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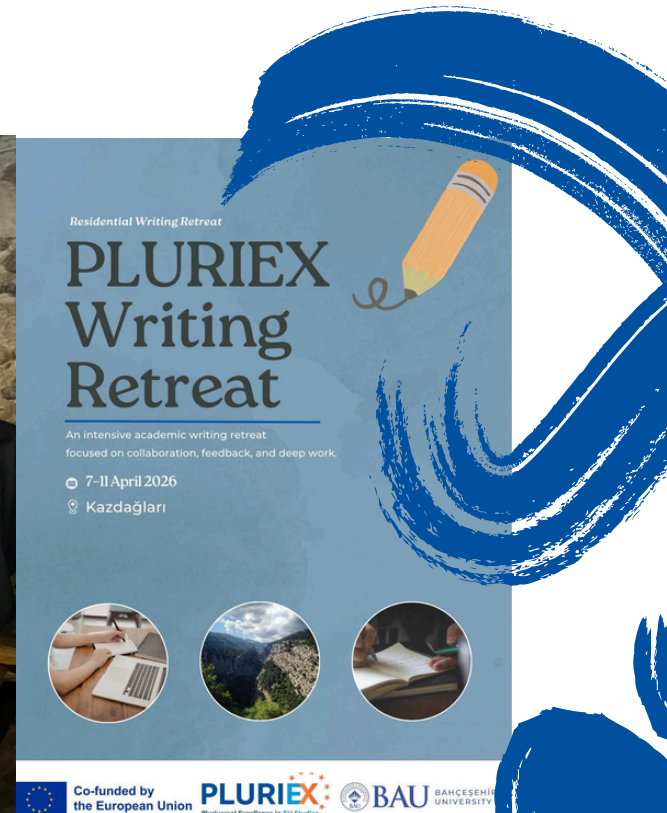


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1. Executive Summary

The inaugural PLURIEX Residential Writing Retreat took place at Manastırhan Otel, Kazdağları, from 7 to 11 April 2026. Organised by the PLURIEX Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at Bahçeşehir University, the retreat brought together 14 researchers from across disciplines and career stages for four days of intensive, structured academic writing, peer feedback, and intellectual exchange. The event fulfilled a core commitment of the PLURIEX project: to create dedicated conditions for high-quality scholarly output that advances pluriversal, feminist, and decolonial approaches to EU studies. Every participant reported meaningful progress on their writing project. Several arrived with an early draft or abstract and left with substantially developed manuscripts. All participants reported that the retreat exceeded or fully met their expectations. Participant feedback was unanimously positive, with particular emphasis on the value of the distraction-free writing environment, the quality of peer feedback, the interdisciplinary composition of the group, and the warmth and collaborative spirit of the cohort. The retreat was identified by participants as a format that is simply not replicable within ordinary institutional life, and there was strong endorsement for its continuation as a regular, institutionalised PLURIEX programme. This report documents the design, delivery, and outcomes of the retreat, drawing on participant feedback interviews conducted at the conclusion of the event. It is addressed to internal and external stakeholders of the PLURIEX project, including Bahçeşehir University and the European Commission's Jean Monnet Programme.





2. Background and Rationale

PLURIEX (Pluriversal Excellence in EU Studies) is a **Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence** funded by the **European Commission (Project No: 101240978)** and hosted at **Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul**. It is strategically designed to advance epistemic pluriversity in EU studies, integrating interdisciplinary, cross-disciplinary, and multidisciplinary approaches while deliberately including underrepresented voices, scholars beyond Europe, and expertise that challenges male-dominated narratives in the field. PLURIEX operates as a dynamic hub of knowledge and expertise on EU studies, expanding its reach through research, innovative teaching, expert panels, early career researcher workshops, and writing retreats. It builds on two prior initiatives at Bahçeşehir University: the Jean Monnet Chair on Feminist Epistemic Justice in the EU and Beyond (FEJUST -101085368- 2022–2025) and the TÜBİTAK project (Project No: 122K720) on the role of elite sociology in Turkey-EU relations (2022–2026).

