

# A SUCCESSFUL JEAN MONNET PROJECT

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# Motivations and preparations

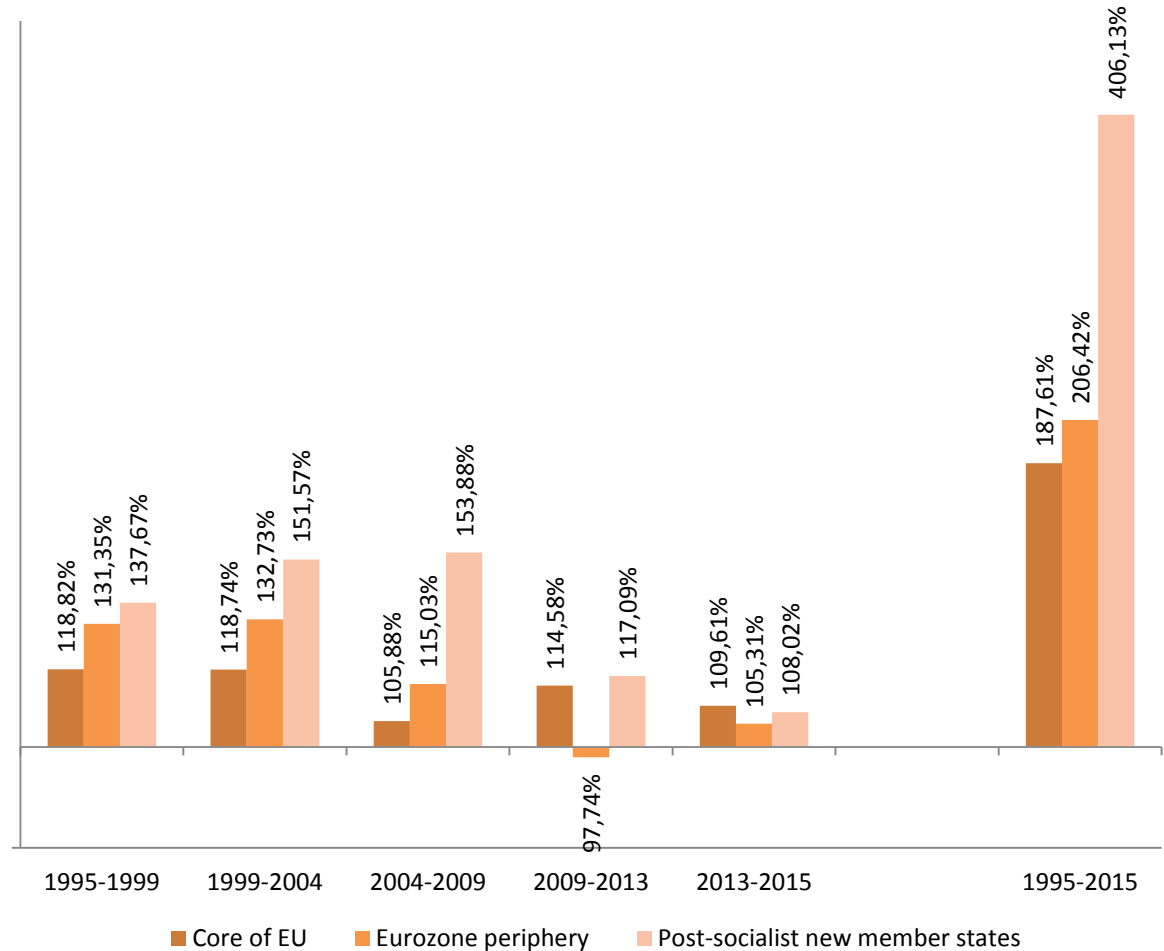
- I have been studying **European economic integration** since 1998
- In the course of my work, I have regularly come across persons, publications, and events related to the **Jean Monnet Programme**
- I submitted a **Jean Monnet Chair** application in 2014 – and my project was supported
- Antecedents:
  - 2002-2005: **doctoral studies** in European economic integration
  - 2003-2010: **PhD dissertation** on competition regulation in the EU internal market
  - 2013-2014: National Excellence Programme support for **post-doctoral research** on varieties of competition in the EU internal market
- Topic of JMC proposal and research: the diverging trends in post-crisis EU economy



## Some of my Jean Monnet research findings

- In pre-crisis EU periphery was converging to the core
- The crisis has put an end to the converging trends
- Instead, there is divergence
- The core enjoys structural competitiveness, the periphery is constrained in cost-competitiveness
- If the diverging trends persist, they put risks to the future of the EU (by undermining its integrity)
- What are the reasons for this? What can be done?  
– I am entering scientific and policy discussions on the issue

## Accumulated growth in certain groups of EU member states, 1999-2015, %



# My Jean Monnet project and my university activities

- I have been **teaching and researching on the EU economy** for many years
  - Economy of the EU; European Economic and Monetary Union; Research and Development in the EU; European Business Environment
- Since 2014, I have been coordinating our **Master in International Economy and Business**
  - Predecessor: Master in European Economic Integration
  - European focus (EU economy, business environment, policies)
- In my proposal, I committed myself to **establishing a research group** with involving young researchers
  - student assistants (MA students), PhD students, young colleagues
- I am drafting **multi-layer educational contents** on European economy
- **Numerous appearances** before University public
  - discussions, interviews, EP to Campus, students' events, inviting guests in my role as JMC



# The value added of being a Jean Monnet Chair

- The financial support has allowed me to participate at **high-rank conferences**



- I have been able to join **scientific associations** and **publish in high-rank journals**



- Through the **Jean Monnet Community**, I have met great scholars whom I've started to work with



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# My recommendations to potential applicants

- Apply only at the stage of your professional life when you already have some experience behind you
- Identify your own strengths on which to build your planned proposal
- Provide a well-defined topic in your application around which you can organise your planned activities
- Be realistic with your commitments (in order to avoid ‘built-in failure’) but be ambitious at the same time (especially regarding your outreach and value added)
- JMC runs for 3 years – thoroughly think through what you want and can achieve in that time span
- Leave yourself enough time to draft your proposal; it is huge work in itself!



# THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND ATTENTION

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