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LISBOAN is a network of 67 partner institutes from 32 European countries (including most TEPSA institutes) and is coordinated at the Jean Monnet Chair of Professor Wessels, University of Cologne. The multi-disciplinary project, which is financially supported under the European Union's Lifelong Learning Programme, aims at improving teaching of and research on the Treaty of Lisbon.

UPDATE IN BRIEF

01 October 2010

The project was launched. It will be active over three years.

04 November 2010

The LISBOAN Steering Committee held its first meeting in Brussels (see page 2).

December 2010

Inauguration of the project website www.Lisboan.net (see page 2).

***** Save the date***** 

The first annual conference of the LISBOAN network is scheduled for 16 – 17 June, 2011. Taking place in Brussels, the conference will establish closer contacts between network members and link the network to the Brussels community of practitioners and EU officials. Moreover, the LISBOAN Working Groups will meet in the framework of the conference (see page 2).

Lisbon Watch - template

One of the major outputs of the network is the “Lisbon Watch”, an annual report with contributions from network partners. The template for the first set of contributions from partners will be sent out shortly (see page 4).

Newsletter

This is the first issue of the LISBOAN Newsletter, which will be produced approximately every four months. The Newsletter can be downloaded at the project

website www.lisboan.net and is sent to a special email distribution list. Please feel free to further distribute it among your colleagues.

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NEWS FROM THE NETWORK

LISBOAN website

The project website is one of the central devices for communication within the large-scale network on the one hand, and outreach to the general public on the other. It can be accessed at www.lisboan.net.

The public section provides information on ongoing and past network activities. Moreover, it offers easy access to publications such as the Lisbon Watch annual report which will be published online.

The restricted section is accessible to partner institutions and the European Commission only. By providing details on participating researchers as well as project deliverables and procedures, the restricted section will facilitate the network's administration and ensure a coherent division of work among the project partners.

Report from the first Steering Committee Meeting

The first meeting of the LISBOAN Steering Committee took place in Brussels on 4th November 2010 at the Fondation Universitaire (see Box: List of Workpackages for a list of all Steering Committee members). The meeting agenda included:

- the state of the project;
- adoption of rules of procedure for the network and administrative matters;
- network activities, i.e.
 - Working Groups at the annual conferences,
 - eleven Workshops,
 - three PhD Schools,
 - annual Awards,
 - a Lecture Series,
 - the „Lisbon Watch“ annual report.
- the organization of the first annual conference that will take place in Brussels on 16-17 June 2011.

The Steering Committee also decided on a logo for the network (which may be admired in the newsletter's header ☺).

UPCOMING EVENTS

First Annual Conference, 16-17 June 2011

All network partners are invited to attend the network's annual large-scale event, hosted by the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) in Brussels.

Tentative programme:

Thursday, 16 June: Start at 11 am, General Assembly, Lunch, First set of Working Group Sessions (three out of seven), Second Set of Working Group Sessions (four out of seven), Public lecture, Dinner.

Friday, 17 June: Plenary Session, Award ceremony, Lunchtime debate, End around 1 pm.

The seven Working Group sessions will be organized by Workpackage Leaders. Each Working Group will address one of the following overarching areas:

- 1) Institutional Architecture
- 2) Lisbon Treaty, Integration Theories and Governance
- 3) Economic and Financial Policy
- 4) Lisbon Treaty in a court, moyenne and longue durée perspective
- 5) Area of Freedom, Security and Justice
- 6) External Action and CFSP
- 7) Legal quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty

In order to foster exchange and cooperation across disciplines, each conference participant will be able to participate in two different Working Group sessions.

First set of workshops in 2011

Two workshops are scheduled for the second half of 2011. For technical reasons and in order to allow for the "network spirit" to take shape, the workshops have been postponed for a few months and will take place after the first Annual Conference. A detailed description and contact details will soon be available at www.lisboan.net/workshops.html.

OVERALL WORKPLAN

List of Workpackages

1. The EU's Institutional Framework Post Lisbon (Edward Best)
2. Integration and Governance Research after Lisbon (Simon Bulmer)
3. Economic and Financial Policy (Andras Inotai)
4. The Lisbon Treaty in Historical Perspective (Wilfried Loth)
5. Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (Paul Luif)
6. External Action and CFSP (Ian Manners)
7. Legal quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty (Lucia S. Rossi)
8. PhD Schools (Geoffrey Edwards)
9. Annual Conference (Jean-Paul Jacqu e)
10. Lecture Series (Gunilla Herolf)
11. Research Award (Brigid Laffan)
12. Teaching Award (Lenka Rovna)
13. Lisbon Watch (Wolfgang Wessels)
14. Quality Assurance (Martin Marcussen)
15. Dissemination (Michele Comelli)
16. Management (Wolfgang Wessels)

Annual Conferences

All network partners will meet once a year in Brussels for a large conference. The programme includes, inter alia, a session of each Working Group and a plenary meeting to discuss technical issues.

