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Editorial statement: ten years of life of EJGE

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Abstract. In this editorial statement, we present a balance of the first decade of life of the European Journal of Government and Economics. We discuss the main difficulties an independent journal faces in maintaining the policy of open access and publication free of charge. We also renew the commitment to the journal's spirit, particularly with the editorial rigour and best practices. Finally, we identify the next steps in the consolidation of EJGE as an academic journal that attempts to keep an integrated approach between the fields of political science and economics.

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With the publication of Volume 11 (issue 1) in June 2022, The European Journal of Government and Economics has just completed its first decade.

The EJGE's founding spirit is to integrate approaches between the fields of political science and economics. Ten years ago, our founding editor Diego Varela launched this project. Initially, Giacomo Benedetto and José Manuel Sánchez as associate editors, and later Paolo Rungo as managing editor, have tried to give continuity to the legacy of the founding editor. This was a great challenge because the sustainability of an independent academic journal is a complex task.

In the editorial statement of the first issue of EJGE, we explained the reasons for the creation of the European Journal of Government and Economics. Our success over the last ten years is the best proof that the creation of a journal such as EJGE was the right decision. Since 2012 we have published over 100 articles by authors from across the globe. At first glance, it may seem that the number is not very high, but our philosophy and editorial policy from the beginning have been to prioritize quality over quantity.

It is only fair to take this opportunity to acknowledge all the people who have contributed to the success of this editorial initiative.

We want to give particular thanks to all of those involved in the editorial process of EJGE, who have served it with dedication and unique competence. We are very grateful to the authors that have chosen EJGE for publishing their papers. The journal has also benefited from the effort of the reviewers, whose work has enabled the editorial team to select the best papers for publication. We really appreciate the availability of the reviewers because their help as has been invaluable to us.

We express our gratitude to the members of Editorial Board for their dedication to the journal. The Editorial Board is composed of outstanding theoretical and empirical economists and political scientists. The team covers the main areas of Economics and Political Science and is geographically balanced.

Since the first issue was launched, we have worked hard to consolidate EJGE, and now it is time to provide a new impulse. We have accumulated a wealth of experience that will help us to improve our work as editors. In this line, we envision further progress in the indexing process in the near future. In this direction, a next step is the entry into the Emerging Sources Citation Index (ESCI).

Looking ahead, we shall update the membership of the Editorial Board to accommodate scholars who will help give the journal a boost and enable it to face future challenges and developments.

To summarize, after ten years it is a good time to renew and reinforce our commitment to EJGE. It is an open-access academic journal with the mission of providing free dissemination of scientific findings on current issues regarding the interrelationship between the fields of Government and Economics. The journal is committed to continue a strict open-access, no-charge policy. Furthermore, we shall ensure that EJGE continues to meet the highest editorial standards of rigor and quality. We are aware that it is not easy to maintain an independent journal while respecting the standards of academic quality, but we are optimistic, and we hope that our authors and reviewers will continue to trust our project.