



## Call for Applications

### Academic Years 2015/17

*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)

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## JOINT EUROPEAN MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – EMMC CoDe

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:

Semester	Mandatory courses (60 ECTS)	ECTS	Location of the course
1st	1. Economic foundations of local development	9	Trento
1st	2. Legal analysis of local development	9	Trento
1st	3. Social and political foundations of local development	9	Trento
2nd	4. Data analysis and territorial statistics	6	Regensburg
2nd	5. The management of diversity in societies	6	Regensburg
3rd	6. Economic and social analysis of institutions	6	Budapest
3rd	7. Local sustainable development	9	Budapest
3rd	8. Research methodology, project evaluation and impact assessment	6	Budapest
1st / 2nd or 3rd	<b>Language course (in German or Italian)</b>	3	At any partner university
	<b>Elective (optional) courses (27 ECTS)</b>		
1st / 2nd or 3rd	Students are requested to choose elective courses offered by the hosting institution which will provide a list of suitable courses at the beginning of the semester	27 in total	At any partner university

**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

<b>I semester</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> year) Mandatory courses 1 – 3, language and optional courses; examinations	September 2015– February 2016 Trento
<b>II semester</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester, 1 <sup>st</sup> year) Mandatory courses 4 – 5; language and optional courses; examinations	March 2016 – July/August 2016 Regensburg
<b>III semester</b> (1 <sup>st</sup> semester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year) Mandatory courses 6-8; language and optional courses; examinations	September 2016– January 2017 Budapest
<b>IV semester</b> (2 <sup>nd</sup> semester, 2 <sup>nd</sup> year) Internship; Project Work	February 2017 - June 2017
Project Work completion	June 2017
Project Work defence	September 2017, Budapest
Graduation Ceremony	September 2017, Budapest

## MASTER'S DEGREES

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

Miro Hacek, 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

## 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 scholarship holders will be fully covered by the EM scholarship.

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.

<b>Description of components of Erasmus Mundus scholarships</b>		
	<b>For scholarship holders from Erasmus+ Programme countries*</b>	<b>For scholarship holders from Erasmus+ Partner countries*<sup>1</sup></b>
<b>Contribution to the participation costs (directly reimbursed from the scholarship)</b>	<b>up to 4.500 € per year</b> per scholarship holder	<b>up to 9.000 € per year</b> per scholarship holder
	Any amount in excess of these maximum contributions must be covered by the participating organisations and cannot be charged to the scholarship holder	
<b>Contribution to the travel and installation costs</b>	<p><b>Travel costs:</b></p> <p><b>1.000 € per year per scholarship holder</b> resident of a Programme Country</p>	<p><b>Travel costs:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>2.000 € per year</b> per scholarship holder resident of a Partner Country whose location is <b>less than 4.000 km away from Budapest</b></li> <li>• <b>3.000 € per year</b> per scholarship holder resident of a Partner Country whose location is <b>4.000 km or more away from Budapest</b></li> </ul> <p><b>Installation costs:</b></p> <p><b>1.000 € per scholarship holder</b> resident of a Partner Country</p>
<b>Contribution to subsistence costs</b>	<p><b>1.000 € per month (24 months maximum)</b></p> <p>Contribution to subsistence costs <b>will not be given to scholarship holders for the periods spent in their country of residence</b></p>	

\* More details about Erasmus+ Programme Countries and Partner Countries can be found in the Erasmus+ programme guide (pp. 24-25): [http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide\\_en.pdf](http://ec.europa.eu/programmes/erasmus-plus/documents/erasmus-plus-programme-guide_en.pdf)

## 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](http://www.erasmusmundus-code.eu)).

**Online Application opens on 15<sup>th</sup> November 2014.**

- 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.

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): **11 January 2015, (GMT +1, 12.00 pm)**

## CONTACTS

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