



**University of Oradea, Faculty of History, International Relations, Political Sciences,  
and Communication Sciences  
and the  
Research Centre on Identity and Migration Issues (RCIMI)**

invite you to participate in the Jean Monnet International Conference

## **A social Europe for youth: education to employment**

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Oradea, Romania

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In 1993, the Commission's Green Paper on European social policy started by asking a question:

*"What sort of a society do the Europeans want?"*

The social goals that the European Union has been given by its Members, of which Article 2 of the Treaty on European Union is the clearest expression: to promote harmonious and balanced development of economic activities sustainable and noninflationary growth respecting the environment high degree convergence of economic performance high level employment and of social protection the raising of the standard of living and quality of life, and economic and social cohesion and solidarity among Member States.

There a number of shared values which form the basis of the European social model. These include democracy and individual rights free collective bargaining, the market economy, equality of opportunity for all and social welfare and solidarity.

The European Social Model isn't just a paradigm but a part of the EU construction and according to some voices, the soul of the European Union, issues on social dimensions being addressed and challenged by various tests: the financial crisis, the refugee one, they all measured the European consensus on the social values. Many reforms were been made by member states on social protection, worker's rights and working conditions, public services, social dialogue, pensions, health system.

Questions are raised regarding the ability of European Union of keeping its legacy on the social area.

Now, looking at the Europe 2020 growth strategy for the coming decade, one can notice that still, in a changing world, we pretend from the EU to become a smart, sustainable and inclusive economy. These three mutually reinforcing priorities should help the EU and the Member States deliver high levels of employment, productivity and social cohesion. The Union has set five ambitious objectives - on employment, innovation, education, social inclusion and climate/energy - to be reached by 2020.

But social policy goes beyond employment, it affects people at work and in their family environment, their health and their old age. The complex interaction of policies should be assessed and addressed.

This conference aims to bring together academics and researchers from various field of expertise and countries, but also politicians, journalists, NGO's representatives, to discuss topics from the following sections and workshops:

### **Sections and workshops:**

- 1. EU governance, social construction and the legitimacy of the EU social model**
- 2. Social values in education; education and employment**
- 3. EU Social Policies versus National Realities;**
- 4. Social exclusion: old problem and new solutions;**
- 5. Unemployment and youth's issues in the EU;**
- 6. Equality on schedule?**
- 7. Social integration of vulnerable groups; social dialog**
- 8. Social Journalism and the EU public sphere**
- 9. Social media and its impact on youth**
- 10. Student' section**

### **Important dates:**

- 23 December 2016: Deadline for submission of abstract
- 10 January 2017: Notification of acceptance
- 10 May 2017: Delivery of full conference paper
- 18-20 May 2017: Conference in Oradea, Romania

### **Abstracts:**

The **abstracts** (max. **500 words, followed by 3-5 keywords**) will be submitted for review in electronic MS Word format. Please provide the full names, affiliation and e-mail addresses of all authors. Authors are also asked to send a **100 words biographical note** focusing on research activities, scientific interests and previous publications.

Abstracts should be sent by 23 of December 2016 to the Conference Coordinator, Gabriela Goudenhoft, at the following address: [gabrielagoud@gmail.com](mailto:gabrielagoud@gmail.com)

### **Travel & Accommodation**

There is no participation fee for the conference. Accommodation and meals during the conference will be paid by the organizers for one presenter of each accepted paper. There are no available funds for travel costs.