A key aspect of PLURIEX's mission is to pluriversalise EU knowledge by amplifying voices from within Turkey's EU-related bureaucratic structures, the EU experts across multiple ministries who manage the technical and operational dimensions of Turkey-EU relations, alongside scholars from diverse disciplines, including those not conventionally associated with EU studies. At a time when public discourse on EU-Turkey relations is narrowing to transactional matters such as migration and trade, PLURIEX is designed as an essential intervention that broadens the debate and bridges academia with policymakers, civil society, and the public.

The writing retreat is a central and recurring component of the PLURIEX programme. As outlined in the original project proposal, PLURIEX committed to organising annual writing retreats to assemble scholars specialising in European politics and EU studies, transcending disciplinary and identity boundaries for strategic and impactful scholarly experience. The retreats are designed to provide participants with focused time for scholarly reflection and writing, a dedicated space that is increasingly difficult to carve out within the ordinary rhythms of academic institutional life.

The PLURIEX writing retreat model is distinctive in several respects. It is not a conference: there are no panels, no competitive presentations, and no performance of finished work. Instead, it creates the temporal, spatial, and social conditions under which work-in-progress can be meaningfully advanced. Peer feedback is structured to be constructive, contextually informed, and reciprocal. Every participant both gives and receives feedback, creating a community of accountability and mutual investment that mirrors PLURIEX's broader commitment to epistemic generosity and collaborative knowledge production.

The 2026 retreat was the inaugural edition of this programme, held at Manastırhan Otel in the Kazdağları region of Türkiye. It was designed to serve as a model for future editions, which the proposal envisages taking place across different international locations, including Skopje and Malaga, in subsequent years.

3. Pre-Retreat Preparation

Participation in the retreat carried a significant preparatory commitment, which was considered integral to the design of the event. The preparation process served three purposes: to ensure that writing sessions were productive from day one; to initiate intellectual exchange among participants before arrival; and to orient participants toward the pluriversal frameworks central to PLURIEX's mission.

Two online preparatory seminars were held in the weeks leading up to the retreat, featuring invited international scholars working on pluriversity and global knowledge production.

- **18 March 2026: Prof. Chih-yu Shih (National Taiwan University)** delivered an invited lecture on "Pluriversalising Knowledge in Global IR", providing a theoretical orientation to the epistemological framework underpinning the PLURIEX project. A recording was made available to all participants.
- **27 March 2026: Prof. Amaya Querejazu Escobari (Universidad de los Andes, Colombia)** delivered a lecture on "Pluriversity and Cosmopraxis", deepening participants' engagement with pluriversal frameworks and their application to empirical research. A recording was made available to all participants.

Both seminars were attended by retreat participants and served to create a shared theoretical vocabulary and a sense of collective intellectual orientation before arrival.



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In addition to the seminars, participants completed the following preparatory tasks:

- **24 March 2026: Submission of a first draft of approximately 3,000 words** to a shared folder accessible to all participants. Drafts could take the form of a first article version, an extended research note, or a structured writing plan.
- **1 April 2026: Written peer feedback on at least one colleague's draft, submitted via the shared folder.** This ensured that all participants arrived at the retreat having already engaged substantively with each other's work.
- **5 April 2026: Submission of a revised draft** incorporating peer feedback received, alongside a brief individual writing plan specifying goals for the retreat and sections to be developed during the five days.

This three-stage preparation process meant that by the time participants arrived at Kazdağları, the group had already formed an intellectual community oriented around each other's work. Writing sessions were therefore immediately productive, without the orientation period that typically delays progress in less structured retreats.

4. Participants

Participants were selected through an open call for participation disseminated across PLURIEX's academic network. The selection process was conducted by the PLURIEX project team, with priority given to researchers whose work engages with the thematic and epistemological commitments of the project and whose ongoing writing projects were at a stage where the retreat would generate meaningful impact.

