



TRACK Dissemination Conference

Spreading knowledge about the European Council

7 - 8 July 2021 | Zoom

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TRACK Teaching and Researching
the European Council



Wednesday, 7 July 2021

09:30 – 10:45 CET

Welcome

Mariam Khotenashvili | TEPSA

Harun Suratli | CETEUS, University of Cologne

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**Opening Panel: The scientific and practical objectives for
Studying the European Council**

Chair: **Harun Suratli** | CETEUS, University of Cologne

Contributions:

Michele Chang | College of Europe

Hartmut Marhold | University of Cologne

Wolfgang Wessels | University of Cologne

Rapporteur: Adrian Krieger

10:45 – 11:00 CET

Break

11:00 – 12:15 CET

Keynote Speech: A Look Behind the Scenes

Chair: **Michele Chang** | College of Europe

Herman van Rompuy | Former President of the European Council

Commentator:

Sophia Russack | Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Rapporteur: Steffen Bartsch

12:15 – 14:00 CET

Break

14:00 – 15:30 CET

**Panel I: The European Council: A Crisis Manager beyond the Corona
Crisis? Looking back and forward**

Chair: **Julie Smith** | Cambridge University

Contributions:

Juha Jokela | Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Eduard Soler | Barcelona Centre for International Affairs

Ramunas Vilpisauskas | Vilnius University

Rapporteur: Harun Suratli



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Panel II: How the European Council Works: A look at the dynamics

Chair: **Christian Lequesne** | Sciences Po, Paris

Jim Cloos | TEPSA Secretary-General, former Deputy Director General at the General Secretariat of the European Council

Commentators:

Paula Reppmann | University Greifswald

Darius Ribbe | University Greifswald

Rapporteur : Steffen Bartsch

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Panel III: Spreading the knowledge: A look at the State of the Art

Chair: **Wolfgang Wessels** | University of Cologne

Contributions:

Birgit Bujard | Alexander von Humboldt Foundation

Thomas Christiansen | LUISS School of Government, Rome

Astrid Worum | European Parliament Research Service, Brussels

Rapporteur: Adrian Krieger

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Panel IV: Concluding Panel

Chair: **Lucia Mokr ** | TEPSA

Contributions:

Christine Neuhold | Maastricht University

Conclusions:

Wolfgang Wessels | University of Cologne

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*Teaching and **Researching** the European **Council**: Enhancing and disseminating knowledge on a
key institution in challenging times*

TRACK Objectives

Regarding political and academic challenges, TRACK responds to an ongoing need to provide regular offers for teaching and research on the European Council (EUCO) as a key institution. In view of known and unknown challenges in the EU, TRACK focuses on the EUCO's role in the EU's policy-making and in shaping the EU's future. By identifying challenges for Europe, TRACK analyzes and assess the EUCO's activities along five dimensions (history, real world functions, internal patterns of decision-making, impact on the EU's institutional architecture, lessons for teaching and research) for filling gaps in teaching and research.

TRACK Key Points



TRACK regularly **analyses** and **assess** the EUCO's activities along **five analytical dimensions** (history, real world functions, internal decision-making, impact on the EU's institutional architecture, and lessons for teaching and research), aiming to **promote EU studies** by a **real-time analysis** of the EUCO as a **moving target**.



Events

TRACK organizes amongst other a **kick-off conference** in Brussels; **public lectures with panel discussions and a luncheon debate** across Europe; a **mid-term event** on the German Presidency in Berlin; **World Cafés** at secondary schools and a **dissemination conference** in Brussels



Online Activities

TRACK provides open access information comprising **analytical reports** on the EUCO's performance, **comments** after each EUCO meeting **on Twitter**, a set of **innovative online teaching modules**, contributions to **Wikipedia articles** and **living editions** on the EU system and **journal articles**.



Dissemination

TRACK follows a tailor-made dissemination strategy and spread its output via a constantly updated **website**, **newsletters**, **social media** (Twitter, Facebook) and the **partner institutes' networks**.

Project lifetime

01 September 2019 – 31 August 2021

Academic coordinator

Prof Dr Wolfgang Wessels, CETEUS | University of Cologne

Project manager

Harun Suratlı, M.A., CETEUS | University of Cologne

The TRACK advisory board consists of high-level experts from different disciplines and countries with Herman van Rompuy, former president of the European Council, as the head of the advisory board.



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