

# European Sovereignty: A New Challenge for the European Council

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TRACK Teaching and Researching  
the European Council

## Jean-Monnet Project

*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 decision-making, impact on the EU's institutional architecture, and lessons for teaching and research).



#### Academic Analysis

TRACK regularly **analyses** and **assess** the EUCO's activities along **five analytical dimensions**, 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**.

### TRACK Key Points

<b>Project lifetime</b>	01 September 2019 – 31 August 2021
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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.

