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UACES ANNUAL REPORT

2023

*A report for the financial year running 1 January 2022 to 31 December
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MEMBERSHIP

Membership

Membership of UACES decreased to 1018 members as of 30/09/22 (a decrease of 5% from the previous year). This comprised 562 Individual members, 146 Early-Career members, 217 PhD Researcher members, 24 Student members, 7 Affiliate members and 62 Group members.

Our members are distributed across 59 countries: 39 European countries and 20 countries beyond Europe.

The table below shows from where UACES membership is sourced:

COUNTRY OF RESIDENCE	AS OF 30/9/22	AS OF 30/9/21	AS OF 30/9/20	AS OF 30/9/19
UK	36.1%	36.1%	39.3%	39.6%
Germany	8.2%	7.8%	7.2%	6.8%
Belgium	7.7%	6.4%	6.2%	6.8%
Netherlands	4.9%	4.9%	3.9%	4.7%
Italy	4.1%	3.9%	3.0%	3.1%
Poland	3.3%	3.5%	3.9%	3.0%
Spain	3.2%	3.4%	3.1%	3.3%
France	3.1%	2.5%	1.9%	2.0%
USA	2.9%	3.3%	2.9%	2.2%
Hungary	2.9%	1.9%	1.4%	1.3%
Rest of Europe	19.6%	18.3%	17.5%	16.6%
Rest of World	4.8%	7.6%	7.7%	7.5%

BENEFITS

In 2022 members benefited directly from discounts for some UACES events, grants to support research networks, microgrants, fieldwork scholarships for PhD students, access to our ever-popular email list and newsletter, fully-funded conferences for postgraduate students, and indirectly through our journal co-published with Wiley, *JCMS: Journal of Common Market Studies*.

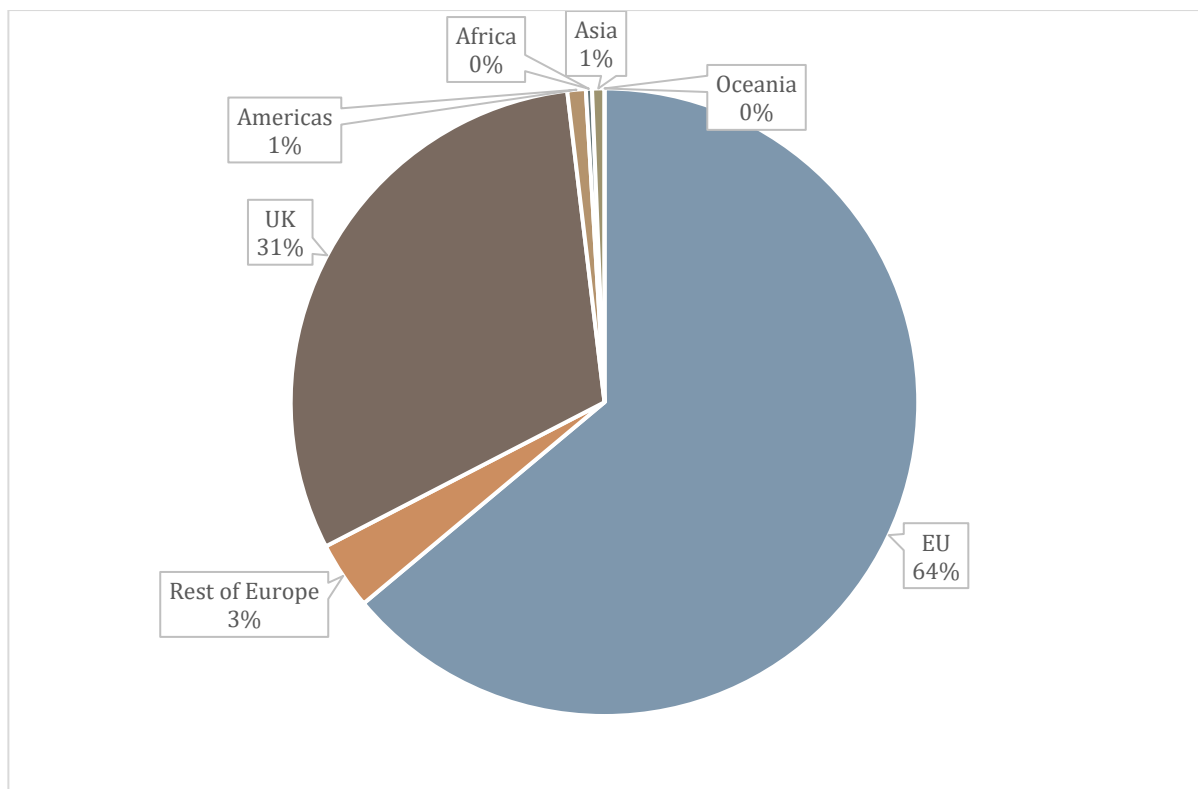
A full list of members' benefits is available to view at www.uaces.org/membership.

