



Call for Applications Academic Year 2009/10



CoDe Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development

**Master's Programme
2009-2010**

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An EU ERASMUS MUNDUS Programme



JOINT EUROPEAN MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT - CoDe

The University of Trento, coordinator, (Italy), the Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia) and the University of Regensburg (Germany) in collaboration with the OECD LEED Trento Centre for Local Development and with the support of European Commission, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Autonomous Region Trentino-Alto Adige/Südtirol offer **18 months** (95 ECTS) of training for a post-graduate Master's course degree. The CoDe Master is an **Erasmus Mundus** Programme. Its main objective is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills for introducing, supporting and co-ordinating processes of change and transformation at the local level. The focus of the programme is local development, with the following characteristics: public, private and non governmental actors are the fundamental agents; social stability and economic prosperity are pursued, in conformity with the European standards and best practice. The general approach is comparative and interdisciplinary.

Schedule

<i>Publication of the call for applications</i>	<i>October 1, 2008</i>
<i>Deadline for submitting the expression of interest</i>	<i>December 20, 2008</i>
<i>Deadline for submitting the application documentation</i>	<i>January 20, 2009</i>
<i>Preliminary selection of participants</i>	<i>February 28, 2009</i>
<i>Final selection of participants</i>	<i>May 2009</i>
<i>Summer readings</i>	<i>July – August, 2009</i>
<i>Introductory course</i>	<i>September, 2009 - Trento</i>
Pre-programme <i>methodological courses, language courses, seminars, study of indicated material, writing of three papers (economics, law, sociology)</i>	<i>October – December, 2009, Trento</i>
- I term <i>lectures, laboratories, seminars, language courses, examinations, workshops, field visits</i>	<i>January – April 2010, Trento</i>
- II term <i>lectures, laboratories, seminars, language courses, examinations, workshops, field visits</i>	<i>April – June 2010, Regensburg</i>
- III term <i>lectures, laboratories, seminars, language courses, examinations, workshops, field visits</i>	<i>June – July 2010, Regensburg</i>
Internship	<i>At least 350 hours (approximately 2 months - full time). To be carried out in the EU over the period August – December 2010</i>
<i>Out-of-class activities (on-line teaching activities, seminars)</i>	<i>August – December, 2010</i>
<i>Research and Project Work completion</i>	<i>November – December, 2010</i>
<i>Deadline for mailing Project Work</i>	<i>December 31, 2010</i>
<i>Interactive evaluation and finalizing the Project Work</i>	<i>January – February, 2011</i>
<i>Project Work defence</i>	<i>March – April 2011, Trento</i>
<i>Graduation Ceremony</i>	

THE MASTER'S PROGRAMME

English is the general working language of the Programme; Knowledge of a different language may be required depending on the internship.

I. Before the beginning of the Introductory Course students will be suggested some summer readings on the three disciplinary areas of the Master Program

II. An **introductory course** to the Master Programme will be organised at the University of Trento. The course will include introductory lectures in all disciplines and provide information on organisational matters. A set of suggested readings will be given to students prior to the introductory course in order to allow them to catch up with the most important topics. Students will be required to make a short presentation of the project.

III. In order to make participation more efficient from the beginning and to lay the foundations for an inter-disciplinary approach, within the **pre-programme** the participants will be required to study some basic topics in the three main disciplines, and assisted by the tutors. Student will spend the pre-programme period at the University of Trento attending seminars and operational workshops.

IV. **Lectures** are structured in 10 courses (of 20 hours each). Standard courses are on the following topics:

1. Principles and problems of local development: economic aspects
2. Principles and problems of local development: legal aspects
3. Principles and problems of local development: social and political aspects
4. Principles and problems of local development: financial aspects
5. The management of diversities in society
6. Trans-national integration and multilevel governance
7. Local development and entrepreneurship policies
8. Sustainable local development
9. Project cycle management
10. The role of language and culture in international relations and business

Lectures will be supplemented by laboratories, guest lectures and field visits.

V. **Laboratories** (100 hours) analyse successful experiences of local development and "co-habitation" from an interdisciplinary and intercultural perspective. Some laboratories will be conducted by external experts in the field and may be conducted in German or Italian.

