***EURASIA* - EUROPEAN STUDIES REVITALIZED ACROSS ASIAN UNIVERSITIES**

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DELIVERABLE 4.2 ONLINE TRAINING SYSTEM

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- Partner 3 University of Catania (UNICT) – Italy
- Partner 4 O.P. Jindal Global University (JGU) - India
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Project summary

The overall objective of the EURASIA project is to introduce high quality European Studies programs in universities in India and China and to enhance the visibility of EU-related topics through the creation of professional academic networks. The project aims to bring positive and long-term impact to higher education institutions in India and China through concerted and focused capacity-building for faculty and staff. EURASIA is a unique initiative with a significant potential to strengthen the international cooperation and dialogue between the European partners and the higher education institutions in India and China.

Project objectives

The EURASIA project aims to achieve the following objectives:

1. To contribute to capacity building in India and China in the field of European studies that can effectively enhance the EU-India and EU-China cooperation and dialogue as articulated in the 2016 EU Global Strategy in a Globalizing World.

2. To respond to partner institutions' needs for new education and training modules in European studies and to improve already established BA and MA level programs in EU related subjects.

3. To strengthen the internationalization of education in the participating universities through the establishment of new networks of researchers and faculty in the field of EU studies.

4. To encourage intercultural communication between countries and regions.

5. To improve competences and capacity of partner universities to deliver quality undergraduate and graduate level education in EU studies.

6. To provide faculty and young researchers in partner universities in India and China with innovative opportunities for training, mobility and learning exchange.

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Expected results

1. Improved quality of teaching and learning of European studies in the partner Asian universities.
2. New curriculum development and increased offer of courses in European studies.
3. Developed and introduced new courses and modules on EU-China and EU-India relations.
4. Introduced modern methodologies for teaching and training through the use of digital technology.
5. Attracted new students and increased enrollment in graduate programs in EU-related courses at partner universities.
6. Promoted academic people-to-people contacts, cooperation and joint program delivery through faculty training, teaching and research opportunities between Programme and Partner countries.
7. Fostered regional cooperation in education between partner universities in China and India.

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Document description

This document contains a summary of the information concerning the implementation of Deliverable 4.2 Online training system. Creating the architecture of the online training environment is a task performed by a subcontractor – AdminSoft. The document presents the finalized detailed specifications of the on-line training system.

It reflects the Terms of Reference (D4.1) agreed on by the EURASIA Project partners.

Task description

The task envisages the development of the distance learning platform based online training system/module. Functions: restricted access, multimedia, testing, video-conferencing, file attachments, discussion groups, wiki resource.

Objectives

- to create and exploit tools for distant learning that will bring innovative teaching methodology, capable to compensate for regional distance and offering uniform educational medium across institutions with
- various academic traditions
- to select a suitable platform which gives access to electronic learning resources in the form of text and/or video and has built-in functionalities for testing and submitting course assignments and collaboration on learning tasks for participants
- to create learning content in EU Studies in the identified subject areas adapted to an online education mode
- to adapt and upload teaching material to the system, recording and publishing multimedia lectures, collecting and sharing
- to prepare and upload quizzes and tests on the learning content; to compile bibliographies and resources, discussion boards and videoconference events
- to train authors, teachers and students to use the online training environment
- to advertise the online module among the partner country HEIs' teachers and students
- to enrol students from the partner country HEIs in the developed online courses
- to develop a quality assurance system in order to evaluate the effect of implementing this collaborative learning module.

## 1. Characteristics and functionalities

1. Content Management System - reliable and user-oriented, based on CoursePress Pro

2. User management system with different levels of access.

3. Functionality to publish training materials - such as text and attachments.

4. Functionality to present multimedia (multimedia content)

5. Functionality to create online surveys and tests

6. Functionality to exchange text messages between users of the platform (including discussion forms).

7. Functionality to present of the authors / teaching staff and the students

8. Integration of any of the stable video conferencing systems (Skype, etc., according to the technical capabilities of the partners)

9. Functionality to provide consumer statistics

10. Supported with a user manual in English – for teachers and for students.

2. Public page of the project related to the distance learning environment

The public webpage of the EURASIA Project contains the necessary information about the project, the partners and events in the course of their implementation. It is the main tool used to disseminate and to provide visibility of the activities performed under the project.

The online training system is integrated with the public page of the project as well as the internal project space. Both are accessible with a single sign-on. Registered users have different level of access as described in the attached manuals.

