



Call for Applications

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**Joint European Master in
Comparative Local Development - CoDe**

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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 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	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	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).

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
- Standing Conference of Towns and Municipalities – Belgrado, Serbia
- Regional Development Agency Eastern Serbia – Zajecar, Serbia
- PALGO Public Administration and Local Government Center, Belgrado, Serbia
- NALED National Alliance of Local Economic Development, Belgrado, Serbia
- Educational Centre Bozidar Adzija, Belgrade, Serbia
- Business Incubator Centre Kruseiac LLC, Serbia
- 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
- 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. **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) Mandatory courses 1 – 3, language and optional courses; examinations	September 2013– January 2014 Trento
II semester (2 nd semester, 1 st year) Mandatory courses 4 – 5; language and optional courses; examinations	February 2014 - June 2014 Regensburg
III semester (1 st semester, 2 nd year) Mandatory courses 6-8; language and optional courses; examinations	September 2014– January 2015 Budapest
IV semester (2 nd semester, 2 nd year) Internship; dissertation	February 2015 - June 2015 Any Partner University

<i>Dissertation completion</i>	<i>June 2015</i>
<i>Dissertation defence</i>	<i>September 2015, Budapest</i>
<i>Graduation Ceremony</i>	<i>September 2015, Budapest</i>

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)

PARTICIPATION COSTS AND FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Erasmus Mundus CODE participation costs: € 3.000,00 per semester.

The participation costs for Erasmus Mundus Category A and Category B scholarship holders will be fully covered by the EM scholarship.

The participation costs 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 Academic committee evaluating 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.

HOW TO APPLY

The application procedure requires candidates to submit the following forms:

1. **Expression of interest** (optional) sent to master-code@unitn.it
2. The **on-line Application** at the following website <http://www4.unitn.it/ApplyMaster>.

Application forms include:

- application form;
- 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;
- EU-format curriculum vitae;
- An original dissertation outline;
- Two letters of recommendation written by qualified scholars or experts;
- Letter of motivation.

INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC COMMITTEE

Italo Trevisan, Academic Director of master CoDe, University of Trento
Péter Futó, Academic Co-Director of master CODE, Corvinus University of Budapest
Zoltán Szántó, representative of the Corvinus University of Budapest
Hajdeja Iglic, representative of the University of Ljubljana
Joachim Möller, representative of the University of Regensburg
Bruno Dallago, representative of the University of Trento

DEADLINES

Submission of the **Application form** (on-line): **20 January 2013**

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