



Transference of the EU Integration Model from East-Central Europe to the Western Balkans

Roundtable: What methodological tools for the study of EU integration of the Western Balkans?

October 29th, 2021

The Faculty of European Studies invites participants to the first **international roundtable** centred on the **methodological tools employed in the study of European integration** (with a focus on the East-Central European states and their experience as a model for the future integration of the Western Balkans countries) on **October 29th 2021**.

The roundtable is the first event organized by the Faculty of European Studies under the Exploratory Research Project PN-III-P4-ID-PCE-2020-2.

Description: the roundtable aims to discuss various methodological approaches meant to tackle European integration, as far as the Western Balkans countries are concerned. Overall, qualitative approaches shall mostly be discussed, including literature reviews, document analyses (the annual progress reports of the European Commission, national strategies pertaining to EU requirements), public opinion tools (Eurostat and the national institutes for statistics of the four WB candidate countries) and structured interviews with decision-makers from each of the four states. However, in the case of the Eurobarometers and other public surveys (assessing such aspects as EU perceptions or absorption rates of EU funds), some quantitative tools will also be tackled, for comparative analyses giving rise to charts and prediction tables. An overall comparative focus will be aimed at drawing SWOT maps of the four investigated countries (Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Albania).

The roundtable will be held in **English** and welcomes **both on-site and on-line participation**.

Venue & registration: Faculty of European Studies, room Robert Schuman, 1 Em. de Martonne street, second floor. For those who opt for on-line participation, a Zoom link shall be provided by the organizers. Please register for the event through an e-mail sent to PhDc. Gianina Joldescu (gianina.joldescu@ubbcluj.ro) by October 25th 2021.

Provisional programme:

9:30 - 11:00 – discussions

11:00 - 11:10 – coffee break

11:10 – 12:30 – discussions

12:30 -13:30 – lunch for on-site speakers

