

# Executive Master in EU Studies

EU Expertise for Professionals

Interdisciplinary Studies  
Professional Insight into Europe  
E-Learning  
Intensive Workshops



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2 years – 90 ECTS

The Executive Master in EU Studies programme is organised by the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE). In accordance with the Bologna process, CIFE applies the ECTS credits system.

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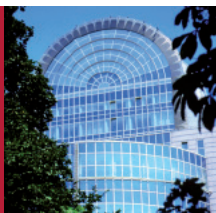
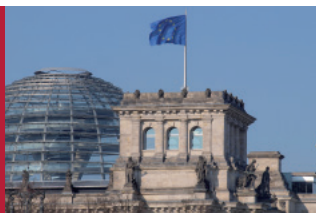
The study programme

- allows the participants to deepen and to complement their knowledge of the EU integration process within the global context by applying blended learning methods: a combination of e-learning and intensive face-to-face learning phases (mainly at weekends).
- provides an ideal training and an additional qualification for professionals, postgraduates and junior officials interested in or already working in national, European and international organisations, in public or private sector.
- is an outstanding opportunity for professionals to continue their studies without interrupting their careers.

Each year's intake is made up of participants (max. 35) with diverse backgrounds and nationalities.

## Flexibility

If you cannot commit for the full Executive Master programme, we offer you the possibility of completing the first year with a certificate including the ECTS credits gained until that point.



## MULTIDISCIPLINARY FIRST YEAR

- EU Law; Institutional Architecture of the EU; History of the European Integration
- The EU in World Politics; Economic Dimension of EU Integration; Transition & Regional Development
- Interest Representation in the EU; Sustainable Development in the EU; EU Enlargement – experiences, processes and impact; Justice and Home Affairs / Migration
- Simulation Games (i.a. EU Council, ECJ)
- Skills and Competences

## SECOND YEAR: ADVANCED AND SPECIALISATION COURSES

- The Institutional Evolution of the EU: Drivers & Barriers; The EU in International Organisations – Crises & Conflicts
- The EU Facing Global Economic Challenges; Cohesion & Differentiation in the EU
- EU Citizenship – Rights, Freedom & Solidarity; Internal Market, Trade & Sustainability
- Methodology of Research Work
- Interdisciplinary Sessions
- Project Cycle Management and Logical Framework Approach

## Objectives

- to benefit from the knowledge and experience of our European faculty staff in an intercultural and interactive learning process.
- to understand the complex challenges of today's world using problem-focused and interdisciplinary methods.
- to build your own multidimensional vision of Europe's role in a globalised world.
- to obtain the Executive Master in EU Studies (90 ECTS), specialise and write your master thesis on your topic of interest.

## Blended learning methods

### E-learning

The study material is delivered in the form of multimedia online courses, supplemented by workshops. The participants acquire the contents of the online courses through self-study. Study progress is controlled by online discussions, tests and assignments.

### Workshops

The face-to-face workshops, which complement the virtual activities, take place in different European cities like **Berlin, Rome, Budapest, Istanbul, Nice** and **Brussels**. During these workshops the participants have the opportunity to meet representatives of European institutions, national decision makers in charge of European and international affairs and experts from the public and private sectors. Thus they gain greater insights into the working environment of these organisations.

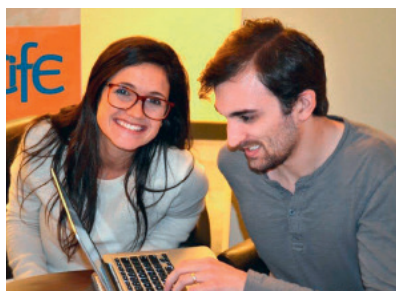
Written exams take place during the workshops.

### Skills and competences

Participants acquire a number of skills and knowledge of:

- negotiating within an international context
- drafting reports, position papers and policy briefs
- planning, proposing and managing an international project (Project cycle management)
- identifying and balancing different interests
- writing legal opinions and writs



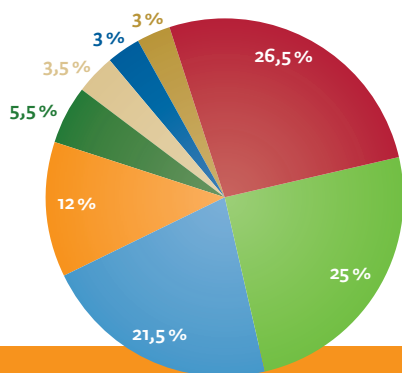


## Renowned experts

Our faculty is composed of internationally recognised experts with academic and practical backgrounds. Individual guidance is one of the core elements of our programme, both during online phase and face-to-face workshops.