Working Groups

LISBOAN includes seven Working Groups, focusing on different aspects of the Treaty of Lisbon (see Workpackages 1-7). The Working Groups, chaired by the respective Workpackage Leader, will meet on the occasion of the Annual Conference. Speakers will primarily include LISBOAN partners and officials from EU institutions.

Workshops

LISBOAN offers eleven specialised workshops with 15-20 participants open to all network members (draft titles).

- European Representative Democracy after Lisbon (Brendan Donnelly, Federal Trust London)

- The new position of the High Representative (Jaap de Zwaan, Clingendael The Hague)
- European Governance after Lisbon (Simon Bulmer, University of Sheffield)
- Transborder Regional Cooperation after Lisbon (Markus Kornprobst / Hans Peter Neuhold, Diplomatische Akademie Wien)
- Post-Crisis and Post-Lisbon (Andras Inotai, Institute for World Economics Budapest)
- New Paradigms in EU Historical Research (Wilfried Loth, Ruhr University Bochum)
- Governance changes in the Area of Freedom, Security, and Justice after the Lisbon Treaty (Ronald Holzacker, University Twente / Paul Luif, Austrian Institute for International Affairs Vienna)
- External Action after the Lisbon Treaty (Elfriede Regelsberger, IEP Berlin)
- The European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) in the Treaty of Lisbon (Michele Comelli, IAI Rome)
- Enlargement Perspectives after the Lisbon Treaty (Atila Eralp, METU Ankara)
- The Quasi-constitutional Nature of the Lisbon Treaty (Lucia S. Rossi, Bologna University)

Moreover, a twelfth workshop, organized by IMO Zagreb as a third country participant, will deal with the "Impact of the European External Action Service on the EU's relations and policies towards South East Europe".

PhD schools

Each year, a selection of PhD students from all member institutes will have the opportunity to participate free of charge in a week-long PhD school organized by network members:

- Europe in the World (Ian Manners, Roskilde University)
- Normative Power Europe (Ian Manners, Roskilde University)
- The EU Post-Lisbon (Thomas Christiansen, Maastricht University).

Lecture Series



The network funds guest lectures by network partners at other network institutions with up to EUR1.000 for travel, accommodation and other related costs. If you would like to make use of this opportunity, please contact Gunilla Herolf

(WP Leader) or Tobias Kunstein (Project Manager; contact details see below).

Awards

LISBOAN offers annual awards for excellence in teaching and research with a view to the Treaty of Lisbon. The awards are open to non-members. Each award is endowed with a prize of EUR1.500 and may distinguish a wide variety of persons or activities: senior or young researchers, docents, but also academic careers, online courses, text books, etc.

Lisbon Watch

One of the major outputs of the network is the "Lisbon Watch" annual report. Collecting contributions from a large number of network partners, the report provides a pan-European perspective on the Treaty of Lisbon.

So far 42 network members have agreed to contribute to the "Lisbon Watch". A template for each 3-5 page contribution will be sent shortly to all partners. The first issue will focus on the period from autumn 2010 to spring 2011, but will also cover developments since the coming into force of the treaty in December 2009. Each institution will receive reimbursement for its contribution based on the two daily rates.

INTRODUCING THE NETWORK

LISBOAN is structured into 7 thematic and 9 horizontal Workpackages (WPs). Each newsletter will contain a section briefly introducing a few of them and/or the respective Workpackage Leaders in no particular order.

Horizontal WP: Quality Assurance

Four members have kindly agreed to act as internal evaluators of the network. G. Bonvicini (chair), M. Müftüler Bac, A. Bailes and C.



Franck will present – in close cooperation with *Martin Marcussen*, who is leader of Workpackage "Quality Assurance" – a report at the annual conference. The report will set out the weak and strong points of the project and make recommendations for improvements. Martin Marcussen is Professor at the Centre for

European Politics, University of Copenhagen (Email: mm@ifs.ku.dk).

Horizontal WP: Dissemination



Michele Comelli leads the Workpackage "Dissemination" within the LISBOAN network. Assisted by the project manager, he oversees the network's outreach activities, including this newsletter. Michele is a senior fellow at the IAI Rome, where he deals with the institutional reform of the European Union, European foreign and security policy and European Neighbourhood Policy. He can be contacted at m.comelli@iai.it.

Horizontal WP: Management

On behalf of the Project coordinator Wolfgang



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Thematic WP: Legal quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty



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