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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.

EXCELEM 2.0 organised two informational sessions: one for undergraduate students and one for postgraduate students. The events focused on the role of the European Commission in the governance of the European Union, as well as on career opportunities within the European Institutions.

In addition, EXCELEM 2.0 organised a seminar to mark the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration.

Furthermore, a workshop focusing on the European Union and digital governance took place.

We are pleased to announce that, over the next few months, the EXCELEM 2.0 platform will feature its very first tutorial webinars and online seminars.

Finally, we would like to remind everyone that our communication channels – Instagram, Facebook, LinkedIn, YouTube and Spotify – are active.

Enjoy this newsletter!

EXCELEM 2.0 Team

In this newsletter you can expect:

- Informational Sessions
- Seminar: Celebrating 30 years of the Barcelona Declaration
- Workshop: EU and Digital Governance
- EXCELEM 2.0 Platform
- Community News

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Evangelos Paraskevakis, European Commission

- The Role of the European Commission in European Governance
- Career Opportunities in the European Institutions

6 December
15:00

Themistokleio Complex of the University of Piraeus
Room Δ04

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11 December
10:00

University of Piraeus
Room 105

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Informational Sessions

EXCELEM 2.0 organised two informational sessions – one for postgraduate students and one for undergraduates. The sessions featured Evangellos Paraskevakis as the keynote speaker, who has many years of experience working in the European Commission's translation service.

The sessions initially focused on the role of the European Commission in European governance, with particular emphasis on career opportunities within EU institutions. At the end of each session, Mr Paraskevakis answered numerous questions from students regarding working at the European Commission and the steps young professionals can take to pursue a career within EU institutions.

The postgraduate session took place on 6 December at the Themistokleio Complex of the University of Piraeus in Nikaia, while the undergraduate session was held on 11 December at the University of Piraeus.



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Celebrating 30 Years of the Barcelona Declaration

Foteini Asderaki, Professor, University of Piraeus
Regional cooperation in the Mediterranean. The importance of the Barcelona Declaration (1995)

Nikolaos Raptopoulos, Associate Professor, University of Piraeus
The Pact for the Mediterranean (2025): A strategic framework for addressing regional challenges toward an upgraded Euro-Mediterranean cooperation

Alexandra Nikopoulou, Adjunct Lecturer, University of Piraeus
From the Barcelona Declaration to the 2025 Pact: Perspectives of Southern Mediterranean Partners

11 December

11:00-12:30

Venue: Conference Hall, University of Piraeus (Orange Amphitheater)

Online Via Zoom
Meeting ID: 889 9182 0615
Passcode: 698784

*Certificates of attendance will be issued.

Celebrating 30 Years of the Barcelona Declaration

EXCELEM 2.0 organised a seminar to mark the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration. The seminar was held on Thursday, 11 December, at the Conference Hall of the University of Piraeus. The discussion focused on regional cooperation in the Mediterranean from 1995 to the present, as well as on the New Pact for the Mediterranean and the prospects it offers.

Highlights

Opening Session:
Prof. Foteini Asderaki opened the seminar by highlighting the significance of the 30th anniversary of the Barcelona Declaration and its enduring relevance for Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.
Regional Cooperation in the Mediterranean:
Prof. Foteini Asderaki examined the evolution of regional cooperation in the Mediterranean since 1995, with particular emphasis on the importance and legacy of the Barcelona Declaration.
The Pact for the Mediterranean (2025):
Associate Prof. Nikolaos Raptopoulos presented the new Pact for the Mediterranean as a strategic framework for addressing contemporary regional challenges and strengthening Euro-Mediterranean cooperation.
Perspectives of Southern Mediterranean Partners:
Dr. Alexandra Nikopoulou explored the transition from the Barcelona Declaration to the 2025 Pact, focusing on the perspectives, priorities and evolving role of Southern Mediterranean partners.