Among others, our experts belong to the following prestigious institutions:

- Centre for Turkish and European Studies, University of Cologne
- Walter Hallstein Institute for European Constitutional Law Berlin
- Institute for World Economics, Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- German Federal Ministry of Economics
- Sciences Po, Paris
- Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals



### The professional activities of graduates since 2003

- International and EU organisations
- Companies and banks
- National governments and administration
- Research and teaching
- Consultancy and advocacy
- International humanitarian sector/NGOs
- Media
- Freelancer

*European integration does not run smoothly like a long, quiet river. Its course takes it through crises and dramas. But this chaotic progression, even if it takes occasionally unexpected or complicated byways, eventually always leads to further integration. (...)*



*It serves a purpose then that an institution like CIFE is helping young people – both European and non-European – better understand this adventure: how the European Union develops and functions, how it was born, how its space and shape keep changing, how it reacts to the world's transformations, how it is ever reinventing itself and growing stronger ...*

### **Philippe Maystadt**

*Former Deputy Prime Minister of Belgium*

*Former President of the European Investment Bank (EIB)*

*President of CIFE*

## **Centre international de formation européenne**

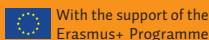
CIFE is a private institution of higher education and research, founded in 1954 with its head office in Nice and offices in Berlin, Brussels and Istanbul. It receives special funding in the framework of the Jean Monnet Programme of the European Union. Over 60 years, we have been unstinting advocates of European integration through our international and interdisciplinary study programmes.

Jean-Claude Juncker is Honorary President of CIFE.

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## Degree and recognition

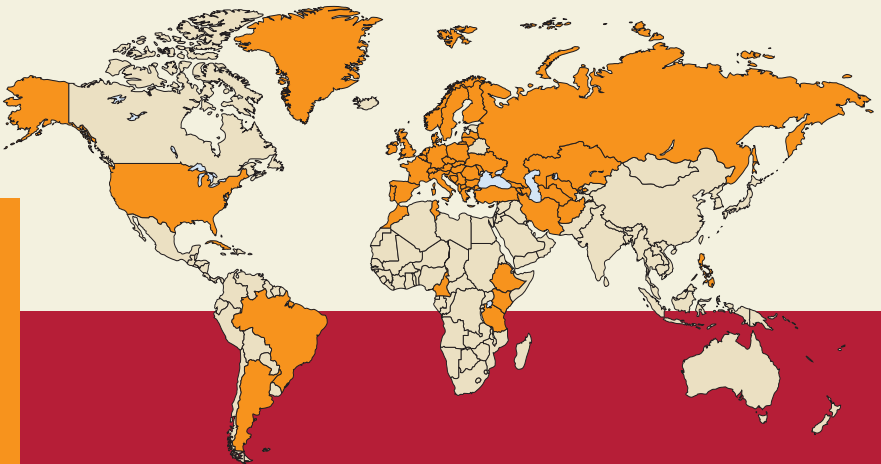
Participants who successfully complete the Executive Master programme receive two qualifications:

- **Executive Master in EU Studies:** This is the diploma of CIFE, certifying the successful completion of the academic curriculum and granting 90 ECTS credits at Master level.
- The degree qualification **Chargé de mission en organisations européennes et internationales** (Policy Officer in European and international Organisations). This qualification is recognised by the French state as a degree at master level (level 7 of the European Qualifications Framework EQF).

## Admission requirements

All applicants must hold a relevant university degree (minimum three years of study at university level) and give evidence of their knowledge of the programme's working language. Candidates should apply by using the online application form at [www.eu-online-academy.org](http://www.eu-online-academy.org).

The deadline for application is 5 September.



Nationality of our participants since 2003

# Alumni testimonials

Having worked for the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime for over ten years, I wanted to reinforce my Master's in Criminal Law with a second one on European Law. I was motivated, in particular, by the desire to learn about the European legal framework related to free movement of goods and how this impacted drug control and crime prevention.



The programme enriched me with much more than I sought. I can now claim a thorough understanding and deep knowledge of the EU, with its structures, its legal system, and how it functions. This newly acquired knowledge also helps in my work now in the OSCE. I am very happy with my decision to join the online Master's programme on EU Studies and would recommend it to anyone.

Albina Yakubova Master 2012–2014

Programme Management Officer, Transnational Threats Department, Border Security and Management Unit, OSCE Secretariat

Both in my role as policy officer at the Dutch Embassies in Vienna and Bern, and as project manager on regional cross-border cooperation in the Dutch, German and Belgian area: The Master in EU Studies Online gave me the necessary insights into the European Union process. With ever growing EU activities “European Studies” increasingly becomes a valuable discipline to explore for many professionals. As such, it offers a pleasant set of weekend workshops, distance learning, and a great European atmosphere!



Nermin Dizdarevic Master 2009–2011

Cross-border cooperation, EU Public Affairs at Parkstad-Limburg city-region, The Netherlands

