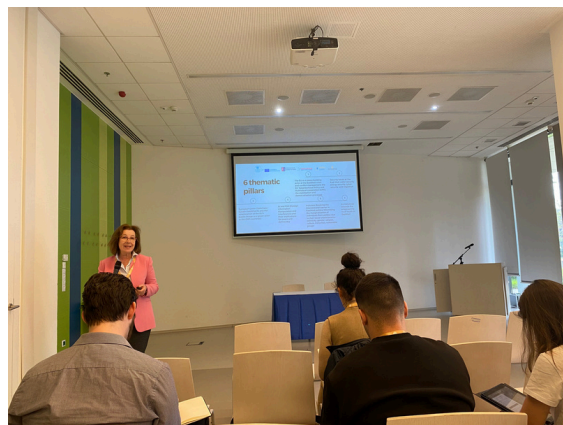


EXCELEM 2.0 goes international Blended Intensive Programme | Budapest, Hungary | 7-11 April 2025

EXCELEM 2.0 was presented during a Blended Intensive Programme (BIP) hosted in Budapest, Hungary bringing together international students and academics from across Europe. Prof. Foteini Asderaki introduced EXCELEM 2.0, its goals and the future activities.

Many international students expressed interest in future participation in EXCELEM 2.0's activities and ways through which students can get involved.

The Budapest BIP gave us the opportunity to extend the impact across Europe and to enhance cooperation with diverse student groups.



Thank you for reading!



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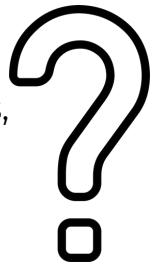
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EXCELEM 2.0 is active on social media!
Join our growing community and stay
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Why you should follow our social media?

- ✓ Upcoming events, conferences, seminars etc.
- ✓ Research updates & publications
- ✓ Opportunities
- ✓ Microlearning Programme



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