Annual Conference

ANNUAL CONFERENCE LILLE

The UACES 52nd Annual Conference was held at ESPOL, Lille on 5-7 September 2022. It was followed by a virtual day that took place via Zoom on 8 September 2022. The in-person conference was attended by delegates from 44 different countries with the biggest contingents being from the UK (31%), Belgium (15%), France (12%), Germany (7%), Poland (6%) and the Netherlands (5%). These figures are based on the institutions that the delegates represented not nationality. The plenary sessions included Europe in post-Covid Times, New Directions for the Future of Europe and New Directions for France in the EU.

Origin of participants for the 2022 Conference in Lille



Events in 2022

SECURING A FUTURE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES (SAFES)

These events were funded by the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union as part of its Jean Monnet Support to Associations funding:

Maastricht at 30: what next for Europe?, a Graduate Forum research conference held at Maastricht University from 23-24 June. Over 30 delegates attended over 2 days. UACES offered travel grants of up to £200 to participants who attended. Livestreaming of the event was supported by Studio Europa Maastricht.

Doctoral Training Academy: Teaching, held at University of Surrey on 3 December 2022. Over 40 delegates attended the 1-day event. UACES offered travel grants of up to £150 to participants who attended.

The first in our Brussels-based seminar series was held at Press Club Brussels Europe on 19 October 2022. The event examined the Northern Ireland Protocol. Speakers included Dr Giada Lagana (Cardiff University), Dr Mary C. Murphy (University College Cork), Shona Murray and Prof Simon Usherwood (Open University).

UACES/IACES SEMINARS

In 2022, UACES was delighted to continue its partnership with the Irish Association for Contemporary European Studies (IACES) to run a series of seminars looking at the intersection between the various crises facing Europe and how these crises affect the UK and Ireland. The seminars were held virtually via Zoom and there was an additional in-person seminar held at the Press Club in Brussels (as part of the SaFES project).

Events included:

The Future of Europe, 12 January 2022

Security and Defence in the EU, UK and Ireland, 24 March 2022

The Politics of Gender and Sexuality across Ireland, the UK and Europe, 17 June 2022

Northern Ireland Protocol, 19 October 2022

Scholarships

2022

In 2022, UACES was pleased to be able to offer 1 additional scholarship thanks to generous support from the James Madison Charitable Trust (JMCT). The objectives of the Trust are to support and promote studies of federal government whether within or among states, including studies of processes that may lead towards the establishment of such government, and to support or promote education and dissemination of knowledge of these subjects. 1 of the scholarships offered in 2022 reflected these objectives.

UACES Scholarships

- Taro Nishikawa (KU Leuven): Actorness of the European Community (EC) from a Constructivist and Decentring Perspective: EC-Japan Trade Relations in the 1980s and early 1990s
- Silvia Peirolo (University of Trento): European Security to Third Countries
- Dragomir Stoyanov (University of Sussex): The Decline in the Quality of Democracy and Anti-Liberal Euroscepticism: Bulgaria as a Case Study
- Kirsty Warner (King's College London): UK-EU Changing Relationship and its Impact on UK National Museums: A study of the time period 1991-2021

UACES/JMCT Scholarships

- Laura Pierret (University of Luxembourg): The concept of moral hazard in Europe's economic and monetary union

Next application deadline: 20 October 2023 (1 deadline each year)

Funding available: 1500 GBP per person.

UACES Research Networks

UACES RNs are designed to encourage networking. The selection criteria for this funding stream are published on the UACES website (www.uaces.org/funding/research-networks). UACES has received support from the James Madison Charitable Trust which has allowed us to offer funding for 2 additional research networks for 2020-2025.

