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EU Study Tour 2024 Report on travel support from the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

“The funds provided by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence greatly aided in offsetting some of the initial costs of the EU study tour. In the EU Study Tour, we visited multiple European countries and cities such as Maastricht in the Netherlands, Frankfurt in Germany, Luxemburg and Brussels in Belgium. In most of these cities, we visited and toured budlings of different organs of the European Union, such as the European Parliament, the European Commission, the European Council, the European Investment Bank, the European Court of Justice, and the European Central Bank.

Throughout the study tour, in addition to visiting multiple institutions, we had engaging talks and presentations by EU officials, as well as discussion panels and activities with local professors and local journalists. As a student of the European, Russian, and Eurasian Master’s program at Carleton University, the EU study tour provided direct knowledge and the possibility to interact and engage with European institutions which we have studied in our courses. As the work of my Major Research Paper focuses on the growing European far-right, the EU study tour provided on the ground knowledge about the European political landscape in these changing and dynamic times.

It is through the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence that I was able to receive some funds which went to alleviating the costs of the EU Study Tour. In my case, the costs that were provided went both to alleviating the costs airline tickets and the costs of the program. I am thankful to the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence for the support, and I am glad that I was able

to participate in the EU Study Tour which greatly enhanced my practical knowledge of the function of EU institutions and of the European Union as a whole.”