VI. **Internship** (350 hours) in qualified organisations (institutions of local and regional government, public/private partnerships, decentralised administrations of national government, industrial districts, trans-border co-operation-projects, policies for enterprises and local development, services to enterprises, local banks, NGOs active at local level or for the promotion of local development) located in the countries of the partner universities or in international organisations. Knowledge of either German or Italian may be essential.

VII. Participants are required to attend **intensive courses of Italian and German** (50 hours each), both organised within the Master activity. Slovenian and Hungarian language courses might be offered upon students' request.

VIII. **On-line teaching and e-learning** will be used in the pre-programme as well as during the intervals between the terms for further analysis of the topics treated during the lectures.

IX. **Project work**: analysis, research and experience aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative analysis for local development in areas in transformation. The project should be presented as a thesis preferably including an operational activity plan (according to the guidelines of the European Commission, laid down in the Project Cycle Management Handbook).

X. **Discussion groups**: in order to stimulate active participation, students are required to present and discuss the work done in the Master Programme, with particular reference to their Project Work and with the help of facilitators.

MASTER'S DEGREES

Upon the successful completion of all activities in the Master, including the Project Work defence, the Academic Authorities of the organising Institutions will award a Joint Master's Degree corresponding to:

- in the Italian University system: a **Master di secondo livello** according to the DM 509/99;
- in the German University system: a **Mastergrad** according to Art. 18 paragraph 1 HRG, Art. 86 paragraph 1, 86 a paragraph 3 BayHSchG;
- in the Hungarian University system: a **Kiegészítő alapképzés (M.A.)** according to the DG 4/1996;
- The University of Ljubljana will award a **Recognition of credits** in the framework of Magistrski študijski program; according to the 93. and 98. of the Statutes of UL (Ur.l.RS, št 8/2005), and Art. 36. in 38.a of the Law on Higher Education (Ur.l.RS, 100/04).

ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify for the programme candidates have to comply with the following requirements:

1. University degree in Economics, Law, Political Science, Sociology or an equivalent qualification, i.e. related to fields relevant for local development issues, corresponding to at least 210 ECT, or 4 years for students from countries where ECTS is not in place.

2. Fluent English and computer literacy.

Candidates meeting these requirements will be evaluated based on the following criteria:

1. Higher Education and language knowledge
2. Post-degree courses and activities
3. Project Work proposal
4. Motivation
5. Letters of reference

The candidates will be chosen according to their evaluations. In case two or more candidates receive the same evaluation, priority will be given to: 1. those employed in the private, public and non-governmental sectors related to local development; 2. those under 40 year-old.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees for participants are € 9,000. Students will be provided with access to the facilities of the participating universities (library, pc rooms, e-mail and Internet) as well as to the universities' cafeterias and restaurants at student rates.

SCHOLARSHIPS

A number of scholarships are offered to students from countries outside the European Union. The amount of the scholarship established by the European Commission in 2008/2009 was 21.000 EUR per year. These scholarships are funded by the European Commission through the Erasmus Mundus programme. For additional information: <http://europa.eu.int/comm/education/programmes/mundus/>.

Additional scholarships may be available.

HOW TO APPLY

The application procedure requires that candidates fill-in and submit the following forms:

1. **Expression of interest**, which has to be completed on-line at www.unitn.it/mastercode.
Deadline: **December 20th, 2008**.
2. The **complete Application**, which has to be submitted through the forms available on the master website (www.unitn.it/mastercode). The Application includes **Application Form, Curriculum Vitae** and **Project Work Proposal**, which must be submitted to the Master's office (see contacts below) both:
 - in electronic form (email)
 - in hard copy with original signature.Deadline: **January 20th, 2009**.
3. Two **Reference Letters** have to be included in the hard copy of the Application: one by a qualified academic referee, the other by a qualified professional referee. Each reference form must be completed and signed by the referee and submitted in an official envelope (i.e., from the referee's university or company) which has been sealed and signed on the flap by the referee. These must be returned to the applicant signed and sealed to be mailed in your application package. References are confidential and the envelopes **must not be opened**.
Deadline: **January 20th, 2009**.

Please note: **Incomplete documentation will not be taken into consideration.**

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

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DEADLINES

December 20th, 2008 for the expression of interest (online).
January 20th, 2009 for the application (form and required documentation); date of postmark.

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