RESEARCH NETWORKS ESTABLISHED IN PREVIOUS FINANCIAL YEARS

Communicating Europe (2019-2022)

The Limits of EUrope: Challenging the Crisis of European Integration (2019-2022)

Network of EU-Africa Research (2020-2023)

The Role of Europe in Global Challenges (2020-2023)

(Re)Imagining Territorial Politics in Times of Crisis (2020-2023) [Funded by the James Madison Charitable Trust]

EU-Health Governance (2021-2024)

European Non-violence Network (2021-2024)

NETWORKS ESTABLISHED IN 2021-2022

European Studies in a Relational Universe (2022-2025)

EU Futures (2022-2025) [Funded by the James Madison Charitable Trust]

Trade Implementation and Enforcement Research Network (TIER) (2022-2025)

In 2022, there was no call for Research Network applications.

In 2023, UACES re-launched its Research Network funding stream. You can read more about the newly launched stream at www.uaces.org/funding/research-networks.

New Research Networks (ie those that receive funding from 2024 onwards) will no longer be restricted to a 3-year time limit. They will be offered £2500 of start-up funding and then will have access to a central pot of funding for future activities.

The deadline for applications to run a Research Network is 30 September each year.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Microgrants

In 2021 the UACES introduced a new funding scheme for all members which provides funding of between £100 and £500 to support one-off research needs. There is up to £4000 available for microgrants each year. There are 3 application deadlines per year: 31 March, 31 July and 30 November.

MEMBERS WHO RECEIVED MICROGRANTS AWARDED IN 2022

- Dominika Furtak
- Gilsun Jeong
- Magdalena Koenig
- Janina Pescinski
- Ben Rosher
- Vanja Savic
- Lewin Schmitt
- Katja Seidel
- Chiara Terranova
- Gesine Weber

Find out more about microgrants at: <https://www.uaces.org/funding/microgrants>.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

Prizes and Awards

BEST BOOK AND BEST PHD THESIS

Since 2005, UACES has awarded each year, a prize for the Best Book and Best PhD thesis in contemporary European Studies. The awards are traditionally presented at the Annual Conference.

The 2022 book prize winner was: Elena Baracani, *EU-Turkey Relations - A new Direction for EU Foreign Policy?*

The 2022 Thesis Prize winner was: Marij Swinkels (Utrecht University), *The Role of EU Leaders and Ideas in Managing the Eurozone crisis: Navigating Uncharted Territory*

LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

In 2022 the lifetime achievement award was awarded to Prof Loukas Tsoukalis.

JCMS PRIZE

The prize for best article in 2022 has not yet been awarded.

JCER PRIZE

In 2016-17 UACES launched a new prize: the Luke Foster JCER Prize for Best Article by an Early-Career Researcher. The prize is awarded in memory of our late Executive Director, Luke Foster.

The winner of the 2022 Luke Foster Prize for Best Article is:

Raquel Vega Rubio, Alvaro Oleart, Kolja Raube, 'Parties in the "twilight zone": Beyond first and second-order elections for the 2019 European Parliament elections in Spain', 17 (3): 349-368.
<https://doi.org/10.30950/jcerv17i3.1224>.

PRIZES AND AWARDS

The runner up is:

Brice Didier, 'The European Union and the Liberal International Order in the Age of 'America First': Attempted Hedging and the Willingness-Capacity Gap', 17 (1): 23-42.

<https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v16i3.1097>

Journal of Common Market Studies

IN 2022

Editors: Toni Haastrup and Richard Whitman (until 30/6/22) / Paul James Cardwell, Roberta and Guerrina and Gabriel Siles-Brugge (from 1/7/22).

Book Reviews Editors: Ruby Gropas and Gaby Umbach

Annual Review Editors: Theofanis Exadaktylos and Emanuele Massetti

ISSN: 0021-9886 (print), 1468-5965 (online)

Volume 60 was published, comprising:

Issue 1: Special Issue guest edited by Amy Verdun & Valerie d'Erman

Issues 2-6: General Issues

The JCMS Annual Review of the European Union in 2021 (ISBN: 978-1-119-85751-8)

LECTURES

The JCMS Annual Lecture 2022 took place at the EUSA general conference in Miami. It was given by Catherine E. de Vries and was titled 'A Union Forged in Crisis? How Existential Challenges Are Bringing Europeans Together (or Not).'

