



### Final Jean Monnet NOVA-EU workshop

#### Innovating and transforming the European Union: The key challenges

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**Date:** Wednesday, 8 December 2021

**Venue:** Faculty of Law, Maastricht and online (hybrid)

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The Jean Monnet project NOVA-EU (Innovating and Transforming the European Union) addressed between 2019 to 2021 four key challenges that heavily impact the European Union's governance structure, regulatory framework, identity and, most importantly, its future. The first workshop on Digitalisation, Ethics and EU Fundamental Rights took place on 9 and 10th January 2020 in Maastricht and was devoted to the impact of digitalization on EU fundamental rights and the development of ethical principles. The second workshop under the title Migration and Borders on 3 December 2020 addressed the ramifications of the EU's 2015-2016 'migration crisis'. The third NOVA-EU workshop "Sustainable Europe and its global reach", organized on 16 October 2020, critically reflected on the concept of 'sustainable development' and assessed how it implemented by the EU institutions, and it finally examined how it impacts the EU's external policies. The fourth workshop on 24-25 June 2021 addressed EU Democracy and Rule of Law, namely how the rule of law and constitutional crises in EU Member States, especially in Hungary and Poland, can be tackled from the EU side.

The final workshop aims to reflect on the research findings in these key areas, addressing conclusions and come up with follow-up research questions.

**9.30-10.00: Welcome and introduction to the workshop and the Nova-EU project**

**Andrea Ott**

**10.00-11.15**

**Panel I**

**Digitalisation, Ethics and Fundamental Rights**

**Chair: Karolina Podstawa**

**Rapporteur: Maja Brkan**

**Expert discussant: Eleni Kosta**

**11.15 – 11.30 Coffee/tea break**

**11.30 – 12.45**

**Panel II**

**Migration and EU borders**

**Chair: Bruno De Witte**

**Rapporteur: Lilian Tsourdi**

**Expert Discussant: Tamás Molnár**

**12.45 -14.00: Lunch break**

**14.00 – 15.15**

**Panel III**

**Sustainable Europe and its global reach**

**Chair: Marjan Peeters**

**Rapporteur: Andrea Ott and Eva Kassoti**

**Discussant: Wybe Douma**

**15.15 to 15.30: Coffee/tea break**



**15.30 – 16.45**

**Panel IV  
EU democracy and the rule of law**

**Chair Monica Claes**

**Rapporteur: Matteo Bonelli**

**Expert Discussant: Elise Muir**

**16.45-17:15**

**Conclusions and future research plans: Ellen Vos, MCEL co-director**

**Speakers:**

**Dr. Maja Brkan, judge at the EU General Court, Luxembourg**

**Dr. Matteo Bonelli, assistant professor EU law at Maastricht University**

**Prof. dr. Monica Claes, professor of European and comparative constitutional law, Maastricht University**

**Dr. Wybe Douma, Senior legal expert at European Environmental consultancy and senior legal advisor, Ministry of social affairs and employment, The Hague**

**Dr. Eva Kassoti, Senior Researcher in International and EU Law as well as the academic co-ordinator for the Centre of the Law of EU External Relations (CLEER) at the T.M.C. Asser Institute**

**Prof. dr. Eleni Kosta, professor of technology and human rights, Tilburg University**

**Dr. Tamás Molnár, legal research officer, at the European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA), Vienna**

**Prof. dr. Elise Muir, professor of EU law at the KU Leuven and visiting professor at the College of Europe**

**Prof. dr. Andrea Ott, professor of EU external relations law, Maastricht University**

**Prof. dr. Marjan Peeters, professor of Environmental Policy and Law, Maastricht University**

**Dr. Karolina Podstawa, lecturer in EU law and member of the Maastricht European Centre on Privacy and Cybersecurity, Maastricht University**

**Dr. Lilian Tsourdi, assistant professor in EU law, Maastricht University**

**Prof. dr. Bruno de Witte, professor of EU law at Maastricht University, MCEL co-director and part-time professor European University Institute, Florence**

**Professor dr Ellen Vos, professor of EU law at Maastricht University and co-director MCEL**