



Strengthening European Identity through Education and Culture

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THE SCHOOL OF EUROPEAN AND TRANSNATIONAL GOVERNANCE

WHAT EXISTS TODAY

- ▶ Europe currently lacks an internationally recognised teaching and research forum on European and transnational governance (akin to the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard).



The School of European and Transnational Governance, based at the European University Institute of Florence, has the ambition to become an international reference centre and a hub for research, teaching and high-level training in European and regional transnational governance.

WHAT CAN BE DONE IN THE NEXT TWO YEARS?

- ▶ In 2017 and 2018, the European University Institute in Florence is receiving financial support from Erasmus+ for the creation of the School of European and Transnational Governance (2017: EUR 1.7 million, 2018: EUR 3.2 million).
- ▶ Financial support should continue until the School's complete establishment.
- ▶ The activities of the School will be gradually launched around five main pillars:
 1. a joint master's programme for young professionals offered in close collaboration with other European universities;
 2. a programme for promising young professionals in Europe and beyond interested in European governance;
 3. a programme for executives from governments, national and international organisations, NGOs and the business community;
 4. a forum where leaders from the economic, political and social worlds can exchange views on key policy issues;
 5. research activities.

- ▶ The School will not operate on its own, but will animate a network of institutions composed, for example, by the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, the Hertie School of Governance, or the College of Europe in Bruges, to ensure synergies and avoid overlaps with existing programmes.
- ▶ A group of high-level external experts headed by Prof. Mario Monti is currently working on practical recommendations for the future work of the School. The conclusion of their work will be available before the end of 2017 and allow for the School to start implementing some activities.

POSSIBLE INITIATIVES WITH A 2025 PERSPECTIVE

- ▶ The School should be able to rely on external funding from national administrations, businesses, NGOs and foundations interested in the training that it offers in addition to EU co-funding.
- ▶ The School will become a European flagship institution on transnational governance.
- ▶ The network of institutions will work together in a highly integrated manner with international teams of academics and researchers offering training programmes to different types of target audience.