The 2026 cohort brought together 14 researchers from multiple universities across Turkey, representing a deliberately diverse range of disciplines, career stages, and institutional affiliations. The group included full professors, associate professors, assistant professors, and an early career researcher who had recently completed her doctorate. Disciplines represented span political science, international relations, sociology, migration studies, comparative politics, economics, sustainable supply chain management, international law, and gender studies, reflecting PLURIEX's explicit commitment to drawing scholars from beyond the conventional boundaries of EU studies.

The retreat cohort embodied geoepestemic diversity not only through the institutional affiliations and research geographies of its participants, but through the plurality of epistemological traditions brought to bear on questions of European governance, knowledge, and belonging. Deliberately composed to ensure cross-pollination of ideas across disciplinary and institutional boundaries, a central PLURIEX objective, the cohort brought together scholars from seven universities working across seven distinct fields. Alongside established Western and European analytical frameworks, participants drew on decolonial and pluriversal theory, including the work of Escobar, Mignolo, and Querejazu, as well as Global South epistemologies such as Ubuntu and Buen Vivir, post-Ottoman and Mediterranean historical perspectives, heterodox political economy traditions, and feminist and postcolonial IR frameworks. This epistemological plurality reflects PLURIEX's foundational commitment to the idea that EU studies cannot be adequately understood through any single analytical tradition, and that knowledge about Europe is always produced from somewhere, from particular historical positions, disciplinary formations, and ways of knowing that shape what can be seen and what remains invisible.





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PLURIEX Residential Writing Retreat — Cohort Profiles

Kazdağları, Türkiye · 7–11 April 2026 · 14 Participants

01 Rahime Süleymanoğlu-Kürüm | Centre Director · Jean Monnet Chair (FEJUST) · PI, PLURIEX

Associate Professor | Bahçeşehir University / Manchester Metropolitan University

EU–Turkey relations, feminist epistemic justice, decolonial theory, elite sociology. Active TÜBİTAK project on elite sociology and Turkey-EU policymaking.

PLURIEX relevance: Intellectual architect of PLURIEX. Her work on feminist epistemic justice and decolonial EU studies directly defines the project's epistemological framework.

02 Selin Türkeş-Kılıç | Centre Co-Director

Associate Professor | Bahçeşehir University, Istanbul

Discursive processes in EU and Turkish foreign policy-making. Publications in Journal of European Public Policy, Turkish Studies, European Foreign Affairs Review. Marie Curie Fellow, University of Deusto (2011–12). Recent: 'Tracing (neo)colonial and gendered logics in the European Green Deal' (2025).

PLURIEX relevance: As Co-Director, a core intellectual interlocutor for PLURIEX's pluriversal mission. Her recent work on neocolonial and gendered logics in EU governance represents exactly the critical, intersectional EU studies PLURIEX fosters.

03 Damla Bayraktar Aksel | Deputy Director for Research & Policy Impact · Internal Evaluator

Associate Professor | Bahçeşehir University · Research Associate, MiReKoc, Koç University

International migration governance, transnationalism, diasporas, EU-Turkey migration relations. Author of Home States and Homeland Politics (2019). 2025/26 Mercator-IPM Research Fellow, Istanbul Policy Centre.

PLURIEX relevance: Critical perspective on EU migration policy. Intersectional attention to migrant women's experiences reflects PLURIEX's feminist commitments and connects to PLURIEX's policy impact mission.

04 Atakan Yılmaz | Deputy Director for Teaching & Curriculum Development

Assistant Professor | Bahçeşehir University

Computational text analysis, cyber security, Gender discourse in EU institutions. Recent: 'High politics, low visibility: a computational analysis of gender discourse in EU institutions', Journal of Gender Studies (2025).

PLURIEX relevance: Bridges PLURIEX's research and pedagogical missions. Computational approach to gender in EU institutions exemplifies the interdisciplinary, gender-sensitive scholarship PLURIEX fosters.

