

## **Description of the Association Jean Monnet**

Created in 1986 the Association Jean Monnet is a non-profit organization, which is managing the memorial place of the Jean Monnet House on behalf of the European Parliament

It was empowered to communicate and raise awareness about Jean Monnet and his work. Today the goals of the Association are still the same: to spread out the values and the teachings of this Founding father and by this way the basis of the EU. The Association also works to expand its network of partners in Europe in order to build more transnational projects and explore new fields of cooperation.

In charge of the administration of the House of Jean Monnet (property of the European Parliament), the Association recreated there the lifestyle of Jean Monnet and transformed it into a museum. In the House, the Association developed educational and informative programs to receive visitors and acquaint them with “the House where Europe was born” and the history of the European Community.

The House receives an around 12,000 visitors and host an average of 200 events/seminars each year, for a large variety of target groups: individuals, general public, associations, students, politicians and decision-makers from all EU member States and the rest of the world. Visitors greatly enjoy these visits, observing that the return to the roots of European construction in the House of one of its founders makes it possible to better understand today's Europe and to envision that of tomorrow.

Nowadays the Association Jean Monnet is also well-known for its leading role in organising debates and conferences, thanks to the beautiful venue offered by the Jean Monnet House and its conference room in the park of the villa. The Association has published several volumes on the European history, especially on the figure of Jean Monnet, and it delivers regularly a newsletter to keep its associated up-to-date concerning the Association’s activities and the main topics in the European debate.

## **Curriculum Vitae of Philippe Le Guen, Director of Jean Monnet Association**

He is director of the Jean Monnet Association since 2010. He delivers lectures in many universities and French “GrandesEcoles” on European affairs. He frequently participates to education courses, conferences and workshops in France and in Europe. Furthermore, he collaborates with the think-tank “Europe &Entreprises. “

Moreover, he has been editor and author of several publications in the field of European studies, such as “Transnational Placements of Youth in Europe: impact and potential, contribution of the Petra Programme” (European Commission, DG Education, Training and Youth, Publications Office of the European Union in Luxembourg 1995), and he has organized numerous high-level conferences and meetings with specialists, researchers and representatives of national diplomatic bodies.

Prior to that, with twenty-two years’ experience at RACINE, European Structural Funds department, he was Head of Department and Senior Program Manager, in particular through his experience at RACINE, he has been working on all aspects of the management and implementation of the European Structural Funds: setting-up and launching calls for proposals, assistance for operators, communication, financial management and controls, monitoring, training, transnational co-operation, evaluation, etc.

In 2007 and 2008 he participated in the evaluation of the European Year of Workers Mobility implemented by the Public Policy and Management Institute of Vilnius, Lithuania.

He co-managed the French Intermediary Body for “ESF Innovative Transnational Actions” (2007-2013). He was particularly in charge of the operational management of all aspects of the ESF funded projects, including operations, monitoring of financial reports, checks of expenditure and follow-up of activities.

He has been involved in several projects of institution building aiming at developing agencies for the monitoring of European Programmes (Slovenia, Hungary, Germany, Austria). He has a strong knowledge of the EU Programmes’ financial regulations including the Structural Funds, and has developed tools for the financial management and monitoring of projects, in particular in those programmes aimed at fostering the access to job market, hindering social exclusion and supporting private companies in the development of innovation programmes financed by European structural funds.

### **Relevant publications, and/or products, services**

A newsletter that keeps regularly up-to-date its subscribers on the activity of the Jean Monnet Association and on the current debate on topic of interest concerning the European Union.

- Jean Monnet Association (2013) *Jean Monnet. One life, one vision*, Editions Lignes de Repères, Paris.

- Jean Monnet Association, Maison Robert Schuman, Fondazione Trentina Alcide De Gasperi, Stiftung Bundeskanzler-Adenauer-Haus (2013) *In the Footsteps of the Founding Fathers of the Europe*, preface by Helmut Kohl, ed. G. Zorzi, Medien Haus plump, Rheinbreitbach.

- Fondation Robert Schuman, Jean Monnet Association (2001) *Europe. Hier – Aujourd'hui – Demain*, Ed. Economica, Paris.

Ph. Le Guen (1995) *Transnational Placements of Youth in Europe: impact and potential, contribution of the Petra Programme*, European Commission, DG Education, Training and Youth, Publications Office of the European Union, Luxembourg.