The JCMS Annual Review Lecture took place at the European University Institute in Florence on 25 November 2022. It was given by Claudio Radaelli and was titled 'Policy Learning and European Integration.'

DOWNLOADS AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

There were over 597k full text downloads of JCMS articles in 2022. Of these, 20% were downloaded from servers in the UK, 11% in the Netherlands, 10% in Germany, 9% in the USA and 5% in Belgium.

The top 5 downloaded articles in 2022 were:

Why There is a Democratic Deficit in the EU Andrea Follesdal and Simon Hix, 44:3.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/j.1468-5965.2006.00650.x>. (9073, 1st in 2021)

The European Union and the Securitization of Migration, Jef Huysmans, 38:5.
<https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-5965.00263>. (8555, 2nd in 2021)

PUBLICATIONS

Normative Power Europe: A Contradiction in Terms? Ian Manners, 40:2. <https://doi.org/10.1111/1468-5965.00353>. (6423, 3rd in 2020)

A Decolonial Project for Europe Gurminder Bhambra, 60:2. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13310>. (6150)

The European Green Deal: More than an Exit Strategy to the Pandemic Crisis, a Building Block of a Sustainable European Economic Model Annette Bongardt and Francisco Torres, 60:1. <https://doi.org/10.1111/jcms.13264>. (4855)

For individual subscribers, Wiley continues to offer UACES members the cheapest subscription rates for the JCMS.

Journal of Contemporary European Research (JCER)

JCER is an open-access online-only Journal available at www.jcer.net.

Editors: Christopher Huggins, Kenneth McDonagh and Rachael Dickson

Teaching & Learning Editor: Nele Ewers-Peters

Following several years of discussion, the UACES Trustees and Executive Director have come to the difficult decision to close the Journal of Contemporary European Research (JCER).

UACES is committed to maintaining the JCER articles online and ensuring that all issues of the journal remain freely accessible to the public on a long-term, ongoing basis. We have also taken steps to ensure that all articles published in the journal will be archived with Portico under a LOCKSS system.

The final issue of JCER was published in August 2023.

ISSN: 1815-347X (online)

Volume 18 was published, comprising:

Issue 1: General Issue

Issue 2: Special Issue on Teaching and Learning 'Europe' in 'the Periphery': Disciplinary, Educational and Cognitive Boundaries of European Studies edited by Basak Alpan and Thomas Diez

The top 5 most viewed articles in 2022 were:

Helen Drake and Pauline Schnapper, 'We thought we were friends!': Franco-British bilateral diplomacy and the shock of Brexit', 17 (4). <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v17i4.1241>.

Sofia Vasilopoulou, 'Varieties of Euroscepticism: The Case of the European Extreme Right', 5 (1). <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v5i1.106>.

Anna Szolucha, 'The EU and 'Enlargement Fatigue': Why Has the European Union Not Been Able to Counter 'Enlargement Fatigue'?', 6 (1). <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v6i1.124>.

Borja García, 'UEFA and the European Union: From Confrontation to Co-operation?', 3 (3). <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v3i3.52>.

Martijn Kool and Trineke Palm, 'Crafting Emotions: The valence of time in narratives about the future of Europe in the Council of Europe (1949)', 17 (4). <https://doi.org/10.30950/jcer.v17i4.1170>.

Routledge-UACES Contemporary European Studies series

The book series was established in 2006. Since then, 67 titles have been published, with many subsequently released as paperbacks. Routledge continues to make the books available to UACES members at a reduced price.

In 2022, UACES appointed new editors for the series. The new editorial team is: Eleanor Brooks, Ben Farrand, Helena Farrand Carrapico and Benjamin Martill.

In 2022 there were 2 new books published in the series.

- Shawn Donnelly and Gaia Pometto, *European Banking Nationalism: State Power and Troubled Banks*
- Christopher Lord, Peter Bursens, Dirk De Bièvre, Jarle Trondal and Ramses A. Wessel, *The Politics of Legitimation in the European Union: Legitimacy Recovered?*

Framework for Delivering Benefit

The Association is governed by a committee which includes a Chair, a Secretary, a Treasurer and an Equality, Diversity and Inclusion (EDI) Officer. In addition to the Committee, there are working groups which undertake specific tasks. The student and early career members of the Association are represented by the UACES Graduate Forum.

