Call for Applications

Academic Years 2014/16

*Erasmus Mundus Master Course (EMMC) - CODE*

A European Master Programme

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**Joint European Master in**

**Comparative Local Development – CoDe**

*Corvinus University of Budapest* (CUB, Coordinator)

*University of Ljubljana* (UL)

*University of Regensburg* (UR)

*University of Trento* (UT)

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The Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), coordinator, the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), the University of Regensburg (Germany) and the University of Trento (Italy) with the support of the Erasmus Mundus Programme of the European Union, offer a Joint Master’s course degree.

Associated partner universities of the Master CoDe programme are the Russian State Social University (Russia), the University of Belgrade (Serbia), the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (USA) and the Tshwane University of Technology (South Africa).

Duration: 2 years (120 ECTS).

Main objective of Master CoDe programme is to provide participants with the necessary knowledge and skills for introducing, supporting and co-ordinating processes of change and transformation at 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 practices. The general approach is comparative and interdisciplinary. Official language: English.

THE MASTER’S PROGRAMME

I. Didactic activities are structured around mandatory and optional courses, and other activities (such as internship). Courses planned to be offered are:

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<th>Semester</th>
<th>Mandatory courses (60 ECTS)</th>
<th>ECTS</th>
<th>Location of the course</th>
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<td>1st</td>
<td>1. Economic foundations of local development</td>
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<td>1st</td>
<td>2. Legal analysis of local development</td>
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<td>1st</td>
<td>3. Social and political foundations of local development</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>4. Data analysis and territorial statistics</td>
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<td>2nd</td>
<td>5. The management of diversity in societies</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>6. Economic and social analysis of institutions</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>7. Local sustainable development</td>
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<td>3rd</td>
<td>8. Research methodology, project evaluation and impact assessment</td>
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<td>1st / 2nd or 3rd</td>
<td>Language course (in German or Italian)</td>
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<td>At any partner university</td>
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<td>Elective (optional) courses (27 ECTS)</td>
<td>27 in total</td>
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Didactic activities may also include laboratories and guest lectures.

II. Participants have the opportunity to attend Slovenian, Hungarian or other language courses upon their request as extracurricular activity.

III. Internship for research (10 ECTS): internship is held 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, research centres, local banks, NGOs active at local level or for the promotion of local development) located in the countries of the partner and associated universities or in international organisations (350 hours).
Please find in the list below the institutions which expressed their interest in hosting Master CoDe students for internship:

- ICPE International Center for Promotion of Enterprises – Ljubljana, Slovenia
- OECD LEED Centre for Local Development, Trento, Italy
- TCIC Training Centre for International Cooperation, Trento, Italy
- Federazione Trentina della Cooperazione, Trento, Italy
- EURAC, institute for Minority Rights, Bolzano, Italy
- Metropolitan Research Institute, Budapest, Hungary
- TeTT Consult, Budapest, Hungary
- Centre for Regional Studies of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Pécs, Hungary
- Department of Sociology and Communication, Budapest University of Technology and Economics, Budapest, Hungary
- Demographic Research Institute, National Statistical Office, Hungary
- Osteuropa-Institut Regensburg, Germany
- Institute for Employment research, Nuernberg, Germany
- Tshwane University of Technology, Pretoria, South Africa
- Russian State Social University, Moscow, Russia
- University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, USA
- Institute for the Arts and Humanities, University of Carolina at Chapel Hill, Chapel Hill, USA

Students are invited to find other suitable places which meet their research objectives upon authorization by the International Academic Committee of the Master CoDe programme.

IV. Project Work (Master thesis) (20 ECTS): analysis, research and field work aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative analysis on local development.

Schedule of activities

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<td><strong>I semester</strong> (1st semester, 1st year)</td>
<td>September 2014– January 2015</td>
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<td>Mandatory courses 1 – 3, language and optional courses; examinations</td>
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<td><strong>II semester</strong> (2nd semester, 1st year)</td>
<td>February 2015 - June 2015</td>
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<td>Mandatory courses 4 – 5; language and optional courses; examinations</td>
<td>Ljubljana</td>
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<td><strong>III semester</strong> (1st semester, 2nd year)</td>
<td>September 2015– January 2016</td>
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<td>Mandatory courses 6-8; language and optional courses; examinations</td>
<td>Budapest</td>
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<td><strong>IV semester</strong> (2nd semester, 2nd year)</td>
<td>February 2016 - June 2016</td>
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<td>Internship; Project Work</td>
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<td>Project Work completion</td>
<td>June 2016</td>
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<td>Project Work defence</td>
<td>September 2016, Budapest</td>
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<td>Graduation Ceremony</td>
<td>September 2016, Budapest</td>
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Upon the successful completion of all Master activities, including the Project Work defence, the Academic Authorities of the organising Institutions will award a Joint Master Degree corresponding to:
- in the Hungarian University system: *mesterképzés (M.A.) (Összehasonlító helyi fejlesztési tanulmányok szakon)* according to the 78. § of the Higher Education Act No. 204 of 2011 and the Decision no. FF/487-1/2013 of Educational Authority (Oktatási Hivatal);
- in the Slovenian University system: *skupni magistrski program*;
- in the German University system: *Mastergrad* according to Art. 18 paragraph 1 HRG, Art. 86 paragraph 1, 86 a paragraph 3 BayHSchG;
- in the Italian University system: *Master di primo livello* according to the DM 509/99 and subsequent revisions, DM 270/04.

**INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE**

**Members:**  
Péter Futó, Academic Director, representative of the Corvinus University of Budapest  
Annamaria Perino, representative of the University of Trento  
Irena Baclija, representative of the University of Ljubljana  
Joachim Möller, representative of the University of Regensburg

**Permanently invited:**  
Anna Orosz, Executive Director, Corvinus University of Budapest  
Zoltán Szántó, Erasmus Mundus Master Course Coordinator, Corvinus University of Budapest  
Bruno Dallago, Head of Research Unit on Local Development and Global Governance, University of Trento  
Italo Trevisan, University of Trento

**ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS**

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

1. a first level (Bachelor) university degree in Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Law, Engineering or an equivalent qualification, i.e. relevant to local development. The degree should correspond to a 180 ECTS study programme. In case of applicants from countries where ECTS is not in place, only the holders of a degree of at least three years, eligible to proceed with master studies in the country of origin, are considered to meet the selection criteria. Only applicants who obtained their degree until the deadline for application can be accepted.

2. satisfactory knowledge of English. Compatibility with this criterion for applying to the programme is initially assessed through self-statement. Shortlisted candidates are requested to provide evidence of their English skills, either through international certificates (e.g. TOEFL, IELTS or similar) or through an online test and skype interview. The level of English knowledge requested for enrolment is B2.

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

1. Higher educational background and language skills;
2. Project Work proposal;
3. Motivation and references;
4. Post-degree courses and activities;
5. An interview may be requested (in person or through telephone or skype) for shortlisted candidates
PARTICIPATION COSTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Participation cost (tuition fee and insurance coverage) for Master CoDe: €3,000 per semester. The participation cost for Erasmus Mundus Category A\(^1\) and Category B\(^2\) scholarship holders will be fully covered by the EM scholarship.

It has to be noted that as a consequence of the reform of Erasmus Mundus programme which will become a sub-programme of Erasmus+, there might be some changes in the eligibility criteria of Category A and B.

Individuals who have already benefited from an EM Master Course scholarship are not eligible for a second scholarship in order to follow the same or another EM Master Course.

The tuition fee for students of most excellent academic quality yet without EM scholarship may be reduced by up to 50%. This shall be decided by the CoDe International Academic Committee based on the results of the evaluation of the individual applications.

Students will be provided with access to the facilities of the partner universities (library, pc rooms, e-mail and Internet) as well as to the universities’ cafeterias and restaurants at student rates.

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<td>Contribution to travel, installation, visa related costs and any other type of costs</td>
<td>€8,000 for the 2 years</td>
<td>€3,000 for the two years - only if the studies include a mobility track in non-European institution</td>
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<td>Contribution to the participation costs (including insurance coverage)</td>
<td>€3,000 / semester</td>
<td>€2,000 / semester - Category B scholarship holders are eligible to get 1,000 EUR tuition fee reduction per semester</td>
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<td>Monthly allowance</td>
<td>€1,000 / month</td>
<td>€500 / month</td>
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HOW TO APPLY

The application procedure requires candidates to submit the following forms through the Online Application surface of the Master CoDe website (www.erasmusmundus-code.eu).

- Application form;
- Scanned copy of degree certificate;
- Applicants with a non-EU academic qualification that has not been officially recognized as equivalent to a Hungarian, Slovenian, German or Italian degree have to attach an authorised translation into English of the degree certificate;
- Proof of English language knowledge/ Declaration on English language skills
- An original Project Work outline;
- Letter of motivation;
- Two letters of recommendation written by qualified scholars or experts;
- Declaration on eligibility for EM scholarship;
- Declaration on special needs (optional)
- Scanned copy of medical certification in English (if special need is declared, it is compulsory);
- Copy of passport.

\(^1\) Category A scholarships can be awarded to third-country masters students selected by EMMC consortia who come from a country other than a European country and who are not residents nor have carried out their main activity (studies, training or work) for more than a total of 12 months over the last five years in these countries.

\(^2\) Category B scholarships can be awarded to European masters students selected by EMMC consortia as well as to any masters students selected by EMMC consortia who do not fulfil the Category A criteria.
Only complete application packages can be accepted. In the absence of any of the above mentioned documents the application shall be excluded from the selection procedure.

**DEADLINES**

Submission of the Application package (on-line): **20 January 2014, (GMT +1, 12.00 pm)**

**CONTACTS**

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