The online training system is accessible at https://eurasiaproject.eu/ → Online courses.
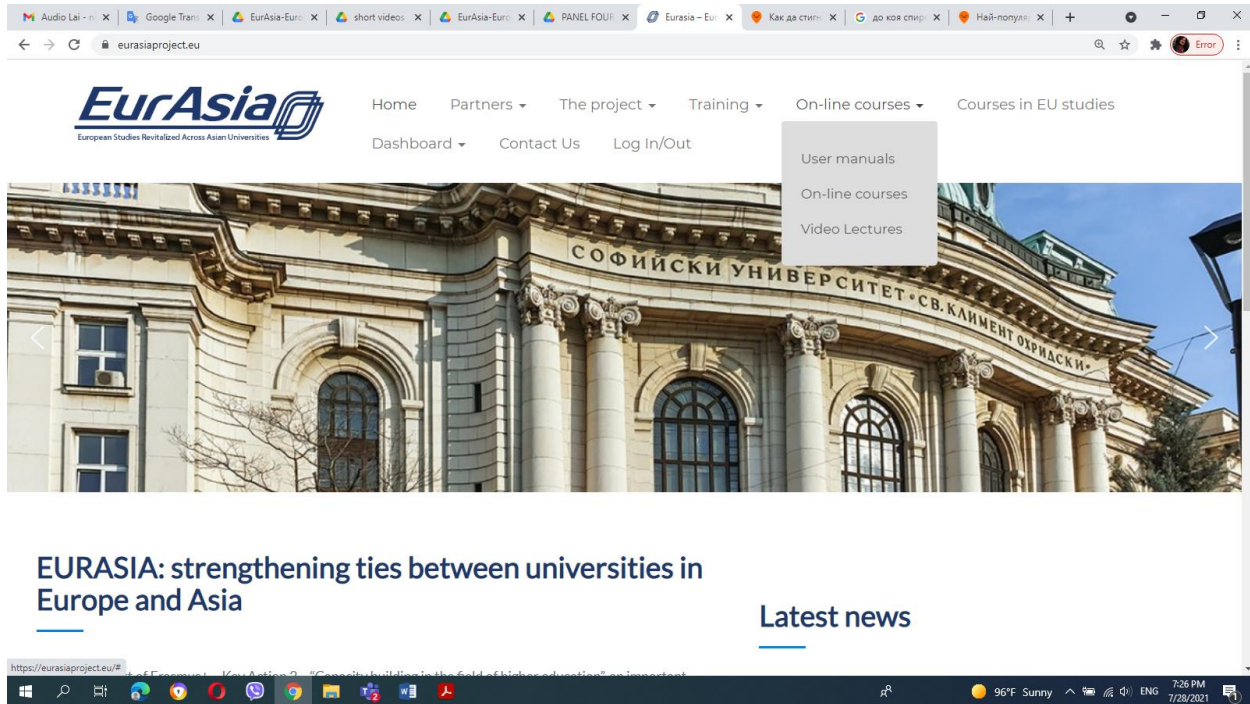
Four categories can be selected from the drop-down menu but only the introductory information is publicly available. In order to access the materials contained here teachers and students need a registration which is approved by the system admin. This is done in compliance with the agreed technical requirements and for reasons connected with the GDPR.

- **User manuals** (D4.2 User Manual on Using the Online Training System; D4.3 User Manual for Course Authors and Teachers and D4.3 User Manual for Students)

- **Online courses** – the introductory information about each of the 11 EURASIA online courses is publicly available on this link: https://eurasiaproject.eu/on-line-courses/

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- **Video Lectures** – a set of lectures in EU Studies and aspects teaching methodology delivered by faculty form the different partner universities are accessible from this tab. They are available to registered users and their access requires an additional password which all teachers involved in the EURASIA Project dispose of and can share with their students.
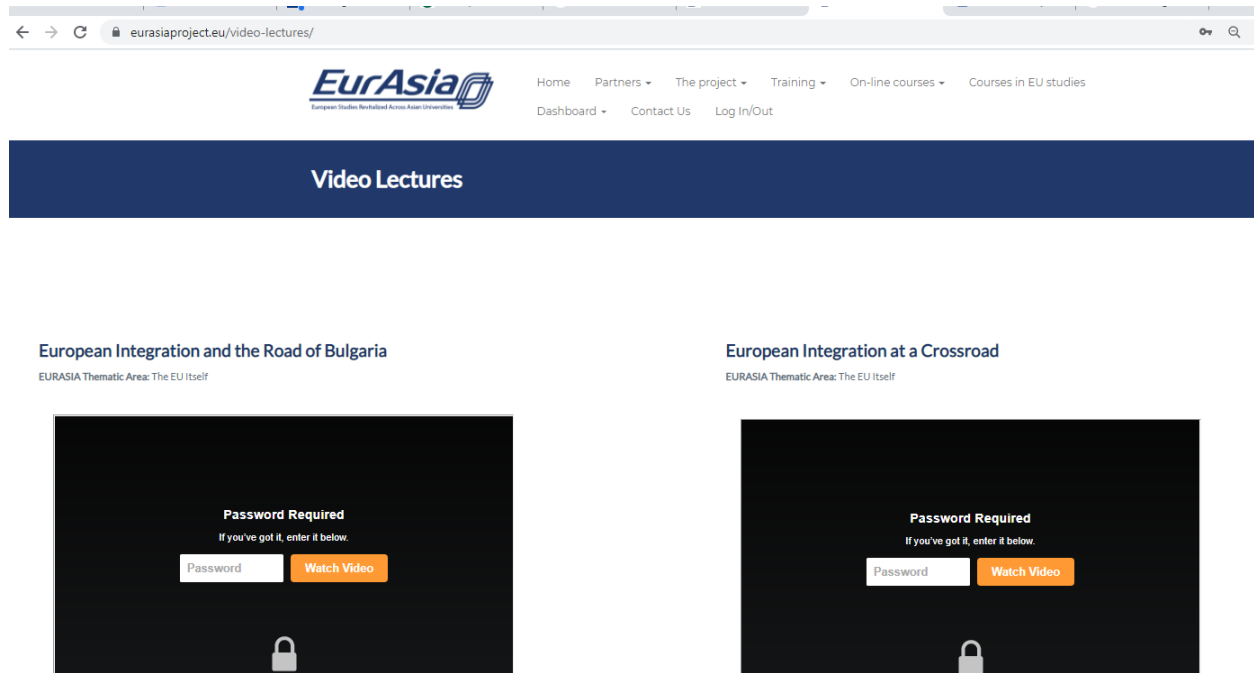
- **Inter-university course** – the Inter-university course "The Economic and Political Dialogue between Europe and Asia: The Perspectives of Diplomacy and Academic and Cultural Ties" developed under WP2 (D2.4) is also available from this subpage. It is integrated in the online training system as well. To access it, students and teachers need to have a valid registration approved by the system admin.

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Annexes

D4.2 Eurasia Website and Online Platform User Manual