The active engagement of students contributed to a dynamic academic dialogue, with particular emphasis on the Eastern Mediterranean and the opportunities and challenges emerging at the regional level. This exchange laid the groundwork for future initiatives to be organised by the East-Med Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence 2.0 (EXCELEM 2.0).







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European Union and E-Governance

David Ramiro Troitiño, Professor, Jean Monnet Chair in Digital Europe and Future Integration, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

Coordinator: **Dr. Irene Mamakou,** University of Piraeus

15 December

12:15-13:15

Lab 4, University of Piraeus
(Ground Floor, Main Building)

European Union and E-Governance

On 15 December 2025, EXCELEM 2.0 hosted a seminar on “European Union and E-Governance” at the University of Piraeus. The seminar featured Prof. David Ramiro Troitiño, Jean Monnet Chair on Digital Europe and Future Integration at Tallinn University of Technology, and was coordinated by Dr. Irene Mamakou of the University of Piraeus. The session focused on the evolving role of digital governance in the European Union and its connection to the broader process of European integration.

Highlights

European Union and E-Governance:
Prof. David Ramiro Troitiño explored the growing importance of digital governance in the European Union, highlighting the relationship between digital transformation, governance and European integration.

Digital Europe and Future Integration:
The seminar provided students with the opportunity to reflect on how digitalisation is reshaping European governance and creating new opportunities and challenges for the future development of the EU.

Academic Coordination:
Coordinated by Dr. Irene Mamakou, the seminar contributed to EXCELEM 2.0’s wider academic activities and its engagement with contemporary developments in European studies.



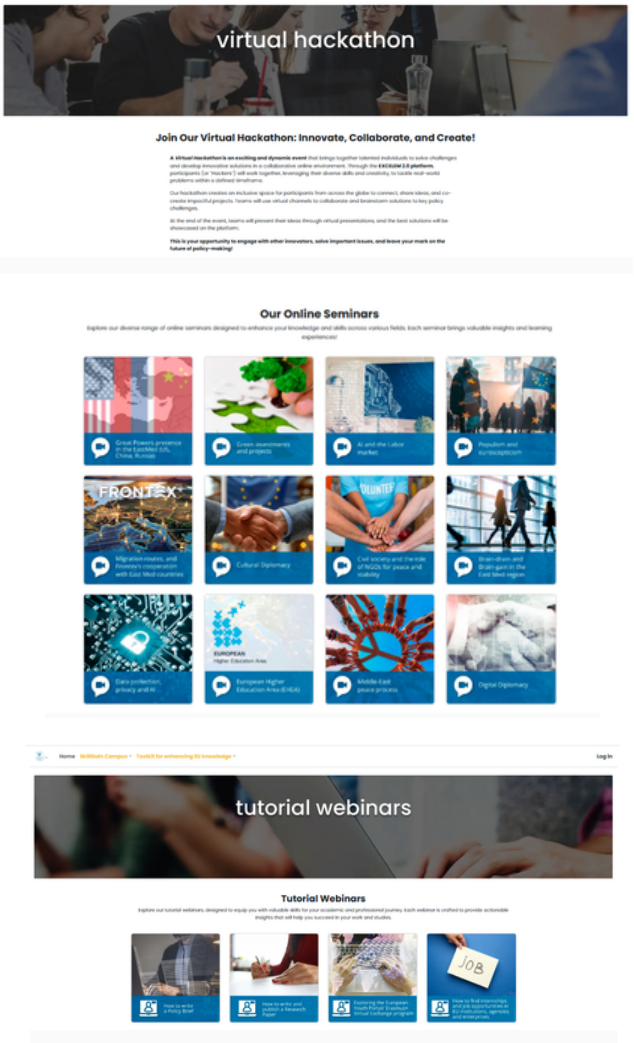


EXCELEM 2.0 Website

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.





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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!

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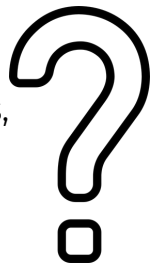
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