05 Yüksel Alper Ecevit | Senior Fellow for EU Policy & Institutional Engagement

Associate Professor | Bahçeşehir University

Comparative politics, political parties, electoral systems, quantitative methods. Publications in Party Politics, Political Research Quarterly, Acta Politica, Electoral Studies, Parliamentary Affairs. Founder of the ESPA Network. PhD, Binghamton University (2013).

PLURIEX relevance: Rigorous comparative politics and quantitative methodology brings empirical depth to the cohort. Work on democratic institutions and civic engagement connects to PLURIEX's concern with epistemic access and democratic knowledge production.

06 Selcen Öner | Communications & Knowledge Dissemination Lead

Professor | Bahçeşehir University

European identity, EU-Turkey relations, EU migration policy, populist radical right. Author of Turkey and the European Union: The Question of European Identity (Lexington, 2011). Visiting professor at LUISS Rome; visiting scholar at Free University of Brussels, Aalborg, Free University of Berlin, and Pompeu Fabra.

PLURIEX relevance: Longstanding expertise on European identity and EU-Turkey relations enriches PLURIEX's understanding of the contested political landscape in which EU studies operates. Her dissemination role amplifies the retreat's outputs beyond the academic community.

07 Necip Bulut | Researcher, PLURIEX

Researcher | Bahçeşehir University

Macroeconomics, inflation dynamics, labour economics, quantitative methods. Recent: 'Inflation Dynamics: Profits, Wages and Import Prices', Economic Systems (2025). Research on Environmental Kuznets Curve in Turkey and machine learning applications.

PLURIEX relevance: Embodies PLURIEX's ambition to integrate disciplines beyond EU studies. Economics expertise speaks directly to EU governance frameworks — cohesion policy, the European Semester, and regulatory alignment.



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08 Didem Buhari | External Participant

Professor | İzmir Kâtip Çelebi University

World Society/World Polity theory applied to EU candidate country reforms. Author of Europeanization in a Global Context: Integrating Turkey into the World Polity (Palgrave, 2017). Postdoctoral fellowships at LSE and Oxford Brookes.

PLURIEX relevance: World polity critique of Eurocentric Europeanization accounts is deeply consonant with PLURIEX's pluriversal orientation. Challenges the sender-receiver model PLURIEX seeks to move beyond.

09 Gizem Alioğlu Çakmak | External Participant

Associate Professor | Yeditepe University

Europeanization, Greek-Turkish relations, EU normative power, minority rights, Science Diplomacy. Co-edited Greece and Turkey in Conflict and Cooperation (Routledge). Post-doctoral fellow, Panteion University, Athens (2015–16).

PLURIEX relevance: Work on de-Europeanization and Greek-Turkish relations challenges linear integration narratives. Focus on minority rights and EU normative power aligns with PLURIEX's concern for underrepresented voices in European politics.

10 Levent Demirelli | External Participant

Associate Professor | Istanbul Beykent University, Istanbul

Politicisation of Turkish bureaucracy, patronage appointments, public policy. Publication: 'Prime Minister, Minister, or Else? Determinants of Patronage Appointments and Politicization of the Bureaucracy in Turkey (2002–2018)', Administration & Society (2024).

PLURIEX relevance: Expertise in bureaucratic politicisation connects to PLURIEX's interest in amplifying EU-related bureaucratic expertise in Turkey — the underrepresented voices PLURIEX explicitly seeks to integrate.

11 Menent Savaş Cazala | External Participant

Associate Professor | Galatasaray University

R2P, international security, peacekeeping operations, international law. Author of 'Côte d'Ivoire: A Timely and Decisive R2P Action?' (Palgrave, 2022). French-language scholarship in *Après-demain* and *Annuaire français de relations internationales*.

PLURIEX relevance: French-language and African case scholarship introduces non-Anglophone epistemological traditions into the cohort. Research on global South cases exemplifies the geographically decentred knowledge PLURIEX cultivates.

