



UNIVERSITY OF TRENTO - Italy

Call for Applications for non-Erasmus Mundus (Self-Financing) Applicants

Academic Years 2016/18



**A European Master Programme accredited by ECA
supported by Erasmus Mundus Programme**

Joint European Master in Comparative Local Development - CoDe

[Corvinus University of Budapest](#) (CUB Coordinator)

[University of Ljubljana](#) (UL)

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JOINT EUROPEAN MASTER IN COMPARATIVE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT – CoDe

The Corvinus University of Budapest (Hungary), coordinator, the University of Ljubljana (Slovenia), the University of Regensburg (Germany) and the University of Trento (Italy) in collaboration with 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) with the support of European Commission, offer a Joint Master's course degree.

Duration: **2 years** (120 ECTS).

Master CoDe programme's main objective 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, etc.). Courses planned to be offered are:

Semester	Mandatory courses (60 ECTS)	ECTS	Location of the course
1st	1. Economic foundations of local development	9	Budapest
1st	2. Social and political foundations of local development	9	Budapest
1st	3. Research methodology, project evaluation and impact assessment	6	Budapest
2nd	4. Data analysis and territorial statistics	6	Ljubljana
2nd	5. The management of diversity in societies	9	Ljubljana
3rd	6. Legal analysis of local development	6	Trento
3rd	7. Economic and social analysis of institutions	6	Trento
3rd	8. Local sustainable development	9	Trento
1st / 2nd or 3rd	Language course (in German or Italian)	3	At any partner university
	Elective (optional) courses (27 ECTS)		
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 may 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).

Students are invited to find suitable placement opportunities, which meet their research objectives upon authorization by the International Academic Committee of the master CoDe programme.

IV. **Dissertation** (20 ECTS): analysis, research and experience aimed at the elaboration of an original and innovative analysis for local development. The project should be presented as a thesis preferably including an operational activity plan.

Schedule of activities

I semester (1 st semester, 1 st year) <i>Mandatory courses 1 – 3, language and optional courses; examinations</i>	September 2016– January 2017 Budapest
II semester (2 nd semester, 1 st year) <i>Mandatory courses 4 – 5; language and optional courses; examinations</i>	February 2017 - June 2017 Ljubljana
III semester (1 st semester, 2 nd year) <i>Mandatory courses 6-8; language and optional courses; examinations</i>	September 2017– January 2018 Trento
IV semester (2 nd semester, 2 nd year) <i>Internship; dissertation</i>	February 2018 - June 2018 Any Partner University
<i>Dissertation completion</i>	June 2018
<i>Dissertation defence</i>	September 2018, Budapest
<i>Graduation Ceremony</i>	September 2018, Budapest

MASTER'S DEGREES

Upon the successful completion of all Master activities, including the dissertation 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 117. § (4) of the Law of Higher Education of Hungary;
- 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.

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.

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. Dissertation proposal;
3. Motivation and letters of reference;
4. Post-degree courses and activities;
5. Interview (in person or through telephone) for shortlisted candidates (optional)

The program will admit **maximum 35 students**. In case of higher number of applicants, selection will be based on the merit of the candidates.

PARTICIPATION COSTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Master CODE participation costs: € 3.000,00 per semester.

The participation costs for students of most excellent academic quality may be reduced to 1000 euros the lowest. This shall be decided by the CODE Academic Committee evaluating the individual applications. Furthermore, applicants holding a degree of a Partner University (Corvinus University of Budapest, University of Trento, University of Ljubljana and University of Regensburg) will be eligible for the above-mentioned tuition reduction.

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.

HOW TO APPLY

Erasmus Mundus applicants included in the reserve list do not have to submit their application again for this call.

The application procedure requires candidates to submit the following forms:

Please send below mentioned documents to the following e-mail address (please write in the subject: *application*):

master-code16@uni-corvinus.hu:

- EU-format curriculum vitae;
- 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 a translation into English of the degree certificate;

- Proof of English language knowledge/ Declaration on English language skills
- An original Project Work outline;
- Two letters of recommendation written by qualified scholars or experts;
- Letter of motivation;
- Copy of passport.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Members:

Péter Futó, Academic Director, representative of Corvinus University of Budapest

Annamaria Perino, representative of University of Trento

Miro Haček, representative of University of Ljubljana

Joachim Möller, representative of University of Regensburg

Permanently invited:

Julianna Faludi, 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

DEADLINES

Deadline of the **Application: 1st of June 2016**

CONTACTS

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