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Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence **Technology and Innovations for Agenda 2030 – EU Global Leadership (TIA2030)** is happy to share the latest updates about the project events and activities.

EVENTS

On March 19, 2026, our project team held the **Winter Camp Workshop 2026** (already the third Workshop organised within the project) on the topic of advancing sustainable development in the European Union.

This year's event welcomed two inspiring guest speakers: Mag. Matjaž Hribar, univ. dipl. fil., from the Faculty of Civil and Geodetic Engineering, University of Ljubljana (UL FGG), Slovenia, who presented circular and regenerative approaches to the relationship between the economy and the environment., and Sahana Swaroop Chetan, from Nord University, Norway, who introduced perspectives on the relational circular economy and contributed to a broader discussion on pathways towards sustainable transformation. The workshop concluded with an engaging interactive discussion involving all participants, where we were exchanging ideas, reflecting on policy approaches, and exploring future roadmaps for sustainable development in the European Union.

European Union and Agenda 2030", held as part of the "Social Science evening discussions".

This year's Summer School focused on Agenda 2030 and its Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), with particular attention to the role of technology, innovation, the information society and multilevel governance in addressing implementation gaps and improving policy effectiveness. Together with the participants, we explored a broad range of interconnected topics, including the circular transition, social fields and regional development, EU-funded project networks, digitalisation, and regional innovation dynamics. These discussions closely reflected the objectives of the TIA2030 project, which examines how Agenda 2030 and the SDGs are implemented through technological innovation, institutional cooperation, social networks, governance mechanisms and EU policy frameworks.

Our events continued also in June and from June 2, 2026, to June 5, 2026, we successfully organised a **multi-day joint international field trip to Belgrade (Serbia)**. As a non-EU country in the Western Balkans that is strongly shaped by EU official and public diplomacy, Serbia offered an important context for examining the influence of **Agenda 2030** on neighbouring regions and the role of EU public diplomacy in this process.

During the field trip participants visited: the **Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Serbia** to gain a deeper understanding of the EU's role in Serbia's accession process, public diplomacy and the promotion of EU values and interests; **the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Serbia** to learn about the implementation of the SDGs in Serbia, including UNDP's strategic approach and key priorities; **the Embassy of the Republic of Slovenia in Belgrade**, to explore bilateral relations between Slovenia and Serbia, diplomatic cooperation and the importance of EU enlargement for regional stability and development; and **the Regional Agency for Development and European Integration Belgrade**



(picture: Winter Camp Workshop 2026 – JM CoE TIA2030 materials)

From 18 to 22 May 2026, our project team organised the third **TIA2030 Summer School**, entitled "The

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(RADEI) to examine how regional development, EU-funded projects, entrepreneurship, SME support, innovation and cooperation among public, private and civil society actors contribute to Serbia's European integration process.



(picture: the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) Serbia visit during the field trip – JM CoE TIA2030 materials)

RESEARCH, PUBLICATIONS, TEACHING ACTIVITIES

Regarding the research activities, we are pleased to announce the successful completion of the **data collection process**. Research was conducted across multiple levels, including the European, macroregional, national, regional and local levels, as well as globally through selected third-country cases. The collected data will support the **analysis** to prepare policy recommendations on the implementation of Agenda 2030 and its SDGs in the European Union and beyond.

Following the data collection, the project team prepared public deliverable D3.3, Dataset. The deliverable consists of a **complete anonymised dataset** based on 18 semi-structured interviews conducted within the project. D3.3 complements public deliverable D3.2, Methodology – Tools, which provides further details on the qualitative data collection process, research population, sampling approach and research instruments. After final processing, the anonymised dataset may be deposited in a trusted online data repository. Information and a repository link will be made available once the deposit process has been completed.

We are also pleased to share the publication of a special volume of the journal **Research in Social Change**, prepared as public deliverable D4.3, Special Journal Volume. The access to the volume is available [at our website](#). It brings together interdisciplinary perspectives on the implementation of EU grand strategies, with a particular focus on Agenda 2030 and

the Sustainable Development Goals. The volume also contributes to broader discussions on the EU implementation deficit, public diplomacy and the European Union's global leadership in technology and innovation for Agenda 2030.

We are also glad to highlight that **the third year of teaching** has been successfully completed. Teaching activities in the project include a series of lectures (courses) at all university levels:

- Theories of Information Society course (BA level);
- Projects of Information Technologies (MA level);
- New Paradigms of Information Society (PhD level).

Further information about the project's educational activities will be published on **our website**. There you can also follow the latest project updates and explore the news on technological innovation, sustainable development in the European Union and other relevant topics.

As the project enters its final stage, we look forward to the new insights and ideas that the remaining months will bring. We are excited to present the project's results in the near future. In the meantime, please visit [our website](#) and follow our social media channels for the latest news, developments and updates.

STAY TUNED!