12 Esra Çengel | External Participant

Early Career Researcher · PhD | Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara

Recently completed doctorate. Turkish-American relations, Turkish foreign policy, European-Turkish triangular relations. Forthcoming monograph: *The Pre-Cold War Origins of US Strategic Engagement with Turkey, 1920–1945* (METU Press, 2026).

PLURIEX relevance: Historical and non-Eurocentric perspective on Turkey's international positioning. Reflects PLURIEX's commitment to early career capacity-building and to extending its network beyond Istanbul-based institutions.

13 Emre Eldem | External Participant

Assistant Professor | Istanbul Esenyurt University, Istanbul

Interdisciplinary engagement with EU and European studies. Restructured a pre-existing draft during the retreat to align it with new disciplinary frameworks; found the interdisciplinary exposure particularly valuable for his own scholarly lens.

PLURIEX relevance: Exemplifies PLURIEX's commitment to extending its intellectual community beyond BAU. Cross-disciplinary lens enriched feedback exchanges and contributed to the cross-pollination of ideas central to the retreat's design.

14 Yasemin Ülker | External Participant

Assistant Professor | Bahçeşehir University

Sustainable supply chain management, blockchain in waste management, SDG-aligned business models. Co-author of *Sustainable Development Goals and Supply Chains* (IGI Global, 2025). Also led the morning Yogalates sessions throughout the retreat.

PLURIEX relevance: Expertise in sustainable supply chains and SDGs connects to the European Green Deal. Demonstrates PLURIEX's commitment to including business and management scholars in pluriversal EU knowledge production.



5. Programme

Opening Evening-7 April

Participants arrived at Manastırhan Otel on the afternoon of Tuesday 7 April, settling into an environment that had been exclusively reserved for the retreat group. The programme opened with a shared dinner, followed by a structured academic social evening designed to build familiarity and intellectual openness across the group.

The centrepiece of the opening evening was **Research Speed Networking**, a rotating paired format in which participants met in short, structured bilateral conversations to introduce their research, share their current writing stage, and identify the kind of feedback they were hoping to receive during the retreat. This format replaced a conventional round of presentations and proved highly effective in generating early intellectual connections and grounding the group's collective awareness of each other's projects. The evening also included academic game, Two Truths and a Lie, which served to break down hierarchies, build warmth, and establish the playful yet intellectually serious tone that characterised the retreat throughout.

Writing Days-8-10 April

Each of the three full working days followed a consistent and carefully calibrated rhythm, balancing intensive individual writing with structured feedback, physical activity, and social time.

- Morning Yogalates (07:30–08:00), led by participant Yasemin Ülker
- Shared breakfast (08:15–09:00) with collective goal-setting for the day
- Morning physical activity (09:00–09:30): walking or cycling in the Kazdağları natural environment
- Deep Writing Session I (09:30–12:30, with a short coffee break): approximately 2.5–3 hours of uninterrupted individual writing
- Shared lunch (12:30–13:30)
- Deep Writing Session II (13:30–17:00, with breaks): a further 3 hours of focused individual writing
- Peer Feedback Exchange (17:30–18:45): structured small-group sessions in which participants shared progress and gave constructive feedback
- Shared dinner (19:00–20:30)
- Informal Scholarly Conversations (20:30 onwards): optional organic intellectual exchange, which many participants described as one of the most generative parts of the retreat

Participants were free to write in shared common spaces or in their own rooms according to their preference and working style.

Award Ceremony

The retreat concluded with an informal PLURIEX Awards Ceremony designed to recognise not only academic excellence, but also collaboration, intellectual generosity, epistemic openness, and contributions to the collective retreat atmosphere. Awards were distributed across five categories: Academic Excellence, Writing and Research Development, Collaboration and Intellectual Exchange, PLURIEX Values, and Community Building.

Closing Morning 11 April

The retreat concluded on the morning of Saturday 11 April with a closing coffee and informal reflections session, in which participants shared the progress they had achieved and their plans for the next stages of their work, before departing.