OFFICERS

Chair: Professor Simon Usherwood (term ends 9/2024)

Treasurer: Dr Rosa Maria Fernandez Martin (term ends 9/2025)

Secretary: Dr Kathryn Simpson (term ends 9/2023)

Equality, Diversity & Inclusion: Professor Roberta Guerrina (term ends 9/2023)

The Officers, through their leadership, are responsible for enabling the UACES Committee and Staff to fulfil their responsibilities in the governance and strategic direction of the Association.

The Officers also have specific responsibilities with regards to the provision of banking services and investments.

COMMITTEE

The Committee comprises four elected Officers, six elected Committee members and a number of co-opted Committee members. The editors of the Journal of Common Market Studies, the editors of the Journal of Contemporary European Research and the Chair of the UACES Graduate Forum all sit on the Committee in an ex-officio capacity.

Responsibilities of the Committee include:

Membership issues (promoting contemporary European Studies, recruitment, retention, delivering benefits, supporting the activities of members)

Publications (including the JCMS, JCER, CES book series, UACES News and the UACES Blog)

Encouraging and developing the next generation (including the evaluation and selection of UACES Scholarships)

Delivering projects funded by grant-making bodies (e.g. the EC funded Jean Monnet grants)

A list of all the Committee members can be found at www.uaces.org/about/committee-and-staff.

Working Groups

EVENTS WORKING GROUP

Convenor: UACES Secretary

The role of the working group is to ensure the success of the Annual Conference and other UACES events, including those organised by the Graduate Forum.

Some specific responsibilities of the working group include: planning UACES's calendar of events throughout the year; evaluation of potential venues for the Annual Conference and selection of research papers and panels for the Annual Conference.

ENGAGEMENT WORKING GROUP

Convenor: UACES Treasurer

This working group's remit is to look at collaborative activities and fundraising opportunities. It is also their role to engage with the European Studies community and the wider community outside the subject area. They are responsible for developing a media and marketing strategy and the digital initiatives of the Association.

Some specific responsibilities of the working group include: Evaluation, selection and oversight of the UACES Research Networks, evaluation and selection of UACES Scholarships, judging the Best Book and Best PhD prizes, fundraising and finances and collaboration with other academic associations.

TEACHING WORKING GROUP

Convenor: UACES Chair

This working group looks at how UACES can support the development of Teaching and Learning in the European Studies subject area. They are responsible for the organisation of teaching and learning panels at the UACES annual conference.

EQUALITY, DIVERSITY & INCLUSION (EDI) WORKING GROUP

Convenor: Equality, Diversity & Inclusion Officer

This working group oversees the implementation of our EDI policy and ensures that consideration of EDI issues is at the heart of all UACES activities. The group is responsible for developing an EDI strategy which will underpin all areas in which UACES works.

Statement of Financial Activities 1 January 2022 – 31 December 2022

In line with Charity Commission requirements, the accounts for 2022 have been independently examined.

	1/1/22-31/12/22	1/1/21-31/12/21
INCOMING RESOURCES:		
Donations and Legacies	46,264	24,553
Charitable Activities	79,752	69,798
Other trading activities	225,774	207,380
Investment Income	2,441	3,401
Total incoming resources	354,231	305,132
RESOURCES EXPENDED:		
Raising Funds		
Charitable Activities	(319,514)	(258,138)
Total Resources Expended	(319,514)	(258,138)
NET INCOMING RESOURCES	34,717	46,994
OTHER RECOGNISED GAINS & LOSSES:		
Gains from sale of investments	0	0
NET MOVEMENT IN FUNDS:	34,717	46,994
Fund balances at 1 January 2022	433,381	386,387
FUND BALANCES AT 31 December 2022	468,098	433,381

Balance Sheet at 31 December 2022

	31 DECEMBER 2022	31 DECEMBER 2021
FIXED ASSETS		
Tangible Assets	9,199	9,672
CURRENT ASSETS		
Debtors	235,429	219,239
Cash at bank and in hand	325,708	327,234
Total Current Assets	561,137	546,473
Current Liabilities		
Creditors: Amounts falling due within one year	(102,238)	(122,764)
Net Current Assets	458,899	423,709
NET ASSETS	468,098	433,381
FUNDS		
At 1 January 2022	433,381	386,387
Profit for the year	34,717	46,994
At 31 December 2022	468,098	433,381
TOTAL FUNDS	468,098	433,381