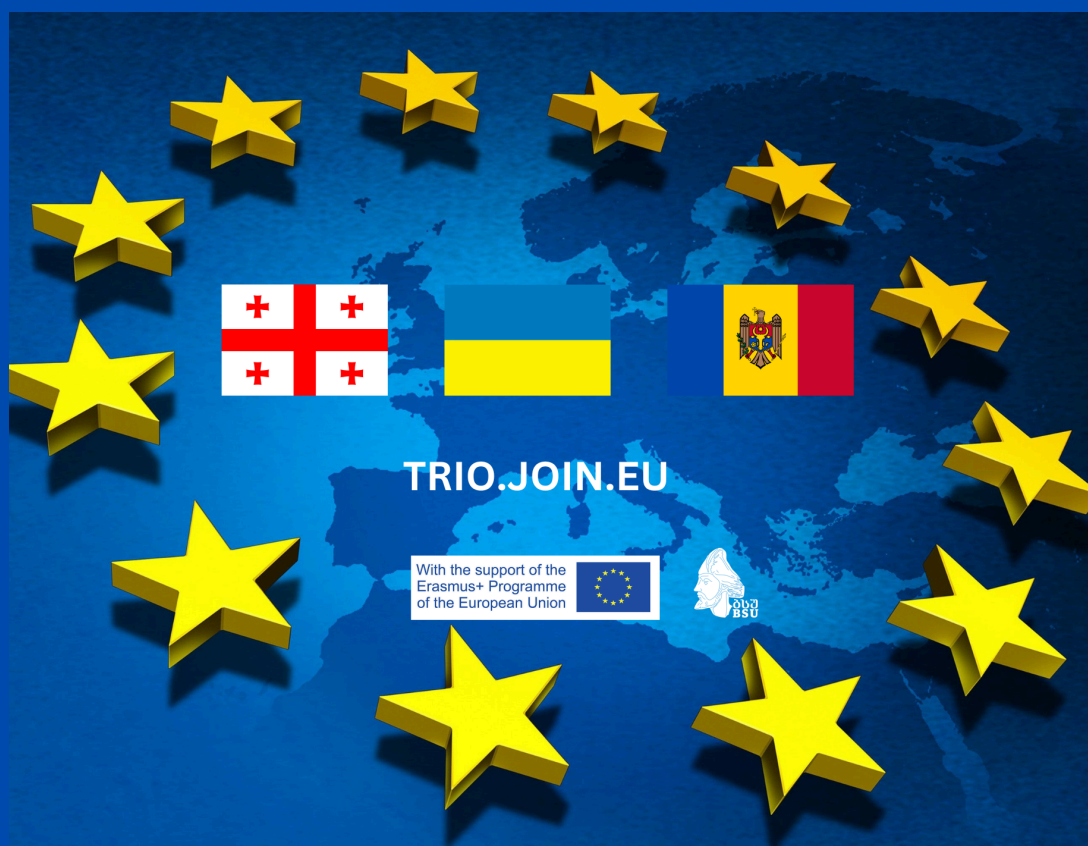


# Batumi Jean Monnet Winter School 2025

## THE POLITICAL CRITERIA FOR ACCESSION TO THE EU AND EUROPEANIZATION



Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University  
Faculty of Law and Social Sciences

FEBRUARY 20-24, 2025 - BATUMI, GEORGIA

## **February 20, 2025 – Thursday**

### **10:30-11:00 – Opening the Winter School**

**10:30-10:40** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze – Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

**10:40-10:50** – Prof. Marine Giorgadze, Head of the Department of Strategic Development and International Relations, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

**10:50-11:00** – Prof. Levan Jakeli – Dean of Faculty of Law and Social Sciences, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia

### **11:00-16:00 – Winter School Teaching/Introduction**

**11:00-12:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – Introduction of the Jean Monnet Program and Participants of the Winter school

**12:00-13:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – Fundamental Principle, Values of the European Union: History and Modern Development

**13:00-14:00** – Lunch

**14:00-16:00** – Dr. Marko Milenkovic, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of Social Sciences in Belgrade, Serbia, Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence, Italy – European Integration of the Western Balkans: Accession Process and Challenges

**16:00-16:10** – Free time

**16:10-18:10** – Practical Work/Case Studies/Discussion

## **February 21, 2025 – Friday**

**11:00-13:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze – Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – The first Constitution of Georgia adopted on February 21, 1921 – the European Values and European model of Democratic Governance

**13:00-14:00** – Lunch

**14:00-16:00** – Practical Work/Case Studies/Discussion

**16:00-16:10** – Free time

**16:10-18:10** – Enrico Albanesi, Associate Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Genova, Italy – The protection of the Rule of law and the EU values under Art. 2 TEU in the EU Member states (cases of Poland and Hungary) and suspension clause under Art. 7 TEU

## **February 22, 2025 – Saturday**

**11:00-13:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze – Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – Accession Criteria to the European Union, Candidate Countries and Enlargement of the European Union

**13:00-14:00** – Lunch

**14:00-16:00** – Practical Work/Case Studies/Discussion

**16:00-16:10** – Free time

**16:10-18:10** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – What is the Europeanization and How it Works?

## February 23, 2025 – Sunday

**11:00-13:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – Implementation of Domestic Reforms in Georgia and Challenges of Accession to the European Union

**13:00-14:00** – Lunch

**14:00-16:00** – Practical Work/Case Studies/Discussion

**16:00-16:10** – Free time

**16:10-18:10** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – The Rule of Law: what it means and why it is important for the Candidate Countries

## February 24, 2025 – Monday

**11:00-13:00** – Prof. Malkhaz Nakashidze, Jean Monnet Chair (EUCONST), Jean Monnet Module (TRIO.JOIN.EU) Coordinator, Batumi Shota Rustaveli State University, Georgia – Top Myths on the European Integration, Russian Propaganda and Challenges

**13:00-14:00** – Lunch

**14:00-16:00** – Practical Work/Case Studies/Discussion

**16:00-16:10** – Free time

**16:10-18:10** – Prof. Olesea Plotnik, Faculty of Law, Moldova State University, Republic of Moldova – Prospects and Challenges: The Republic of Moldova's Journey Towards EU Accession and Europeanization

**18:10-19:10** – Closing and Award ceremony

The winter school is organized within the **Jean Monnet Module "Political Criteria for Accession to the European Union and Europeanization of Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine"** funded by European Commission in the framework of Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union which aims to promote excellence in teaching and research in the field of European studies.

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The main goals of the winter school is to:

- provide the participants with basic knowledge about the legal-political bases of the accession process to the European Union and Europeanization of Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine;
- increase the awareness of Georgian citizens about European values, dispel the negative propaganda and myths about the European Union and the European integration process and to form reasoned answers to them;
- inform students about the reforms and achievements implemented by Georgia and other candidate countries in the European integration;
- provide the participants with information about the benefits and advantages of the EU which are already enjoyed by the citizens of Georgia.

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