6. Academic Outcomes and Progress

A central goal of the retreat was to advance participants' ongoing research and writing projects. The results were notable across the board. Every participant reported meaningful progress, with individuals at very different starting points all achieving more than they had expected.

Individual Progress

- Gizem Alioğlu Çakmak arrived with only an abstract written. By the end of the retreat, she had nearly completed her analysis and theoretical framework sections, with only methodology and discussion remaining, a transformation that would have taken months in an ordinary working environment.
- Menent Savaş Cazala was awarded the informal "Most Improved Draft" distinction by the group, crediting key feedback from the Principal Investigator as a turning point that reoriented the direction of her draft.
- Levent Demirelli followed a detailed pre-planned schedule: completing missing data entry on day one, refining his methodology section on day two, and conducting a full manuscript review on day three, a level of systematic progress that he noted was only possible in a dedicated writing environment.
- Yüksel Alper Ecevit began the retreat in an entirely new literature area and wrote approximately 2,000 words over the three working days, establishing the foundation for a new research direction.
- Atakan Yılmaz was initially slowed by unfamiliarity with the material but accelerated significantly after peer discussions helped clarify his conceptual framework. He produced a substantial draft that he explicitly noted would have been impossible to write in three days outside of such a setting.
- Emre Eldem, who joined as an external participant from outside Bahçeşehir University, effectively restarted a pre-existing draft to align it with new disciplinary perspectives, and found the interdisciplinary exposure particularly valuable for his own scholarly lens.
- Damla Bayraktar Aksel described the retreat as providing the "calm mind" she needed to integrate a new theoretical framework into a prior body of work, something she had been unable to achieve amid the pressures of institutional routine.

Collective Outputs

Across 14 participants, the retreat generated a substantial body of new or substantially revised academic writing. Participants are expected to proceed toward submission of their manuscripts to peer-reviewed journals, with acknowledgement of PLURIEX and EU Jean Monnet funding in accordance with the project's visibility requirements. Some of these outputs may contribute to the planned PLURIEX special issue on pluriversal perspectives in EU studies, while others will be submitted independently.

Participant Voices

Post-retreat interviews were conducted with participants at the conclusion of the event (Manastır Coffee & Patisserie, Altınoluk). The following testimonies illustrate the quality and depth of the experience.

"Beklentilerimi tamamen karşıladı. (It completely met my expectations.)"— **Gizem Alioğlu Çakmak**

"Beklediğimden çok çok daha keyifli ve çok çok daha verimli geçti. (It was far more enjoyable and far more productive than I expected.)"— **Selcen Öner**

"Uzun zamandır böyle bir kapanma süreci geçirememiştim. (I haven't had such an immersive working period in a long time.)"— **Menent Savaş Cazala**

Multiple participants highlighted the irreplaceable value of an environment physically removed from everyday institutional demands. Several noted explicitly that achieving this level of focused writing in Istanbul or their usual workplaces would have been impossible. The Kazdağları setting, combining natural beauty, physical seclusion, and the knowledge that the hotel was exclusively theirs, was consistently cited as a key enabler of the deep work that the retreat made possible.

The quality of feedback received, both in structured bilateral sessions and in the informal conversations that emerged over meals and in the evenings, was unanimously cited as one of the retreat's greatest assets. Participants particularly valued the intergenerational character of the feedback, with the opportunity to receive input from senior colleagues providing a qualitative depth that ordinary peer exchange rarely achieves. Several participants noted that conversations that began over coffee continued into the evening and proved as intellectually generative as the formal feedback sessions.



8. Key Strengths of the Format

Focused, Distraction-Free Environment

The residential format, in a venue exclusively reserved for the group and set within a natural landscape at a distance from urban institutional life, was identified as the single most important structural feature of the retreat. Participants were unanimous that this level of focused engagement was not reproducible within ordinary working conditions.

