

Participation in Jean Monnet Actions

The Experience of the European Union Centre of Excellence at RMIT

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Acknowledgement of Country

RMIT University acknowledges the people of the Woi wurrung and Boon wurrung language groups of the eastern Kulin Nation on whose unceded lands we conduct the business of the University.

RMIT University respectfully acknowledges their Ancestors and Elders, past and present.

RMIT also acknowledges the Traditional Custodians and their Ancestors of the lands and waters across Australia where we conduct our business.

Our Experience

Be clear about the focus of Jean Monnet Actions, and the Action Criteria

Our Strategy and Outcomes

Some Highlights of our Experience

Collaboration with EU Delegation and
EACEA



The focus of Jean Monnet Actions

Higher education

A very clear focus on studies of European integration, and enhancing the quality of teaching and research in the field of European studies

Promote the values of the EU

Public diplomacy: spread awareness about the benefits of EU policies, not only for Europe, but at the global level

Actively influence policy making

Policy Debate

Networks of institutions and researchers engaging with critical policy issues



Our Strategy and Outcomes

An initial exploration: a module – Regional Development in Europe and Asia

2017: how to build research and engagement capability?

Multiple initiatives: Centre of Excellence, [plus Projects], Networks (previous program) – allowed us to build a team of staff over three years of funding, and then win new grants

Key topics: Regional Policy and Smart Specialisation; Trade; Sustainable Development Goals – also an ongoing focus on EU politics and initiatives

Co-Financing – address through the appointment of the Centre Director

Collaboration with other institutions to bring together key staff

Strong ongoing emphasis on public profile – seminars, conferences, publications

Supplemented by funding for local projects



Some Highlights of our Experience

Jean Monnet has provided connections with a global community of researchers

Collaboration with key colleagues developed in greater depth through funded projects

Our dissemination activities have facilitated a broad range of stakeholder linkages

Our SDGs Network was cited in the Times SDGs universities ranking as an exemplar of SDG No. 17, partnerships

Victorian Government Regional Policy aligned with Smart Specialisation



Collaboration with EU Delegation and EACEA

Jean Monnet actions have facilitated close cooperation with the European Union Delegation to Australia – particularly relevant in relation to negotiations on a Trade Agreement between the EU and Australia; also facilitating exchange in relation to the Indo-Pacific and other aspects of the EU-Australia Framework Agreement

Close relationships with Education and Culture officers, with excellent support from the Education and Culture Executive Agency

- in general in providing information related to grant management and amendment; and
- particularly throughout the pandemic which caused considerable disruption to planned Action initiatives ranking