Reciprocal Peer Feedback

The structured peer feedback model, in which every participant both received and gave feedback, and in which feedback was initiated before arrival through the preparatory draft-sharing process, produced a quality of intellectual exchange that participants described as qualitatively superior to conventional conference or seminar formats. The investment each participant had already made in reading their peers' work before arrival meant that feedback sessions could move immediately into substantive engagement.

Interdisciplinary and Inter-Institutional Composition

The deliberate diversity of the cohort, in terms of discipline, career stage, and institutional affiliation, was identified as a distinct strength. Participants noted that working alongside scholars from outside their immediate disciplinary community pushed them toward broader thinking and surfaced unexpected connections. This is precisely the epistemic cross-pollination that PLURIEX is designed to generate.

The Rhythm of the Programme

The structured daily rhythm, alternating between writing, feedback, physical activity, and social time, was widely praised. Participants noted that the integration of morning physical activity and Yogalates was not merely a wellness add-on but contributed directly to their capacity for sustained intellectual focus. The informal evenings were consistently described as among the most intellectually generative moments of the retreat, reinforcing the value of the residential format over day-events or online alternatives.

Alignment with PLURIEX Mission

Several participants noted that the retreat was not only productive as a writing event but meaningful as an expression of PLURIEX's epistemological commitments: non-hierarchical, collaborative, attentive to diverse disciplinary and experiential perspectives, and oriented toward collective flourishing. The format modelled the values it professed.





9. Reflections and Recommendations for Future Editions

Participants offered a set of constructive and consistent suggestions for strengthening future editions of the retreat. These are summarised below and will inform the planning of subsequent PLURIEX writing retreats.

Richer Opening Sessions

Several participants felt that the initial Research Speed Networking round, while effective at building early connections, passed too quickly to allow full understanding of each other's projects. A recommendation for future editions is to complement this with short individual project presentations (5–7 minutes each) at the outset, so that peer reviewers have richer contextual knowledge of their colleagues' work from day one.

Structured Closing Reflection

The absence of a formal closing session was noted by multiple participants. A short final gathering, mirroring the opening, in which participants reflect on how their ideas evolved over the days, would provide meaningful closure, reinforce collective achievement, and generate learning for the group as a whole.

Daily End-of-Day Check-Ins

A brief daily sharing round at the end of each writing day, a "campfire" format in which each participant shares what they accomplished, was suggested as a mechanism for building collective awareness, individual self-appreciation, and mutual accountability across the days of the retreat.

Optional Mini-Seminar

Multiple participants independently proposed the addition of an optional half-day academic seminar or workshop element, featuring either an invited external speaker or an in-group presentation session. This was carefully framed as a supplement to, not a replacement of, core writing time.

Workspace Management

To avoid the natural formation of sub-groups around fixed seating arrangements, future editions could benefit from deliberately rotating workspace assignments across the days, ensuring that all participants interact across the full cohort rather than within self-selected clusters.

10. Looking Ahead

The 2026 retreat was the first edition of what is designed to be a recurring programme. The success of this inaugural edition, in terms of participant satisfaction, academic output, and community-building, provides a strong foundation for future editions and confirms the value of the format as a distinctive contribution to the PLURIEX programme.

As envisioned in the PLURIEX project proposal, future writing retreats will take place annually, potentially at different international locations, including planned editions in Skopje and Malaga, in order to expand the geographic reach of the PLURIEX community and to build international collaborative networks among scholars working on pluriversal approaches to EU studies. Collaboration will be sought with partner Jean Monnet Chairs and Centres of Excellence internationally, including institutions in Asia, Latin America, and Africa, to ensure that future retreats reflect the global reach and epistemic ambition of the PLURIEX project. Some outputs produced at these retreats are expected to contribute to the planned PLURIEX special issue on pluriversal perspectives in EU studies; others will be published independently in peer-reviewed journals.

The recommendations gathered through participant feedback will be incorporated into the design of the next edition, making the programme iteratively stronger with each year.

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